

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 15, 2023

## **Peace Lutheran Church**

2540 Applegate Street Philomath, OR 97370 **(541) 929-5504** 

We welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus. We are honored with your presence. If you do not have a church home, you are invited to join us regularly. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jeremy Lucke or one of the Ushers as you leave today and sign the guest book in the entryway. We continue to observe the guidelines for health safety. If you have any questions, please see an usher. Everyone is welcome.

The ringing of the bell and the lighting of the Christ candle mark the beginning of our service and a time for quiet meditation, prayer and inward reflection as we begin our worship.

**Children are welcome at our worship services.** If you prefer, Peace Lutheran has a playroom equipped for children three years old and younger. The room is unstaffed and can be accessed in the fellowship hall where the service is also being live streamed for your convenience and enjoyment.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated every first and third Sunday and will follow the order of service in the bulletin. If you are a baptized Christian and share our faith in Jesus as Savior and have been instructed in the meaning and use of the Lord's Supper, you are invited to partake. We have pre-wrapped communion wine or juice and wafers. We also have gluten-free wafers available. If you desire a gluten-free wafer, ask the server. May the body and blood of Jesus, present in the bread and wine, be a blessing to you.

There are times during the service when you will be asked to stand if you are able. Please feel free to remain seated if standing is difficult.

**Offering.** Peace Lutheran Church understands and teaches that Offerings are voluntary and to be from the heart. Whether we give or do not give does not determine our salvation. Whether we give much or little does not determine our standing before God. Sharing an Offering is an opportunity to quietly practice generosity with our neighbors.

## **Serving You**

Pastor Pastor Jeremy Lucke
Music Director Colleen Schulze
Choir Director Diane Crocker
Supt. Of Sunday School Brandy Stokes & Karyn Stanley
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**Rick Durling** 

## Today October 15, 2023

Musician Reader Flowers Colleen Schulze Margaret Philpott Maggie Baker (Anniversary)

**As We Gather......** Food is at the center of our lives—we either live to eat or eat to live, but we always eat. In today's parable, we hear the kingdom of God compared to a wedding feast. When those invited proved to be unworthy, God called every kind of person from the highways and byways of life and equipped them with a wedding garment as well as an honored place at His table. God gives an invitation to come to His table today. There is enough food and drink for each person. There is enough room for each individual. It is with joy today as we gather around His table.

#### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



#### INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.* 

People: Amen.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Leader: *Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;* 

People: according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

People: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Leader: As we come and bow before the Lord to confess our sins, we admit that we have bowed down to other gods of this world and gods of our own choosing.

People: We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.

Leader: We have failed to rely on You in all times. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and against others in what we have done and left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart

People: and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.

~~~~ Silence for personal reflection ~~~~

Leader: Brothers and sister in Christ Jesus, God is a merciful and loving Father, of whom "There is no other, besides Him there is no God." He has chosen you in the Gospel, which has come not only in word but with full conviction in power and in the Holy Spirit. Jesus died on the cross to redeem You. Through Him, in His stead, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

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Lord, I lift Your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life,
I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your Name on high.

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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgement but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

#### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT**

Isaiah 25:6-9

- <sup>6</sup> On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
- <sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.
- <sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.
- <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!



#### **HOLY GOSPEL**

### Matthew 22:1-14

- 22 And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup> "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son,
- <sup>3</sup> and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come.
- <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast." '
- <sup>5</sup> But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them.
- <sup>7</sup>The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy.
- 9 Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.'
- <sup>10</sup> And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.
- <sup>11</sup> "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment.
- <sup>12</sup> And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless.
- <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'
- 14 For many are called, but few are chosen."

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

## **SERMON HYMN**

## "There is a Redeemer"

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There is a Redeemer,
Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, O my Father
for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit
'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my redeemer,
Name above all names.
Precious Lamb of God,
Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.
Thank you, O my Father
for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit
'til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory,
I will see His face,
And there I'll serve My King forever,
In that holy place.
Thank you, O my Father
for giving us Your Son;
And leaving Your Spirit
'til the work on earth is done.

## MESSAGE Pastor Jeremy Lucke

Part 1

Part 2

Part 3

#### **CREED**

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **OFFERING**

We offer our thanksgiving for what God has first given us—our selves, our time, our possessions.

#### **OFFERTORY**

#### **PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Leader: We offer to You, Lord, the sacrifice of our prayer and praise. You have blessed us with the gift of life in Your Son, Jesus. You provide for all our needs, even when we are unaware. Accept our humble thanksgiving, and empower us to demonstrate our thanks in words, actions, and dedicated service to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

## People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We acknowledge that You are the Lord, and there is no other. Strengthen us to resist temptations to serve other gods, whether things of this world, others, or ourselves. Open our eyes to see Your presence in all of our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

#### People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Our Savior Jesus, has reminded us to render to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to you what is Yours. As You have established all authority over us, we pray for our leaders in this world, nation, state, and community. Give them wisdom and courage to act with justice and mercy for all lives, including the aged, the vulnerable and needful. Bless also those who serve our Church as elected and called officials, and the leaders within our own congregation, that all actions bring glory to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

## People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We lift up all those in need, the hungry and homeless, the mourning and grieving, and all who seek healing, (especially......). Give peace, hope, and healing according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** 

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**"Just As I Am"** Charlotte Elliott; William Batchelder Bradbury; Words: Public Domain ; Music: Public Domain

Just as I am without one plea But that Thy Blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot To Thee Whose Blood can cleanse each spot O Lamb of God I come I come

> Just as I am though tossed about With many a conflict many a doubt Fightings and fears within without O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am poor wretched blind Sight riches healing of the mind Yea all I need in Thee to find O Lamb of God I come I come

Just as I am Thou wilt receive Wilt welcome pardon cleanse relieve Because Thy Promise I believe O Lamb of God I come I come

## "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Text: Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779-1847; Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-1887

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care: In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine; do Thou befriend us,
Be the Guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear,
O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear,
O hear us when we pray.

Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

#### **BENEDICTION**

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

## CLOSING SONG "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Text: John Samuel Bewley Monsell

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace; Let us each, your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration For your Gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of your salvation In our hearts and lives abound. Ever faithful, ever faithful To your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way, Let no fear of death appall us, Glad your summons to obey. May we ever, may we ever Reign with you in endless day.

#### DISMISSAL

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### HOLIDAY BAZAAR UPDATE. Bazaar News...

Have you taken that moment yet and checked out the beautiful quilt in the fellowship hall? It was lovingly made by our very own Kay G. and Peggy K. You could win that quilt!

Please consider purchasing a raffle ticket (or several)! Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. See Maggie to purchase. The drawing will be held on November 4.

More to come...

**DECORATING FOR FALL.** It certainly feels like fall is upon us. We will soon start decorating the church to celebrate the season. Pumpkins and gourds always make the church look festive, so if you happen to have any of those growing in your garden or would like to pick some up at the store, it would be a great help. Please drop your pumpkins, gourds, or other fall decorations off at church or give them Sally or Colleen.

**LIVESTREAMING OF SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.** Did you know... every Sunday we livestream the worship service to the TV in the Fellowship Hall. If you would be more comfortable, you can watch the service live from there.

**COOKIES FOR THE BAZAAR.** Please bring cookies for the Bazaar by November 3rd. Also, please label your cookies with the type and note if they contain nuts. Lastly, we would like to know who donated the yummy treats, so please put your names on your cookie donations.

