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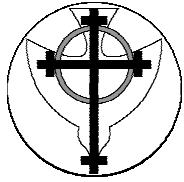
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# Third Sunday after Trinity

10 July Anno ✠ Domini 2011

## Welcome

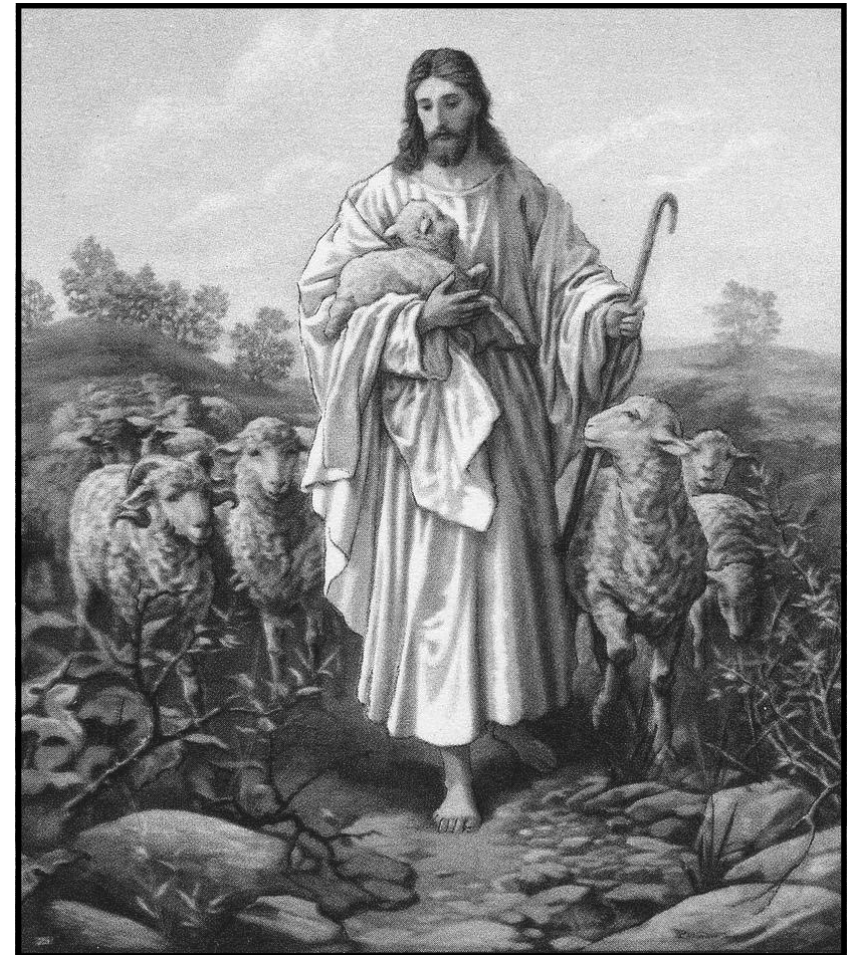
Welcome to the Lord's House this morning for Divine Service. Rejoice, for the Lord comes to you here in this place to give you His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation through His precious means of grace – His Holy Word and Sacraments. We pray the Lord's richest blessings upon you as you receive these Divine gifts. Please take the time to fill out the **Record of Fellowship form** that is in the pew. If you are visiting with us this morning, we want you to know that we are overjoyed that you are here. Please make your visit known to us by introducing yourself to us after the Service and by signing the guest book that is in the hallway on the left as you leave the sanctuary. The Lord be with us in Divine Service this morning!

## Holy Communion Practice

- The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. In preparation for receiving this blessed Sacrament, you may refer to Martin Luther's "Christian Questions with Their Answers" found on pages 329-330 in *LSB*.
- Communicants at this altar are to be in full confessional fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the LCMS are asked, out of love and Christian responsibility, to refrain from partaking with us this morning. If you have any questions regarding Holy Communion, you are invited and encouraged to speak with the pastor before or after the Service.
- See Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

## Our Mission Statement

The mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to welcome all people into the fellowship of God's love by proclaiming the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ and to nurture our members with God's Holy Word and Sacraments.



