

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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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

Today we celebrate Holy Communion. A statement about our communion practices and beliefs can be found at the end of this bulletin.

MORNING MEDITATION

One of the biggest struggles in the Christian life is waiting. Maybe you're waiting to be healed. Maybe you're waiting for a new job to open up. Maybe you're waiting for a prayer to be answered. Maybe you're waiting to see a loved one again. But what makes the waiting more difficult is that sometimes it can feel like God isn't doing anything. It seems like He's silent. Our Old Testament reading for this Sunday takes that feeling of struggle and captures it in one mysterious but fascinating story. There's a man named Jacob. Jacob is the son of Isaac and the brother of Esau. And Jacob is a man who knows how to prey upon weakness. Which is why just before our reading, Jacob is on the run; it seems his sins have finally caught up with him. One night in the wilderness, Jacob thinks he's alone but out of the darkness a man jumps him and wrestles him all night long. As the morning light begins to dawn, Jacob hopes to catch a glimpse of the man's face, but before he can, the man reaches out and touches Jacob's hip, dislocating it from the socket. Jacob is wounded by this unknown stranger and yet despite his wound, we're told that Jacob prevails. Jacob is the winner of this surprising struggle session and refuses to let the man go until he reveals himself and gives Jacob his blessing. But what Jacob gets instead is silence. He has fought long and hard. He has struggled and prevailed. But what he holds on to remains a mystery forever beyond his understanding. He never learns the man's name and he's blessed in the midst of silence.

Sometimes the silence we receive from God can be painful. So painful, in fact, that we carry those wounds for the rest of our lives, like Jacob does. But in the midst of this divine silence, we hold on to the messenger God has sent us; a messenger whose name we have been told. God's one and only Son, Jesus Christ, who allowed himself to be beaten on the cross so that we could receive God's blessings.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "O Day of Rest and Gladness" *LSB 906*

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

OPENING PSALM *Psalms 111*

P I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
C **in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

P Great are the works of the LORD,
C **studied by all who delight in them.**

P Full of splendor and majesty is His work,
C **and His righteousness endures forever.**

P He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered.
C **the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for personal reflection)

P O Almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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. 186 in hymnal)



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 32:22-30*

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *Luke 17:3b*

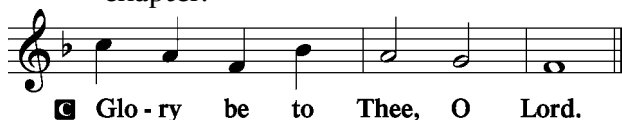


P I tell you, He will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?



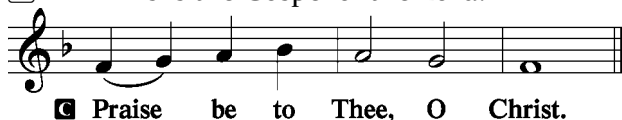
HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 18:1-8*

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



(The Gospel is read.)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



CREED *Nicene 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
✠ of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" *LSB 770*

SERMON

Pastor Jonathan Dueker

OFFERTORY

(p. 192 in hymnal)



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs.

All-knowing and all-powerful God, You invite us to cast our anxiety on You because You care for us. We pray that in the midst of trials and temptations, we remain firm in faith and continue to place ourselves where Your Spirit strengthens, nourishes, and sustains the faith You give. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Gracious and loving Father, we thank You for Your creation and for providing all we need for this body and life. You give to us, Your people, all our abilities and vocations; help us to use our gifts to Your glory. Be with all whose work is dangerous and protect those who serve and protect others in our world, nation, and communities. We pray especially for *Jacob, Dustin, Robert, Cameron, Nathan and Erin*. Help us recognize You as the giver of all good things in our faithful response as Your stewards. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, our friend and our king,

what peace we often forfeit and what needless pain we bear simply because we neglect your invitation to pray. Grant us the same kind of persistence as that widow, who would not cease to bring her requests to the judge. For we know that You are the true and righteous Judge over all the earth, and that You alone will make all things right.

