

# Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

325 E. Warwick Dr. ~ Alma, Michigan ~ 48801

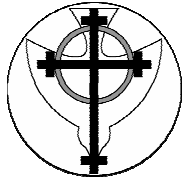
463-5754 ~ [www.peacealma.org](http://www.peacealma.org)

Email: [contact@peacealma.org](mailto:contact@peacealma.org)

**Rev. Thomas C. Messer, Pastor**

Home: 796-4453 ~ Cell: (989) 388-2037

Email: [pastor@peacealma.org](mailto:pastor@peacealma.org)



## 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

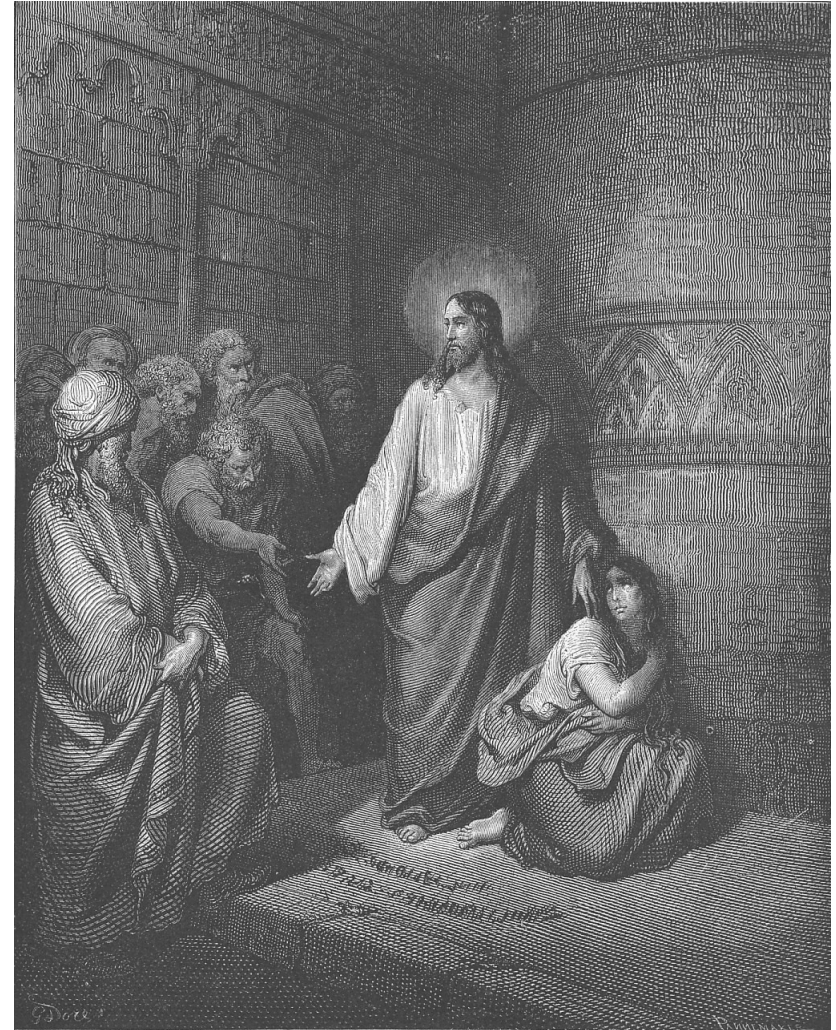
- The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.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

# Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

14 October Anno ✠ Domini 2007



*"For which is easier to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'?" (Matt. 9:5)*

# Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

14 October Anno ✠ Domini 2007



## LSB DIVINE SERVICE 1, PAGE 151

*(The Introit, Collect of the Day, Gradual and Scripture Readings  
are included in the bulletin this morning)*

### 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)*

### The Prelude and Ringing of the Bells

**The Opening Hymn:** 809 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**The Confession and Absolution** (p. 151)

### Distribution Hymns

619 “Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”

685 “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

611 “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

**The Post-Communion Canticle:** Thank the Lord (p. 164)

**The Post-Communion Collect** (p. 166)

**The Benediction** (p. 166)

**The Closing Hymn:** 797 “Praise the Almighty”

**The Postlude**

*Soli Deo Gloria!*



*“How awesome is this place! This is none other than the House of God, and this is the Gate of Heaven!” Those were the words of our father, Jacob, and they are our words as well, for our Lord Jesus Christ comes to be with us here in His Holy House to give us His Divine Gifts. We worship Him with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven during the Divine Service, for here Jacob’s vision of a ladder reaching to heaven is fulfilled as heaven and earth come together as one. Here, we are on holy ground, for surely the Lord is in this place! Amen, amen, and amen!*

