

Stewardship

A way of living

November 13, 2022
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 28
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

6:30pm, 8:30am HYMN 785 (Maroon): We Praise You, O God
10:30am SONG: Cornerstone

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 98

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

² **The LORD has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

³ He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

⁴ **Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;**

⁵ make music to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing,

⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—
shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

⁷ **Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.**

⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;

⁹ let them sing before the LORD,
for he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity. (NIV)**

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN 806 (Maroon): Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

**Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (repeat)**

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us" (repeat)**

Give thanks..... Give Thanks!



Readers: 6:30pm Annette Koehler; 8:30am Lynn Brown; 10:30am Betty Ruskamp

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Malachi 3:6-18 and 4:1-6

⁶ "I the LORD do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. ⁷ Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD Almighty.

"But you ask, 'How are we to return?'

⁸ "Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me.

"But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?'

"In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me.

¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. ¹¹ I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe," says the LORD Almighty. ¹² "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty.

¹³ "You have spoken arrogantly against me," says the LORD.

"Yet you ask, 'What have we said against you?'

¹⁴ "You have said, 'It is futile to serve God. What do we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the LORD Almighty? ¹⁵ But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly evildoers prosper, and even when they put God to the test, they get away with it.'"

¹⁶ Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name.

¹⁷ "On the day when I act," says the LORD Almighty, "they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire," says the LORD Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ² But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. ³ Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act," says the LORD Almighty.

⁴ "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵ "See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. ⁶ He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction." (NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: Romans 11:33-12:13

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!

³⁴ "Who has known the mind of the Lord?

Or who has been his counselor?"

³⁵ "Who has ever given to God,

that God should repay them?"

³⁶ For from him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the

others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. (NIV)

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6:30pm, 8:30am ▲ GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. (repeat)

Thy Word is a path to follow, a light to show the way.

Thy Word is a path to follow, a light to show the way.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. (repeat)

10:30am Carribean Hallelujah

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:5-19, 25-28

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁵ Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶ "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

⁷ "Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?"

⁸ He replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them. ⁹ When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away."

¹⁰ Then he said to them: "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³ And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴ But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵ For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ Stand firm, and you will win life.

²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." (NIV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The final three weeks of the Church Year are traditionally concerned with “the last things.” The lessons of the Church bring a special opportunity to reflect on the end of time and on the end of our earthly lives.

In the Apostles’ Creed, we affirm our belief in the resurrection of the body, which is God’s good but temporary gift to us while we are living on earth. With all who have died in the faith before us, we await the coming of the Lord.

In these, the final three weeks of the church year, we will be reading one article of the creed each week, along with a portion of Luther’s Small Catechism. We encourage you to read the rest of Luther’s explanation as a part of your Bible study this week.

The Apostles’ Creed: The Second Article

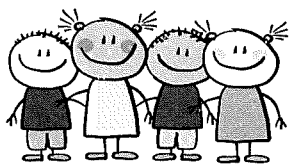
In the Second Article, we confess the work of our Savior Jesus Christ, who takes away our sin and rescues us from the snares of the devil. We confess:

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from all eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.



Children’s Message

“Here’s the Deal: A Picture of the Tithe”

(Malachi 3:10, Proverbs 3:9, I Corinthians 16:2)

HYMN 782 (Maroon): Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

10:30am SONG: You Are My All in All

SERMON “Radical Christian Stewardship” Romans 11:33-12:13 Pastor Meyer

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS – 8:30am SPECIAL MUSIC: Give Thanks . . . Hosanna Handbells

Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew.

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

10:30 SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SONGS: Lord, Be Glorified; 10,000 Reasons

BENEDICTION

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. **Amen.**

HYMN 727 (Maroon): On Eagles' Wings

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Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas Schedule

Thanksgiving Services

Wednesday, November 23rd at 6:30pm and Thursday, November 24th at 9:00am

Advent Services, Wednesdays, November 30th, December 7th, 14th & 21st
11:30am (followed by lunch) and 6:30pm (no meal)

Children's Christmas Service, Sunday, December 18th at 3:00pm
Saturday, December 17th rehearsal, 10am – 12:00 (noon)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, with communion
December 24th at 5:00pm, 7:00pm and 9:00pm

Christmas Day, December 25th at 9:00am in the Sanctuary, with communion
(Note: No services at 8:30am or 10:30am. No Bible class or Sunday School.)

Saturday, December 31st at 6:30pm, with communion
Sunday, January 1st at 9:00am in the Sanctuary, with communion
(Note: No services at 8:30am or 10:30am. No Bible class or Sunday School.)