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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

Today we get to hear from a man who's sometimes overlooked in the Biblical narrative. In fact, this is the only time in the three-year Sunday reading lectionary that his book is included. The Old Testament reading is from the book of Habakkuk, a prophet who spoke to the southern kingdom of Judah just before the Babylonian exile. The book is only three chapters long, and it's written in the form of a conversation between the prophet and God. Our reading for today only includes part of the conversation, but it gives us a good summary of what the back and forth is all about. Habakkuk is angry over the sinfulness of his people that has moved them further and further from God's truth and he's confused at God's response to it, which is to send Judah into exile in Babylon. His theological knowledge of God isn't matching up with his experience of God, and so he brings his complaint to the Lord. In the words written down for us, we meet a prophet who's wondering why God isn't acting and waiting for His promises to be fulfilled. Often times we think of prophets as men of great resolve who receive a word from God and proclaim it unapologetically. Habakkuk is a little different. He's a prophet who wrestles with the beautiful burden he's been given. He knows what God is capable of doing,

he knows that God loves his people, and yet he has to tell others to wait for His timing. If you've ever found yourself waiting on God for healing, for an answered prayer, for a new job opportunity, for a restored relationship, Habakkuk is a prophet who gives voice to what you're feeling. And he's the prophet who shows us the path in the midst of waiting—"but the righteous shall live by his faith" (Habakkuk 2:4). Even though Habakkuk doesn't get to see everything that God is doing, he knows that God still promises his gifts of healing and salvation for his people, and He will be faithful. Waiting on God can be difficult, and Habakkuk gives us license to struggle and even question in the midst of it. But as we wait and even struggle with our faith, we know that the word of God is always true, and nothing, not even sin and death, can undo the salvation He has accomplished through His Son Jesus Christ. He is the Righteous One who is always faithful to what he promises.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN "Herald, Sound the Note of Judgement" *LSB 511*

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING PSALM *Psalm 107*

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
C for His steadfast love endures forever!

P Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
C whom He has redeemed from trouble

P and gathered in from the lands,
C **from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

P For He satisfies the longing soul,
C **and the hungry soul He fills with good things.**

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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Luke 17:3b

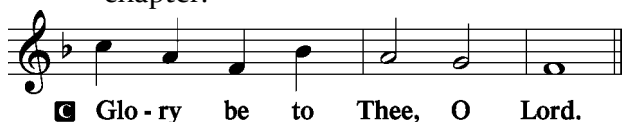


P If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him.



HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:1-10*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth 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

"Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?" *LSB 756*

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 -



OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise You and give You thanks for Your great glory demonstrated by Your righteous rule over Your whole creation, for the beauty of the earth, and for Your provision of everything good. Praise is due to You especially for Your care and deliverance of the world by the salvation of all people through the redemption of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By His death and resurrection, He has destroyed death and brought life and new hope to light through forgiveness for the sins of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Bless all pastors and all Your people in every corner of the world to proclaim the Good News of Your grace and deliverance. Defend all who serve in Your church, giving them the help of Your Spirit to be faithful in their calling.

Bless the preaching of Your Word and the administration of Your Holy Sacraments to enable us and all people to repent and believe in Your deliverance and help in every need. We pray especially *for Matthew*, presiding over our Synod, *David*, our district president, *Jason*, our circuit visitor, and *Indelethio* and *Lucas*, our sponsored seminarian students. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Father, be the consolation, healer, and help of all who are in any need, in sickness or injury, or in fear or loneliness, that many may turn their hearts to trust in Your never-failing love. We pray this day for those who have requested our prayers, especially *Ruth, Neil, Ed, Ruth, Heather, Sharon, Kathy, Dianne, Darrin*, and *Matt* as well as *Sandy, Rich, Kat, Amy, Julie, Bob, Shelly, Sammi*, and *Opal*. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of love, through Your Son You have commanded us to love one another. By the guidance of Your Word and Spirit, deliver us from the stubbornness of pride and teach us the truth that we might confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and be reconciled to one another both inside and outside the body of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments, that our minds may find rest from grief and anxiousness, and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

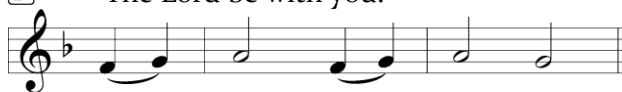
P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

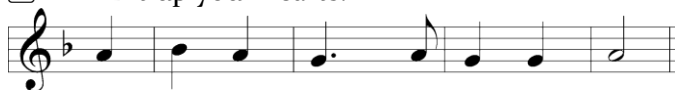
PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

P The Lord be with you.



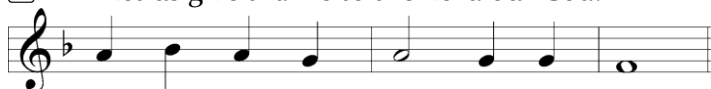
C And with thy spir - it.

