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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

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Creative Worship Liturgy

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AS WE GATHER

A Lasting Inheritance

We are often reminded things in this life don't last. This includes everything from material things and earthly goods to health and well-being as age increases, to relationships we treasure, and ultimately mortality, which leads to death. Yet just as things in this life are temporary, with joy we are pointed frequently to what is everlasting. Adopted as God's own children, we are given an eternal inheritance through the work of Jesus Christ. Amid the temporary things of a broken and sinful world, we keep our focus on Christ and the eternal blessings assured "to the praise of His glorious grace" (*Ephesians 1:6*).

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" [Sts. 1-3] **LSB 525**

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION *Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4; Luke 18:13*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

PSALM RESPONSE *Psalm 85:1-7*

- P** Lord, You were favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob.
C **You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin.**
- P** You withdrew all Your wrath; You turned from Your hot anger.
C **Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away Your indignation toward us!**
- P** Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?
C **Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?**
- P** Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.

HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" [St. 4] **LSB 525**

ABSOLUTION

- 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.**

PSALM RESPONSE *Psalm 85:8-13*

- P** Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.
C **Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.**
- P** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.
C **Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

- P** Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
C **Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.**

HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" [St. 5] **LSB 525**

✠ **WORD** ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 143:1-2, 8a; antiphon: v. 11*

For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with Your servant,
for no one living is righteous before You.

Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love,
for in You I trust.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT *Amos 7:7-15* *Pew Bible, pg. 914*
(Amos's vision and prophecy to the people)

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

EPISTLE *Ephesians 1:3-14* *Pew Bible, pg. 1159*
(Spiritual blessings in Christ)

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

VERSE *Matthew 5:10*

P Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
C for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 6:14-29 *Pew Bible, pg. 1000*
(The death of John the Baptist)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C **Glory 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 God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY "Jesus, Priceless Treasure" **LSB 743**

SERMON *Guest Pastor - Tim LeClair*

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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.

Gracious Lord, we are citizens of the nations and places in which You have put us, with our citizenship in heaven assured. In our land, guide and direct the governing authorities over us that they may serve according to Your will. Impart in them Your truth and wisdom that life be treasured and protected, justice enacted, and order kept secure. Grant Your protection over those who serve in the military both here and abroad, and safety to all who keep roads and communities safe in their law enforcement vocation. Amid the conflicts and tribulations in any land, instill in us responsible citizenship as we await the eternal kingdom not of this world. Thy kingdom come,

C **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

P In these summer months grant favorable weather and safe travel for all who give thanks for Your creation. In each and every season, continue to pour out Your mercy and grace that we as Your people remain faithful and trusting in Your promises made, fulfilled, and yet to come. Thy kingdom come,

C **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

P For all who face troubles and trials in life, in mind, body, or soul, give Your peace and comfort in times of affliction, [*especially* . . .]. For those who have gone before us in the faith, we give You thanks for their witness of truth and hope. Comfort those who grieve, including the family of Jeff Kristola, husband of Gail, who passed away and entered his heavenly home last week. In all things, grant us Your Spirit to sustain us in our earthly pilgrimage. Thy kingdom come,

C **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

P We lift up to You the authorities over us in our Synod, districts, and congregations. Grant wisdom and confidence for all who lead. Bless all churches and people of all ages that You gather together as Your own, that we may be courageous witnesses of Your grace and truth to our neighbors, communities, and beyond. Thy kingdom come,

C **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

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

C **Amen.**

THE 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 *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.
- G** **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide” **LSB 585**

† **in the name of Jesus** †

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