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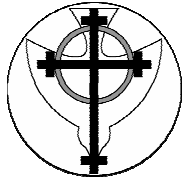
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Welcome

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

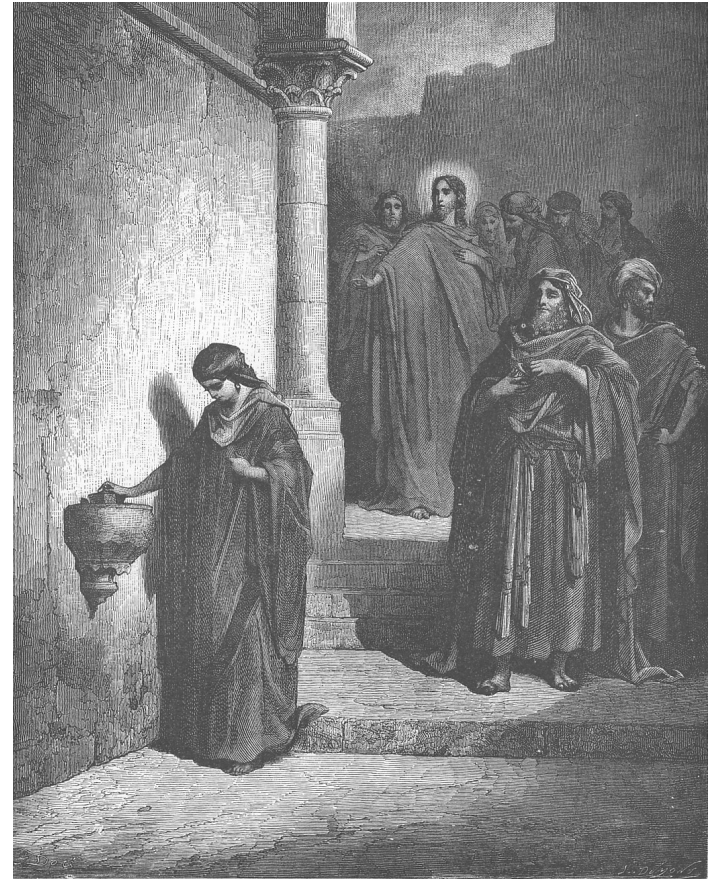
- The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. 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.

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

20 July Anno ✠ Domini 2008



The Widow's Mite is from The Doré Bible Gallery (~1886)

"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much." (Luke 16:10)

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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 Sacrament of Holy Baptism

(Mary Ann Louise Girard receives the Blessed Sacrament of Holy Baptism)

The Baptismal Hymn: 601 “All Who Believe and Are Baptized”

The Rite of Holy Baptism (pp. 268-271)



The Confession and Absolution (p. 203)

From Martin Luther's Sermon for The Ninth Sunday after Trinity Luke 16:1-9

But true faith, of which we speak, cannot be manufactured by our own thoughts, for it is solely a work of God in us, without any assistance on our part. As Paul says to the Romans, 5:15, it is God's gift and grace, obtained by one man, Christ. Therefore, faith is something very powerful, active, restless, effective, which at once renews a person and again regenerates him, and leads him altogether into a new manner and character of life, so that it is impossible not to do good without ceasing.

For just as natural as it is for the tree to produce fruit, so natural is it for faith to produce good works. And just as it is quite unnecessary to command the tree to bear fruit, so there is no command given to the believer, as Paul says, nor is urging necessary for him to do good, for he does it of himself, freely and unconstrained; just as he of himself without command sleeps, eats, drinks, puts on his clothes, hears, speaks, goes and comes.

Whoever has not this faith talks but vainly about faith and works, and does not himself know what he says or whither it tends. For he has not received it; he juggles with lies and applies the Scriptures where they speak of faith and works to his own dreams and false thoughts, which is purely a human work. Whereas the Scriptures attribute both faith and good works not to ourselves, but to God alone.

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

602 “The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”

809 “How Great Thou Art”

743 “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

The Nunc Dimittis (p. 211)

The Post-Communion Collect (p. 212)

The Benedicamus and Benediction (p. 212)

The Closing Hymn: 941 “We Praise You and Acknowledge You”

The Postlude

Soli Deo Gloria!

The Service of the Word

The Introit

Ps. 54:1-3, 7; antiphon: Ps. 54:4-5



Behold, God is my | helper;*

the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

He will return the evil to my | enemies;*

in your faithfulness put an | end to them.

O God, save me, | by your name,*

and vindicate me | by your might.

O God, | hear my prayer;*

give ear to the words | of my mouth.

For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men | seek my life;*

they do not set God be- | fore themselves.

For he has delivered me from every | trouble,*

and my eye has looked in triumph on my | enemies.

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 (p. 204)

The Gloria in Excelsis (p. 204)

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

Let Your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please You; 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

2 Samuel 22:26-34

²⁶“With the merciful you show yourself merciful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; ²⁷with the purified you deal purely, and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. ²⁸You save a humble people, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down.

²⁹For you are my lamp, O Lord, and my God lightens my darkness.
³⁰For by you I can run against a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall. ³¹This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

³²“For who is God, but the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God? ³³This God is my strong refuge and has made my way blameless. ³⁴He made my feet like the feet of a deer and set me secure on the heights.”

The Gradual

Ps. 8:1

O Lord, our Lord,*

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory*

above the heavens.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:6-13

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.”

⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer.

¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.

¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.

¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

The Alleluia and Verse (p. 205)

The Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A

hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.”

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

The Nicene Creed (p. 206)

The Hymn of the Day: 730 “What Is the World to Me”

The Sermon

The Prayer of the Church (p. 207)

P . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

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)

The Words of Our Lord (p. 209)

The Pax Domini (p. 209)

The Agnus Dei (p. 210)

