

# Peace Lutheran Church

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***"Peace Lutheran Church ... Our mission as a caring family is to reach out to all, share Christ's love, and teach God's Word."***

***Our Vision: Equipping Our Members to Take the Message of Jesus Where They Live, Work and Play***

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**LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR** November 24, 2024  
*Divine Service, Setting One*

## **AS WE GATHER**

The Last Sunday of the Church Year is about the last things, the day of judgment when Jesus Christ "will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead," Christ, "whose kingdom will have no end" (Nicene Creed). The last Sunday is therefore known as the Sunday of fulfillment, when all the plans and promises of God's salvation break forth in the resurrection of all flesh and eternal life in the new heavens and earth. The end of the church year also reminds us of the new beginnings we have in Christ. As we bring this year to a close, we immediately prepare for the next year of worship, service, and blessing from our God. So too, when Christ returns, will our transformation be immediate. As quickly as we leave this world, which is still broken and marred by sin, we will enter into the new heavens and new earth that God has prepared for us.

## **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

## **WELCOME**

## **✠ PREPARATION ✠**

**OPENING HYMN** "Christ Is Our Cornerstone" **LSB 912**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**P** As we gather this morning in worship, we pray together:

**C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and**

every evil, that all my doings and life my please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. - *Martin Luther's Morning Prayer*

## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 95*

- P** Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
**C** let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- P** Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;  
**C** let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!
- P** O come, let us worship and bow down!  
**C** Let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for personal reflection)*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** 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.

- P** 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.  
**C** Amen.

☩ WORD ☩

## KYRIE

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" *LSB 940*

### OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 51:4-6* *Pew Bible, pg. 727*

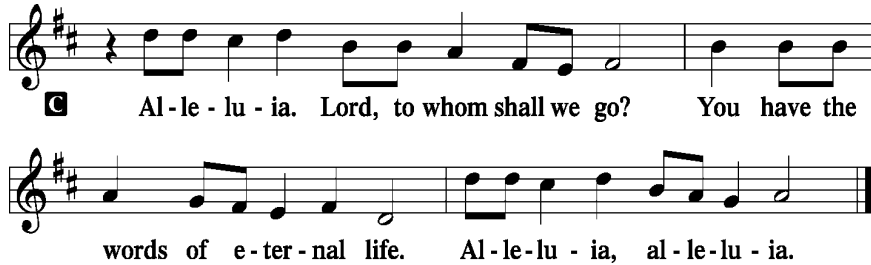
- R** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### EPISTLE *Jude 20-25*

*Pew Bible, pg. 1216*

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

## ALLELUIA and VERSE



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL John 18:33-38 *Pew Bible, pg.1074*


**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

*(The Gospel is read.)*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## CREED *Apostles' Creed*

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
glorified, who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## HYMN OF THE DAY "Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying" *LSB 516*

## SERMON

*Pastor-- Jonathan Dueker*

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, Lord and king of all creation, as we conclude another church year, we praise you for preserving Your church from the constant attacks of the evil one and keeping us steadfast in the one, true Christian faith. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power as we approach another year of service for our neighbor and witness for Your Kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Lord of the nations, grant that Your grace guide and protect all who are in authority, especially in our own country. Keep all people in safety by means of Your gifts of mercy and truth, righteousness and peace. Defend all who labor and work in harm's way that we may live in safety. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Lord God, we ask that you strengthen the hearts of wisdom that you have placed within us through the water and word of Holy Baptism. Teach us to wait on Your grace and Your timing, satisfy us with Your steadfast love, and establish the work of our hands. We pray especially for one of Your children here at Peace, that they would wait for your healing from depression in both mind and spirit, that they would be satisfied with Your steadfast love as You have shown it to them through other faithful Christians, and that You would encourage them as they pray for their loved ones and their enemies. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Comfort, O God, all who are in any trouble, want, sickness, or any other

adversity, especially *Karen, Ruth, Neil, Norm, Gail, Ruth, Ed, Ryan, Neil, and Heather, as well as Sandy, Jenny, Annette, Rose, Corey, Randy, Bob, and Maci*. Along with these requests, we give you thanks for answering the prayers for our brother Jim and giving him a negative cancer diagnosis. We humbly ask for that same mercy to be poured out on all that we may live our days in safety and health. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** We remember with thanksgiving all who have loved and served You who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** And now, trusting in the promises of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are bold to pray as He has taught us:

### **LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**C** 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.

### **BENEDICTION**

**P** 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.



**C** A - men.

### **CLOSING HYMN** "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" *LSB 336*

✠ in the name of Jesus ✠

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