



November 10th, 2024 – Pentecost 25

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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.

Member Communion: In addition to the forgiveness offered with His true body and blood in this meal, the Lord's Supper is an expression of complete agreement in Biblical teaching. Therefore we ask that only members of our church body come forward. If you would like to know more about our beliefs so that you may one day join us in this meal, please speak with the Pastor following the service. For private communion, contact Pastor.

WELS: Our congregation is one of many in a group known as the **W**isconsin **E**vangelical **L**utheran **S**ynod. (WELS) Together, this group is committed to focusing on Christ's love while fulfilling our calling to share the good news of our Savior.

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Hymn: 695—Take My Life and Let It Be

1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;

take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit

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

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy, 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 Be to God (Gloria in Excelsis)(sung)

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father almighty, O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in you. Grant us so firmly to believe in your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; 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: 1 Kings 17:8–16

⁸Then the word of the Lord came to him: ⁹"Get up, go to Zarephath that belongs to Sidon and stay there. Look, I have commanded a woman who is a widow to provide for you there." ¹⁰So Elijah got up and went to Zarephath. When he arrived at the city gate, there was a widow gathering wood. Elijah called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup and let me drink." ¹¹As she went to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a piece of bread in your hand."

¹²But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I don't have anything baked — only a handful of flour in the jar and a bit of oil in the jug. Just now, I am gathering a couple of sticks in order to go prepare it for myself and my son so we can eat it and die."

¹³Then Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid; go and do as you have said. But first make me a small loaf from it and bring it out to me. Afterward, you may make some for yourself and your son, ¹⁴for this is what the Lord God of Israel says, 'The flour jar will not become empty and the oil jug will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the surface of the land.'"

¹⁵So she proceeded to do according to the word of Elijah. Then the woman, Elijah, and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The flour jar did not become empty, and the oil jug did not run dry, according to the word of the Lord he had spoken through Elijah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

- Lord, I must praise you when I stand in wonder at your mighty works and splendor. There is no other God, no one above you, yet so close to those who love you. O Lord, have mercy! All your works declare your majesty in an endless grand doxology; even more would I praise your compassion, love, and grace. O Lord, have mercy!
- Nothing but good you give to those who fear you, ever near those who revere you. To you the hungry come for daily feeding, and the poor for justice pleading. O Lord, have mercy! All your deeds are honest and sincere; all your vows as true as they appear. Perfect love, rarest kind, all I need in you I find. O Lord, have mercy!
- You sent your people long-desired salvation, making us a blessed nation.
 You are the rock: on you our hopes are founded; safe we dwell, by love surrounded.
 O Lord, have mercy!

Make us wise to follow in your ways, and receive our sacrifice of praise. We are yours, yours to use for your dream as you may choose. O Lord, have mercy!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

¹We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that was given to the churches of Macedonia: ²During a severe trial brought about by affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³I can testify that, according to their ability and even beyond their ability, of their own accord, ⁴they begged us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in the ministry to the saints, ⁵and not just as we had hoped. Instead, they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us by God's will. ⁶So we urged Titus that just as he had begun, so he should also complete among you this act of grace.

⁷Now as you excel in everything — in faith, speech, knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love for us excel also in this act of grace. ⁸I am not saying this as a command. Rather, by means of the diligence of others, I am testing the genuineness of your love. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ: Though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

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. <u>Our online offering portal can be found here.</u>

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

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

³⁸He also said in his teaching, "Beware of the scribes, who want to go around in long robes and who want greetings in the marketplaces, ³⁹the best seats in the synagogues, and the places of honor at banquets. ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and say long prayers just for show. These will receive harsher judgment."

⁴¹Sitting across from the temple treasury, he watched how the crowd dropped money into the treasury. Many rich people were putting in large sums. ⁴²Then a poor widow came and dropped in two tiny coins worth very little. ⁴³Summoning his disciples, he said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴For they all gave out of their surplus, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had — all she had to live on."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you O Christ.

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: 807 - All Depends on Our Possessing

1 All depends on our possessing God's abundant grace and blessing, though all earthly wealth depart. They who trust with faith unshaken in their God are not forsaken and will keep a dauntless heart.

2 He who to this day has fed me and to many joys has led me is and ever shall be mine. He who ever gently schools me, he who daily guides and rules me will remain my help divine.

3 Many spend their lives in fretting over trifles and in getting things that have no solid ground. I shall strive to win a treasure that will bring me lasting pleasure and that now is seldom found.

6 If my days on earth he lengthen, he my weary soul will strengthen; all my trust in him I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding, like a stream away is gliding; safe I anchor in his grace.

Sermon: Mark 12 - Putting Coins Where Your Christ Is

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.

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you. Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow. Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. Silent prayer.

To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

The Preface

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)(sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through Him you made all things; in Him you are well pleased. He is the Incarnate Word, conceived by the holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, He stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Him we glorify and honor you, O God our Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.**

O Christ, Lamb of God (Agnus Dei)(sung)

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace. Amen.

Distribution

Communion Hymns: 663 – Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness; leave behind all gloom and sadness. Come into the daylight's splendor; there with joy your praises render unto him whose grace unbounded has this wondrous supper founded. He, though reigning high and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet him, and with loving rev'rence greet him, for with words of life immortal he is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before him, saying, as you there adore him: Grant, Lord, that I now receive you, that I nevermore will leave you.

3 He who craves a precious treasure neither cost nor pain will measure, but the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, naught would buy the gifts here offered: Christ's true body, for you riven, and his blood, for you once given.

4 Now I kneel before you lowly, filled with joy most deep and holy, as with trembling awe and wonder on your mighty work I ponder, by such mystery surrounded, depths that no one ever sounded. None may dare to pierce unbidden secrets that with you are hidden.