**The Offering** is gathered for the Lord's work (p. 159)

**The Offertory** (pp. 159-160)

### **The Service of the Sacrament**

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

**The Preface** (p. 160)

**The Proper Preface** (p. 161)

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and granting for You a people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**The Sanctus** (p. 161)

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving** (p. 161)

**The Words of Our Lord** (p. 162)

**The Proclamation of Christ** (p. 162)

**The Lord's Prayer** (pp. 162-163)

**The Pax Domini** (p. 163)

**The Agnus Dei** (p. 163)

### **The Distribution**

*(NOTE: When you approach the altar to receive the Sacrament, you reverence the altar and kneel on your own. After you have received both the Lord's Body and Blood, you depart on your own and return to your pew. The dismissal will be pronounced after all have communed. If you receive the Lord's Blood via an individual glass, please place the empty glass into an empty slot in the tray held by the elder immediately after consumption)*

## **The Service of the Word**

**The Introit** is chanted responsively by whole verse

*Ps. 78:1-3, 4b; antiphon: Ps. 35:3b; 34:17a, 6b; 48:14a*



Say to my soul, "I am your sal- | vation!"\*  
When the righteous cry for help, the | Lord hears.

**[The Lord] saved him out of all his | troubles;\*  
this is God, our God forever and | ever.**

Give ear, O my people, to my | teaching;\*  
incline your ears to the words | of my mouth!

**I will open my mouth in a | parable;\*  
I will utter dark sayings | from of old,**

things that we have | heard and known,\*  
that our fathers have | told us.

**We will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the  
Lord, | and his might,\*  
and the wonders that | he has done.**

**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.**

Say to my soul, "I am your sal- | vation!"\*  
When the righteous cry for help, the | Lord hears.

**[The Lord] saved him out of all his | troubles;\*  
this is God, our God forever and | ever.**

**The Kyrie** (pp. 152-153)

**The Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast** (p. 155)

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

Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; 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

*Genesis 28:10-17*

<sup>10</sup>Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup>And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup>And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! <sup>13</sup>And behold, the Lord stood above it and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. <sup>14</sup>Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. <sup>15</sup>Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” <sup>16</sup>Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it.” <sup>17</sup>And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

**The Gradual** is read responsively by whole verse

*Ps. 141:1-2*

O Lord, I call upon you; hasten | to me!\*

Give ear to my voice when I | call to you!

**Let my prayer be counted as incense be- | fore you,\*  
and the lifting up of my hands as the evening | sacrifice!**

## The Epistle

*Ephesians 4:22-28*

<sup>22</sup>Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, <sup>23</sup>and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup>and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

<sup>25</sup>Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and give no opportunity to the devil. <sup>28</sup>Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

**The Alleluia and Verse** (Common - p. 156)

## The Holy Gospel (p. 157):

*Matthew 9:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>Getting into a boat [Jesus] crossed over and came to his own city. <sup>2</sup>And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” <sup>3</sup>And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, “This man is blaspheming.” <sup>4</sup>But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? <sup>5</sup>For which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise and walk’? <sup>6</sup>But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” —he then said to the paralytic— “Rise, pick up your bed and go home.” <sup>7</sup>And he rose and went home. <sup>8</sup>When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

**The Hymn of the Day:** 708 “Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

**The Sermon:** “How Awesome is this Place!” (Gen. 28:10-17; Matt. 9:1-8)

**The Nicene Creed** (p. 158)

**The Prayer of the Church** (p. 159)

L: Let us pray . . . P: . . . through Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

## The Blessing of Our New Chalice

P: Beloved in the Lord, in perfect love for us Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, became incarnate, died, and rose for our sake. He bestows the benefits of His redeeming work on us as He places His Body and Blood into our mouths in the Sacrament of the Altar. It is therefore fitting and right that the vessels used to convey to us His Body and Blood should be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray: Most gracious God and Father, whose only-begotten Son instituted the Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood, bless this chalice for use at the altar of Your Church. Grant that all who drink the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ from this vessel may rejoice in the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation given to them in this Sacrament; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this chalice and all who receive the life-giving Blood from it.

**C: Amen.**