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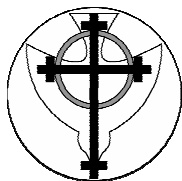
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Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

7 September Anno † Domini 2008

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.



"Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, 'Young man, I say to you, arise.'" (Luke 7:14)

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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)

Preparatory Prayers

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.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

The Prelude and Ringing of the Bells

The Opening Hymn: 941 “We Praise You and Acknowledge . . .”

The Confession and Absolution (pp. 184-185)

From Martin Luther’s Sermon for The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Luke 7:11-17

For this reason we are called Christians, that is, righteous, living and holy people, because we have this Lord and have become partakers of Him through the faith of His Word and Sacrament – Who is the true sin-destroyer and death-devourer (I say of our sin and death, which have strangled and devoured us) by virtue of His own person, inasmuch as He took upon Himself our sin and death. But since He was not only without sin and the guilt of death, but in Himself was perfect and eternal righteousness, and sin and death had no hold on Him, they were condemned and destroyed by Him, and pure righteousness and life presented to us in place of sin and death. For after His victorious death and resurrection He established a kingdom in Christendom, in which He now continually until death and the grave destroys sin in His Christians through forgiveness and the power of His Spirit, and begins life in them through faith, until He can bring them all together on one day, when He will bestow on them perfect righteousness and life, both in body and soul.

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

633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

643 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

755 "In the Very Midst of Life"

The Nunc Dimittis (pp. 199-200)

The Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Collect (pp. 200-201)

The Salutation and Benedicamus (pp. 201-202)

The Benediction (p. 202)

The Closing Hymn: 794 "The Lord, My God, Be Praised"

The Postlude

Soli Deo Gloria!

The Service of the Word

The Introit

Ps. 86:1, 7, 12-13; antiphon: Ps. 86:3, 5



Be gracious to me, | O Lord,*

for to you do I cry | all the day.

For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,*

abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.

Incline your ear, O Lord, and | answer me,*

for I am poor and | needy.

In the day of my trouble I call up- | on you,*

for you | answer me.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart,*

and I will glorify your name for- | ever.

For great is your steadfast | love toward me;*

you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.

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.

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For you, O Lord, are good and for- | giving,*

abounding in steadfast love to all who call up- | on you.

The Kyrie (p. 186)

The Gloria in Excelsis (pp. 187-189)

The Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 189)

O Lord, we pray that Your grace may always go before and follow after us, that we may continually be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

The Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:17-24

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" ¹⁹And he said to her, "Give me your son."

And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰And he cried to the Lord, “O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the Lord, “O Lord to my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” ²²And the Lord listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, “See, your son lives.” ²⁴And the woman said to Elijah, “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.”

The Gradual

Ps. 102:15-16

Nations will fear the name of the Lord,*

and all the kings of the earth will fear your glory.

**For the Lord builds up Zion;*
he appears in his glory.**

The Epistle

Ephesians 3:13-21

¹³So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The Triple Alleluia (p. 190 - Top)

The Holy Gospel

Luke 7:11-17

¹¹Soon afterward [Jesus] went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. ¹²As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd

from the town was with her. ¹³And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” ¹⁴Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” ¹⁵And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” ¹⁷And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

The Nicene Creed (p. 191)

The Hymn of the Day: 758 “The Will of God Is Always Best”

The Sermon

The Offertory (pp. 192-193)

The Offering is gathered for the Lord’s work (p. 193)

(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 Installation of Sunday School Teachers

(We give thanks to the Lord for Andrea Elliott, Sarah Messer, Sharyn Greening, and Jon Penzien, who have volunteered to instruct our children in the Christian faith this year)

The Prayer of the Church (p. 193)

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The Service of the Sacrament

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

The Preface and Proper Preface (p. 194)

The Sanctus (p. 195)

The Lord’s Prayer (p. 196) - *prayed by all; conclusion sung by all*

The Words of Our Lord (p. 197) - *chanted by pastor to alternative tune*

The Pax Domini (p. 197)

The Agnus Dei (p. 198)

