



August 24th, 2025 – Pentecost 11

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Welcome! Thank you for joining us this morning for worship. In our service, we gather to praise our God who in his great love for us has bought us back from sin, death, and the devil through the blood of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

About the Picture: From the Gospel reading, a man stores up supplies for himself, not knowing his death is near.

Offering: The offering is collected as you enter into the sanctuary, in an offering plate located on a small table. Guests and visitors do not need to feel obligated to make an offering, though you are welcome to do so.

[Online Offering Portal](#)

The Service
Setting Two with Communion pg. 172

Hymn: 630 – Thy Strong Word

1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
at thy speaking it was done.

For created light we thank thee
while thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
dark as night and deep as death,
broke the light of thy salvation,
breathed thine own life-giving breath.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
bright with thine own holiness,
glorious now, we press toward glory
and our lives our hopes confess.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise to thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

4 From the cross thy wisdom shining
breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
from the cross forever beameth

all thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats to shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light from Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!

Thy strong

Stand

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

Congregation: Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count
against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed what we have devised and desired in
our hearts.
We have offended you and sinned against your holy
law.
We have done those things that we should not have
done,**

**and we have not done those things that we
should have done.**

Have mercy on us, Lord!

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He
sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior.
Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the
cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from
the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie p. 174, sung)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest (*Gloria in Excelsis* p. 176-177, sung)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people
on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the
Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people
on earth.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace
that we come into your presence and offer true and
faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may
always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us
the fulfillment of what you have promised; through your
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23–29

²³“Am I only a God nearby,”

declares the Lord,

“and not a God far away?

²⁴Who can hide in secret places

so that I cannot see them?”

declares the Lord.

“Do not I fill heaven and earth?”
declares the Lord.

²⁵“I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ ²⁶How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? ²⁷They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?” declares the Lord. ²⁹“Is not my word like fire,” declares the Lord, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***Psalms* 103**

Refrain: The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Praise the Lord, / my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his / holy name –
who forgives / all your sins
and heals all your dis- / eases,
who redeems your life / from the pit
and crowns you with love and com- / passion,
who satisfies your desires / with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the / eagle’s.

Refrain: The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

The Lord is compassionate and / gracious,
slow to anger, abound- / ing in love.
He does not treat us as our / sins deserve
or repay us according to our in- / iquities.
For as high as the heavens are a- / bove the earth,
so great is his love for those who / fear him;
as far as the east is / from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions / from us.
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

Refrain: The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1–13

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

⁴In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have

you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, ⁶because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

⁷Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? ⁸If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. ⁹Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! ¹⁰They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. ¹³“Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Sermon

Stand

Gospel Acclamation (sung) *The offering is brought to the altar at this time. Our online [giving portal can be found here.](#)*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Rejoice in the Lord for his love and faithfulness.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 12:49–53

⁴⁹“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵²From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: 590—O Holy Spirit, Enter In

1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,
and in our hearts your work begin,
your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
around and in us brightly shine,
to joy and gladness wake us
that we may be truly living,

to you giving prayer unceasing
and in love be still increasing.

2 Give to your Word impressive pow'r,
that in our hearts from this good hour
as fire it may be glowing,
that in true Christian unity
we faithful witnesses may be,
your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us by your teaching;
let our preaching and our labor
praise you, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
let your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
in us be strongly burning
that we be faithful unto death
and live in love and holy faith,
from you true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace on us shower;
by your power Christ confessing,
let us see our Savior's blessing.

Sermon: Luke 12 – A Divided Christianity

Stand

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker
of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Lord God, you give us every good and perfect gift. As your Holy Spirit brings to completion the good work that you have begun in us, help us treasure whatever is true,

noble, and right. Preserve us from everything that would provide an occasion for falling into sin. Teach us to live day by day in humble dependence on your promises, in cheerful obedience to your laws, and in sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Strengthen us inwardly with power through your Spirit, that we may abound in love, humility, patience, and prayer until we receive the crown of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

All these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Stand

THE SACRAMENT

The Preface (p. 183, sung)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty

and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sanctus*, p. 184, sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power, God of might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our

thanks as we worship you – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The 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.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*, p. 186, sung)

**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.**

Be seated

Distribution

Hymn: 659 – Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

1 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,
turned away God's wrath forever;
by his bitter grief and woe
he saved us from the evil foe.

2 As his pledge of love undying,
he, this precious food supplying,
gives his body with the bread
and with the wine the blood he shed.

3 Jesus here himself is sharing;
take heed how you are preparing,
for if you do not believe,
judgment instead you shall receive.

4 Useless would be Jesus' passion
if salvation you could fashion.
Do not come if you suppose
you need not him who died and rose.

