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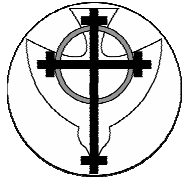
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## Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

19 October Anno † Domini 2008

### Welcome

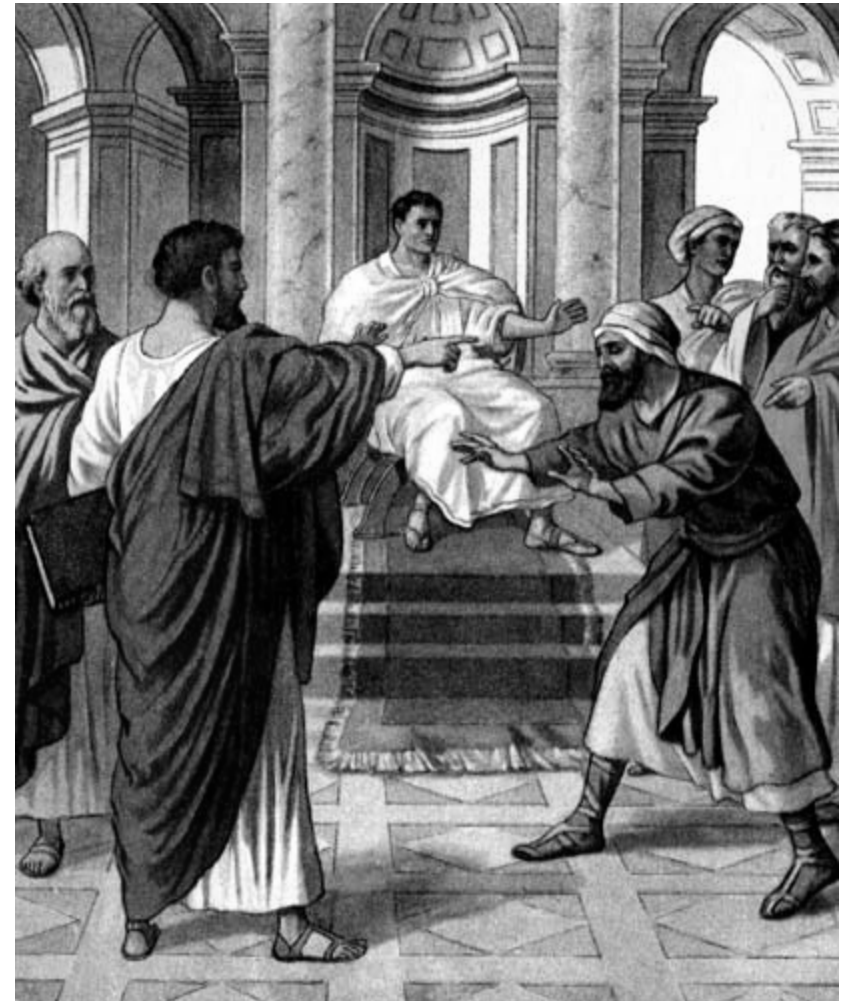
Welcome to the Lord's House this morning for Divine Service. Rejoice, for the Lord comes to you here in this place to give you His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation through His precious means of grace – His Holy Word and Sacraments. We pray the Lord's richest blessings upon you as you receive 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.



*"So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart." (Matt. 18:35)*

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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:** 907 “God Himself Is Present”

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

## From Martin Luther’s Sermon for The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity Matthew 18:21-35

For as often as God has afflicted the people with severe punishment, He previously set up a great light; as when He led the Jews out of their country into captivity, He first brought forth the pious king, Josiah, who again restored the law in order to reform the people; but when they again fell away, God punished them as they deserved. So also when He wished to overthrow the Egyptians, He sent Moses and Aaron to preach and enlighten them, Ex. 4:14. Again, when He wished to destroy the world with the flood, He raised up the patriarch Noah, Gen. 6 and 7. But when the people would not believe and only grew worse, terrible punishment followed. So it was with the five cities; Sodom and Gomorrah, with the rest, were punished, because they would not hear pious Lot, Gen. 19.

Therefore such terrible punishments will also now come upon those who hear the Gospel and do not receive it. So this servant in the Gospel is cast off, and must pay what he owes. This means that he must endure the pain and consequences. But he who endures the pain for the debt will never be saved. For to sin belongs death, and when one dies, he dies forever, and there is no more help nor salvation for him. Therefore let us receive these things as a warning; those, however, who are hardened and will not hear, will guard against it.

**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**

621 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (Choir sings stanza 2)

622 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

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

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

**The Benediction** (p. 166)

**The Closing Hymn:** 559 "Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion"

**The Postlude**

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

## The Service of the Word

**The Introit** (Sung without organ) Ps. 130:1-2, 7-8; antiphon: Ps. 130:3-4



If you, O Lord, should mark in- | iquities,\*

O Lord, | who could stand?

**But with you there is for- | givenness,\***

**that you | may be feared.**

Out | of the depths\*

I cry to you, | O Lord!

**O Lord, | hear my voice!\***

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for | mercy!**

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is | steadfast love,\*

and with him is plentiful re- | demption.

**And he will redeem | Israel\***

**from all his in- | iquities.**

**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.**

If you, O Lord, should mark in- | iquities,\*

O Lord, | who could stand?

**But with you there is for- | givenness,\***

**that you | may be feared.**

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

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

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

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; 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**

*Micah 6:6-8*

<sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my

transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

### **The Gradual**

*Ps. 133:1, 3b*

Behold, how good and pleasant it is\*  
when brothers dwell in unity!

**For the Lord has commanded the blessing,\*  
life forevermore.**

### **The Epistle**

*Philippians 1:3-11*

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

### **The Alleluia and Verse** (p. 156)

### **The Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 18:21-35*

<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

<sup>23</sup>"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying,

'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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

### **The Hymn of the Day:** 611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

### **The Sermon**

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

**P** . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" (Choir)*

*(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)

## **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)

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

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

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