5 Human reason, though it ponders, cannot fathom these great wonders, that Christ's body must be boundless since the souls it feeds are countless, and that he his blood is giving with the wine we are receiving. These great mysteries unsounded are by God alone expounded.

6 Lord, by love and mercy driven, you have left your throne in heaven on the cross for me to languish and to die in bitter anguish, to forgo all joy and gladness and to shed your blood in sadness. By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

7 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends most tender, Jesus, joy of my desiring, fount of life, my soul inspiring: at your feet I cry, my maker, let me be a fit partaker of this blessed food from heaven for our good, your glory, given.

8 Jesus, Lord of life in heaven, help me when this meal is given to receive it for my blessing as I come, my sins confessing.
In this supper let me measure, Lord, how deep is your love's treasure, that, as I on earth have eaten,
I may be your guest in heaven.

570 – God Loved the World So That He Gave

1 God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save that all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.

2 Christ is the solid rock of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death. All who confide in him alone are built on this chief cornerstone.

3 God would not have the sinner die; his Son with saving grace is nigh. His Spirit in the Word declares that we in Christ are heaven's heirs. 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son forgives the sins that you have done. You're justified by Jesus' blood; baptized, you are a child of God.

5 If you are sick, if death is near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer: Christ Jesus saves my soul from death; this is the anchor of my faith!

6 Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! To you, O blessèd Trinity, be praise now and eternally!

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 thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 upon you with favor and give you peace.



Closing Hymn: 752—Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

1 Gracious God, you send great blessings new each morning all our days. For your mercies never ending, for your love we offer praise. Lord, we pray that we, your people who your gifts unnumbered claim, through the sharing of your blessings may bring glory to your name.

2 By your Word you formed creation filled with creatures large and small; as we tend that endless treasure may our care encircle all. Lord, we pray that we, your people who your gifts unnumbered claim, through the sharing of your blessings may bring glory to your name.

3 In his earthly life, our Savior

knew the care of faithful friends; may our deeds of dedication offer love that never ends. Lord, we pray that we, your people who your gifts unnumbered claim, through the sharing of your blessings may bring glory to your name.

4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring bear the imprint of your grace; with the Son and Holy Spirit, praise be yours in ev'ry place! Lord, we pray that we, your people who your gifts unnumbered claim, through the sharing of your blessings may bring glory to your name.

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Thank you to Donna Wastrack for serving as our organist and to the adult choir for beautifying our worship this morning.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE:

Today, November 10: Fellowship, Council Meeting Youth Group, 1 pm St. John's Princeton Monday, November 11: Griefshare, 6 pm Tuesday, November 12: Outreach Meeting, 6:30 pm Wednesday, November 13: Adult Bible Study, 10 am Catechism: 5 pm Adult choir: 7 pm Handchimes: follow choir Saturday, November 16: Griefshare Holiday Potluck, 9:30 am, St. John's Princeton Sunday, November 17: Bible Study and Sunday School, 8 am Worship, 9 am (WELS Connection)

COMING UP: November 24: WLA Sunday November 29: Lights on Water Street Parade—Youth Group December 4, 11, and 18: Midweek Advent suppers and worship December 8: Advent By Candlelight

November Birthdays! Happy birthday to our November members: Nathan Haasch, Pastor Haasch, Jean Mockus, Brian Hiemstra, Griffin Ladwig, Jason Lemke, and Lynn Priebe! Did we miss a birthday? Fill out a friendship register, leave a note in Pastor's box, or email <u>PeaceChurchGL@gmail.com</u>.

Usher Survey If you are currently or are interested in becoming an usher, please take a moment to fill out a short survey to help guide scheduling. Paper copies are available on the usher stand in the narthex, or <u>YOU CAN</u> <u>GO HERE.</u>

Youth Group Meeting TODAY at 1 pm at St. John's, Princeton. We're working on parade float ideas for the Princeton parade November 29 as well as fundraising ideas for the youth rally.

WLA Sunday November 24 Our area Lutheran high school, Winnebago Lutheran Academy, will be doing our worship service on Sunday, November 24. With dozens of teens inbound, please consider signing up to bring things for fellowship time. A list is in the fellowship hall.

LWMS Missions Calendar Please sign up TODAY in the fellowship hall if you would like to order an LWMS Missions 2025 calendar. They cost \$12 and include information on home and world missions. See Lisa Utecht with questions.

Advent By Candlelight is returning to Peace on December 8! Please sign up by NEXT SUNDAY, Nov. 17! This late afternoon/early evening women's service of songs and stories is designed to redirect focus to Christ in the midst of the busy Christmas season. If you're interested in helping prepare food, set up, or being a narrator, please contact Shelley Lueck, Lisa Utecht, or Leah Haasch. Transportation help is available.

Advent Meals are hosted by various groups but extra items are needed. See signups in the fellowship hall.

OFFERINGS 11-3-24 General Fund \$3,422.00 Church Outdoor Sign \$175.00 Missions Envelope \$610.00 Organ Fund \$50.00 Plate Offering \$82.00 Undesignated Fund \$147.00 School Misc. Fund \$20.00 School Family Financial Aid \$1,110.00

Total \$5,616.00 *Our weekly offering goal is \$9,626.*

Memory Of Doris Ludjeck Tetzlaff To: School Misc. From: Karla Masek

Memory Of Kelly Betow To: School Family Financial Aid From: Joanne Jahns

Memory Of Kelly Betow To: Outdoor Sign From: Pat & Nancy Himebaugh

Memory Of Kelly Betow To: School Family Financial Aid From: John & Jean Murphy

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