5 Christ says, "Come, all you that labor,
and receive my grace and favor;
those who feel no pain or ill
need no physician's help or skill."

6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken
that this food is to be taken
by the souls who are distressed,
by hearts that long for peace and rest.

7 Praise the Father, who from heaven
unto us such food has given
and, to mend what we have done,
gave into death his only Son.

8 If your heart this truth professes
and your mouth your sin confesses,
surely you will be his guest
and at his banquet ever blest.

826—From God Can Nothing Move Me

1 From God can nothing move me;
he will not step aside
but gently will reprove me
and be my constant guide.
He stretches out his hand
in evening and in morning,
my life with grace adorning
wherever I may stand.

2 When those whom I regarded
as trustworthy and sure
have long from me departed,
God's grace shall still endure.
He rescues me from sin
and breaks the chains that bind me.
I leave death's fear behind me;
his peace I have within.

3 Each day at his good pleasure
God's gracious will is done.
He sent his greatest treasure
in Jesus Christ, his Son.
He ev'ry gift imparts;
the bread of earth and heaven
are by his kindness given.
Praise him with thankful hearts!

4 Yet even though I suffer
the world's unpleasantness,
and though the days grow rougher
and bring me great distress,
that day of bliss divine,
which knows no end or measure,
and Christ, who is my pleasure,
forever shall be mine.

5 For thus the Father willed it,
who fashioned us from clay;
and his own Son fulfilled it
and brought eternal day.
The Spirit now has come,

to us true faith has given;
he leads us home to heaven.
O praise the Three in One!

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Blessing

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



Be seated

Hymn: 876 – Fight the Good Fight

1 Fight the good fight with all your might,
Christ is your strength and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
your joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up your eyes, and seek his face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
his boundless mercy will provide.
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

4 Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;
he changes not, and you are dear.
Only believe, and you will see
that Christ is Lord eternally.

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Gary Ziesemer for running tech this morning.*

THIS WEEK AT PEACE

**Sunday, August 24: Bible study, 8 am; Worship w/
Communion, Fellowship, Council Meeting**

Acolytes: Hiemstras

Wednesday, August 27: Bible study, 10 am

Thursday, August 28: Worship w/ Communion, 6:30 pm

Friday, August 29: PLS NO SCHOOL

Saturday, August 30: Crossroads Brat Fry (school)

**Sunday, August 31: Bible study, 8 am; Worship, 9 am;
Fellowship**

Acolytes: Jonah & Layne

COMING UP:

***August: Summer schedule- Thursday evening services,
6:30 pm (previous Sunday's message); NO Sunday
School***

September 9: Ladies' Aid, 6:30 pm

September 10: Public School Catechism 5 pm

Adult Choir and Chimes resume 7 pm

September 14: Noisy Offering

September 16: Outreach

September 23: Anniversary Committee

September 26-28: Harvest Fest

October 26: Trunk-or-Treat

August Birthdays! Happy birthday to our August members: Shelley Lueck, Geri Kono, Debra Bierman, Carla Weise, Jeff Ladwig, Barb Rost, Brad Rost, Deb Trapp, Cheri Smith, Brittney Arndt, and Fletcher Arndt!
Did we miss a birthday? Fill out a friendship register, leave a note in Pastor's box, or email

PeaceChurchGL@gmail.com.

Sunday School Teachers NEEDED!

Signup is now out! Please consider helping to teach Sunday School! Even once a month or once a quarter is helpful. Thank you!

Harvest Fest

Please donate candy for us to hand out at the Harvest Fest parade and consider joining us to walk in it! Please also sign up to help with a new game invented by Joel Schulz.

Trunk-or-Treat is Coming!

Consider being a part of our biggest community event of the year! You can decorate a trunk and hand out candy, help with games in the gym, serve food in the fellowship hall, donate candy, or just show up and enjoy the chaos! It will be October 26 from 3-5 pm. Trunk and games signup coming soon!

OFFERINGS 8-17-25

General Fund \$8,575.0
Church Back to School \$115.00
Church Blacktop Fund \$50.00
Church Outdoor Sign \$50.00
Organ Fund \$35.00
Plate Offering \$122.00
Tuition \$883.33
Roof Fund \$35.00
Garage Fund \$35.00
School Misc. Fund \$25.00

School Family Financial Aid \$25.00

Total \$9,950.33

Our weekly offering goal is \$9,626.

In Memory of Jack Kasuboski

To: Peace School Misc. Fund

From: Gordy & Cheri Smith

In Memory of Sandy Badtke

To: School Family Financial Aid

From: Gordy & Carla Wiese