Give us patient hearts to await Your answers and fill us with Your Spirit to ask for things according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful God, You are near to the broken-hearted and You save the crushed in Spirit. Grant Your comfort and peace to those who face afflictions and who seek relief. We lift up to You those who persevere and have asked for persistent prayer, especially *Ruth, Neil, Ed, Ruth, Heather, Sharon, Kathy, Dianne, Darrin, and Matt* as well as *Sandy, Rich, Kat, Amy, Julie, Bob, Shelly, Opal, and Gail*. For those who mourn, grant Your presence that hope may be had even among tears of grief and sadness. Point all who grieve to the cross and the empty tomb and the assurance of eternal life. For the days You grant us, instill in us the persistence of prayer and perseverance of faith until at last we are called to You in everlasting glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

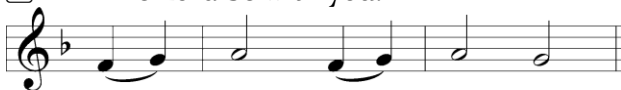
P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is the righteous judge who hears His people's cries and responds in His time for the good of those who love Him. All have sinned and fall short of Your glory; as both just and justifier, for our sake, You have sent Your Son as one of us to take upon Himself to the cross our sins and to rise and conquer all we ever need fear. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

(p. 195 in hymnal)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



G A - men.

AGNUS DEI

(p. 198 in hymnal)



G O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” *LSB 637*

“If Your Beloved Son of God” *LSB 568, v.1-4*

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” *LSB 699*

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing” *LSB 643*

NUNC DIMITTIS

(p. 199 in hymnal)

G Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

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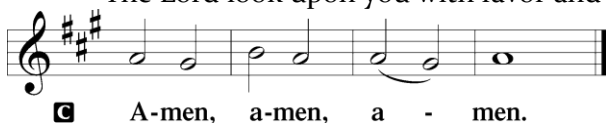
- P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have given Your Son's body and blood to eat and to drink. As we persevere in prayer to You, You speak to us through Your means of grace. Guide us, direct us, strengthen us, and sustain us in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

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.



HYMN “Children of the Heavenly Father *LSB 725*”

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Regarding Holy Communion:

The Lord’s Supper, or Holy Communion, is celebrated here at Peace 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.

Our congregation believes that participating in the Lord’s Supper acts as a statement that those communing agree with what we believe about this Sacrament. *See 1 Corinthians 11:26.* Out of loving care and concern, therefore,

we want to do all that we can to make sure that those who participate in our Communion celebration don’t violate their own conscience or a public confession of faith made through another church body by making that joint statement of faith with us. In addition,

because the New Testament teaches that those who eat and drink of the Lord’s Supper unworthily or without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment upon themselves,

we want to protect those of a different public confession from potentially suffering spiritual harm. (See 1 Corinthians 11:27-30.)

For these reasons, we ask those who don't know or agree with the teachings of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod to consider refraining from communing until a more thorough conversation is possible. In so doing, please understand that we are in no way judging your personal faith. On the contrary, we want to invite you into a deeper fellowship with us that begins with further consideration of what we believe, teach, and confess here at Peace. In the meantime, please sing, pray, and worship with us, and, if you'd like more information about Lutheran teachings or Communion practices, contact the church office at (989) 734-7621 or via email at office@peacelcms.org. If you'd like to come forward during Communion to receive a blessing from Pastor, you are more than welcome. You may indicate the desire to participate in this manner by simply folding your hands across your chest when you come forward. If you simply wish to remain in your seat during Communion, that's okay, too. You won't be alone. Anyone desiring to have Communion brought to them at their seat, perhaps because of a physical or other challenge, please speak to Pastor or the Elder on duty prior to the service.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 32:22-30

The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. 2He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