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

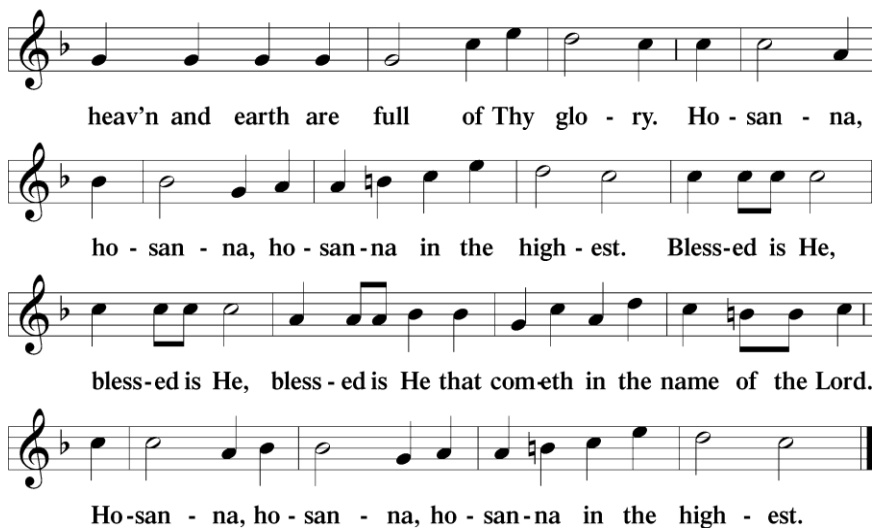
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with all Your unworthy serving You as their divine duty, 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

“You Are My All in All” (Jenigan) *Sola Deo Gloria*

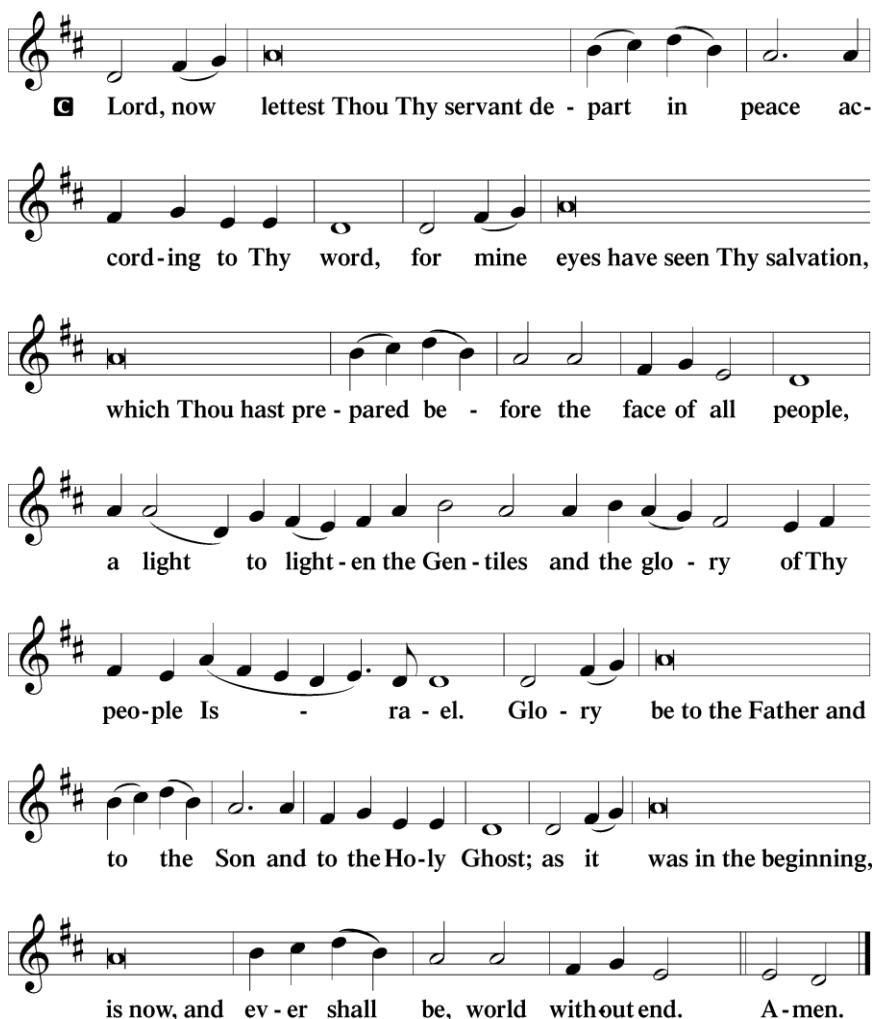
“I Come, O Savior To Thy Table” *LSB 618*

“Just as I Am, Without One Plea” *LSB 570*

“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way” *LSB 857*

NUNC DIMITTIS

(p. 199 in *hymnal*)



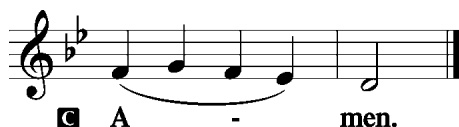
The musical score is written on seven staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which 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."

C 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,
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is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness,

who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.



P Bless we the Lord.

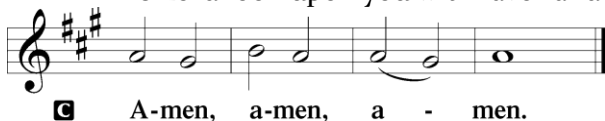


BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

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 "How Great Thou Art" *LSB 801*

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

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.
O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?
Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?
Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.
I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.
And the LORD answered me:
“Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed
time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.
“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:1-10

And he said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"