*"What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?  
(Luke 15:4)*

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### The Service of Preparation

*(Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)*

*Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.*

### The Prelude and Ringing of the Bells

**The Opening Hymn:** 709 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

### The Confession and Absolution (as printed here):

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

## From Martin Luther's Sermon for The Third Sunday after Trinity Luke 15:1-10

Behold, Christ would here present to us such liberty, so that we as Christians according to our faith may tolerate no other master, but only hold that we are baptized and called unto Christ, and through him have become justified and sanctified, and say: This is my righteousness, my treasure, my work and everything against sin and wrong, which the law can do and bring against me. If you want another righteousness, work, law, sin, then take them where you may, you will not find them in me. In this way a man may defend himself and withstand the suggestions and temptations of the devil, either referring to past or present sins; so that these two may be kept wide apart, Moses and Christ, works and faith, conscience and the outward life; so that when the law attacks me and would terrify my heart, then it is time to give the good law a furlough, and if it will not go, bravely drive it away, and say: Gladly would I do and promote good works where I can at the proper time, when among the people; but here where my conscience must stand before God, I will know nothing of them, in this only let me alone, and do not speak to me of what I do or fail to do. Here I will not listen either to Moses or the Pharisees, but my baptism and Christ only shall reign here in full sway, and I will like Mary sit at his feet and hear his Word. But Martha must stay out and go about in the kitchen and do her housework, and in short, leave the conscience alone.

But how is it, if I still continually have sin in me, that is certainly not right? I answer: It is true, I am a sinner and do wrong; but I am not going to despair on that account nor run straight to hell, or flee from the law; for I have still a righteousness and work far above Moses, by which I apprehend Him Who has apprehended me, and I cleave to Him Who has embraced me in Baptism and laid me in His bosom, and by His Gospel has promoted me to the fellowship of all His benefits, and commands me to believe in Him. Where He is, there I command the Pharisees, and Moses with his tables, all lawyers with their books, all men with their works, immediately to be silent and depart. For here no law has any right to accuse or demand, although I have not done it nor can I do it, for in Christ I have all things in abundance, whatever I need or lack.

**The Words of Our Lord** (p. 209)

**The Pax Domini** (p. 209)

**The Agnus Dei** (p. 210)

*Communicants are invited to pray the following:  
Before receiving the Sacrament:*

*Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

*Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:*

*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

### **Distribution Hymns**

618 “I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

612 “As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered”

594 “God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

**The Nunc Dimittis** (p. 211)

**The Post-Communion Collect** (p. 212)

**The Benedicamus and Benediction** (p. 212)

**The Closing Hymn:** 922 “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

**The Postlude**

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## **The Service of the Word**

### **The Introit**

*Ps. 25:1-2a, 5b, 15, 20; antiphon: Ps. 25:16, 18*



Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,\*  
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

**Consider my affliction and my | trouble,\*  
and forgive | all my sins.**

To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.\*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

**You are the God of my sal- | vation;\*  
for you I wait all the | day long.**

My eyes are ever | toward the LORD,\*

for he will pluck my feet out | of the net.

**Oh, guard my soul, and de- | liver me!\***

Let me not be put to shame, for I take ref- | uge in you.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,\*

for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

**Consider my affliction and my | trouble,\*  
and forgive | all my sins.**

**The Kyrie** (p. 204)

**The Gloria in Excelsis** (p. 204)

**The Salutation and Collect of the Day** (p. 205)

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, multiply Your mercy on us that, with You as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**The Old Testament Reading**

*Micah 7:18-20*

<sup>18</sup>Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. <sup>19</sup>He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. <sup>20</sup>You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

**The Gradual**

*Ps. 55:22a, 16, 18a*

Cast your burden on the LORD,  
and he will sustain you.

**I call to God, and the LORD will save me.  
He redeems my soul in safety.**

**The Epistle**

*1 Timothy 1:12-17*

<sup>12</sup>I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup>though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**The Alleluia and Verse** (p. 205)

**The Holy Gospel**

*Luke 15:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

**The Nicene Creed** (p. 206)

**The Hymn of the Day:** 611 “Chief of Sinners, Though I Be”

**The Sermon**

**The Prayer of the Church** (p. 207)

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**The Offering** is gathered for the Lord’s work (p. 207)

*(If you have not done so already, please sign and share the Fellowship folders in the pews to assist us in keeping accurate attendance records. Thank you.)*

**The Service of the Sacrament**

*(Please read the statement regarding Holy Communion on the back of the bulletin)*

**The Preface and Proper Preface** (p. 208)

**The Sanctus** (p. 208)

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving** (p. 209)

**The Lord’s Prayer** (p. 209)