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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.

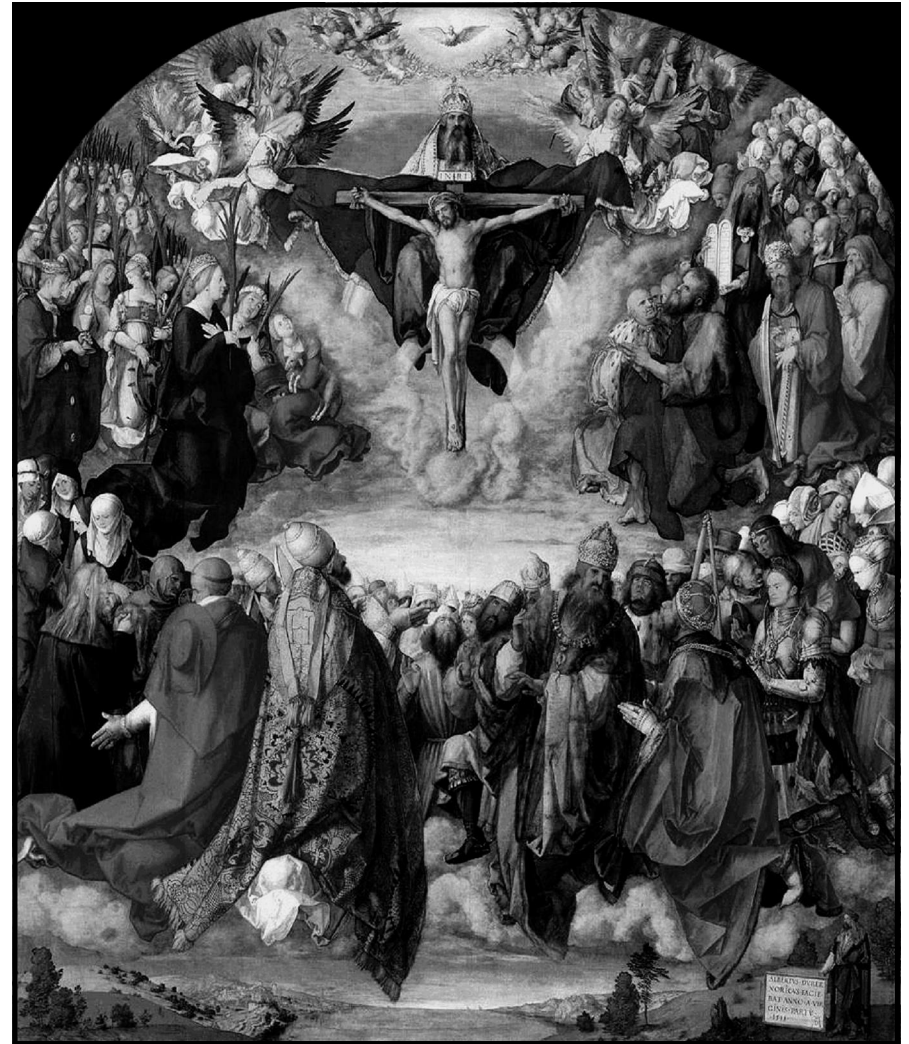
Our Mission Statement

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.

The Most Holy Trinity

Confirmation Sunday

26 May Anno ✠ Domini 2013



*"For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
To Him be the glory forever. Amen." (Romans 11:36)*

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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 Prayer

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

(At the conclusion of the Ringing of the Bells, the congregation stands and faces the processional cross for the Processional Hymn. It is customary to continue facing the cross as it is processed in and to bow your head and make the sign of the cross in reverence and admiration to the Lord as it passes your pew. The same applies for the recessional as Service concludes.)

The Processional Hymn: 507 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

The Confession and Absolution (p. 151)

**From Martin Luther’s Sermon for
Holy Trinity Sunday
John 3:1-15**

Thus He shows that there is no other means by which a person is born anew and enters the Kingdom of God, than the office of preaching and baptism, and that the Holy Spirit is connected with this office and by its means operates in the hearts of men. He does not speak of the Spirit in His hidden and unknown qualities, such as He is in His Divine person and essence, without the means by which He has revealed Himself, but of the Spirit as revealed in the external ordinance, by which He is heard and seen, namely, by the office of Gospel preaching and the administration of the Sacraments. God does not intend to come and act through His Holy Spirit secretly and privily, nor deal with each individual in a particular manner; in that case, who could know for certain where and how to seek and find the Holy Spirit? But He has ordained that the Holy Spirit shall be revealed to the ears and eyes of men by the Word and Sacraments, and shall be active through this external ordinance, so that men may know that the effects which there take place are truly caused by the Holy Spirit.



The Service of the Sacrament

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

The Preface and Proper Preface (pp. 160-161)

The Sanctus (p. 161)

The Prayer of Thanksgiving (p. 161)

The Lord's Prayer (p. 162)

The Words of Our Lord (p. 162)

The Pax Domini (p. 163)

The Agnus Dei (p. 163)

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

625 “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”

502 “Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven” (*choir, stanza 1*)

680 “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

The Doxology: 805 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

(The Doxology is sung this morning as the Post-Communion Canticle)

The Post-Communion Collect (p. 166)

The Benediction (p. 166)

The Recessional Hymn: 940 “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

The Postlude

Soli Deo Gloria!

The Service of the Word

The Introit

Ps. 8:1-2a, 3, 5; antiphon: Liturgical Text



Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

O | LORD, our Lord,*

how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

You have set your glory above the | heavens.*

Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have es- | tablished strength.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your | fingers,*

the moon and the stars, which you have | set in place.

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings*
and crowned him with glory and | honor.

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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The Kyrie (pp. 152-153)

The Hymn of Praise: “Gloria in Excelsis” (p. 154)

The Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 156)

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-7

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

The Gradual

Liturgical Text

Blessèd are You, O LORD, who beholds the deep,
and who dwells between the cherubim.

**Blessèd are You, O LORD, in the firmament of heaven,
and greatly to be praised forever.**

The Epistle

Romans 11:33-36

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

The Alleluia and Verse (p. 156 - Common)

(As the Alleluia and Verse is sung, the pastor and crucifer process to the middle of the nave for the reading of the Holy Gospel)

The Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but

you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.”

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Athanasian Creed (pp. 319-320 - Read responsively by whole verse)

The Hymn of the Day: 941 “We Praise You . . .” (*stanza 3 without organ*)

The Sermon

Hymn of Preparation: 689 “Let Me Be Thine Forever”

The Rite of Confirmation (pp. 272-274)

(Having prepared themselves through the study of the chief articles of the Christian faith revealed in God’s Word and explained in Dr. Luther’s Small Catechism, our confirmands, Farrah Blair, Savannah Blair, Aaron Cross, Paige Harwager, Morgan Johnson, and Myka Luplow, publicly declare their faith in Jesus and, with the help of God and by His grace, promise to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from that faith.)

The Prayer of the Church (p. 159)

P . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

The Offering

“Minuet” - J.S. Bach

(David Zeile)

(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 Offertory (pp. 159-160)