



Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA

WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Whether you are joining us in-person or on-line we are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. We pray that our time of worship together further encourages and strengthens our call to discipleship.

MISSION STATEMENT

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we share God's grace and mercy. We welcome and encourage all to grow with us in God's kingdom through praise, worship, and service.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
✝ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.**
**We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.**
**We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.**
**For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.**
**For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.**
**For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**
**Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**
Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
 God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
 God's compassion is beyond compare.
 In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
 In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
 Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In (vv. 1, 3 and 4)

ELW #532



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Yours, Lord, Is the Glory

ELW #849



Tu - ya es la glo - ria, la hon - ra tam - bién:
 1 Yours, Lord, is the glo - ry, and hon - or as well;
 2 Yours, Lord, the do - min - ions, and pow - er as well;
 3 To you I sur - ren - der my be - ing, my life;
 4 Glo - ry in the high - est, and on earth as well.



tu - ya pa - ra siem - pre. A - mén, a - mén.
 yours, Lord, now and al - ways.
 yours, Lord, now and al - ways. A - men, a - men.
 all, Lord, I sur - ren - der.
 Glo - ry, al - le - lu - ia.

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| 2 <i>Tuyos los dominios, los tronos también; tuyos para siempre. Amén, amén.</i> | 3 <i>A ti yo me rindo, te adoro también, amo absoluto. Amén, amén.</i> | 4 <i>Gloria en las alturas y en la tierra también: gloria aleluya. Amén, amén.</i> |
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Text: Traditional; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
 Music: TUYA ES LA GLORIA, traditional
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

¹O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;

for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 23

READ RESPONSIVELY

You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over. (*Ps. 23:5*)

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Lord and Savior (2 times)

ELW p.205



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR MARY E. ZUPANSIC

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW #522



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble. as we lis-ten to your word.
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phantly Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE. *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*. 1710

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APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the transformative power of God’s loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

THE SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG — *Step by Step* (2 times) David (Beaker) Strasser
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O God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
O God You are my God
And I will every praise
I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You’ll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days

+ THE MEAL +

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CHORUS 1

G7 C Dm7 C/E F C/E

We lift our voice - es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an

4 Dm7 G7sus G7 C Dm7 C/E

of - fer - ing. Lord, use our voice - es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

F C/E Dm7 G7sus G/F Em7 Asus A7 Dm7 G7sus G7

BRIDGE

7

lives, they are Yours, we are an of - fer - ing. All that we have, all that we are,

11 Esus D/F# E/G# Am F C/E Bb/C A/C# Dm7 G7sus G7

all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our

C Dm7 C/E F C/E Dm7 G7sus

CHORUS 2

15

voice - es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an of - fer - ing, we are an

19 C G7sus G7 C

of - fer - ing. We lift our of - fer - ing.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
 God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.

**We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

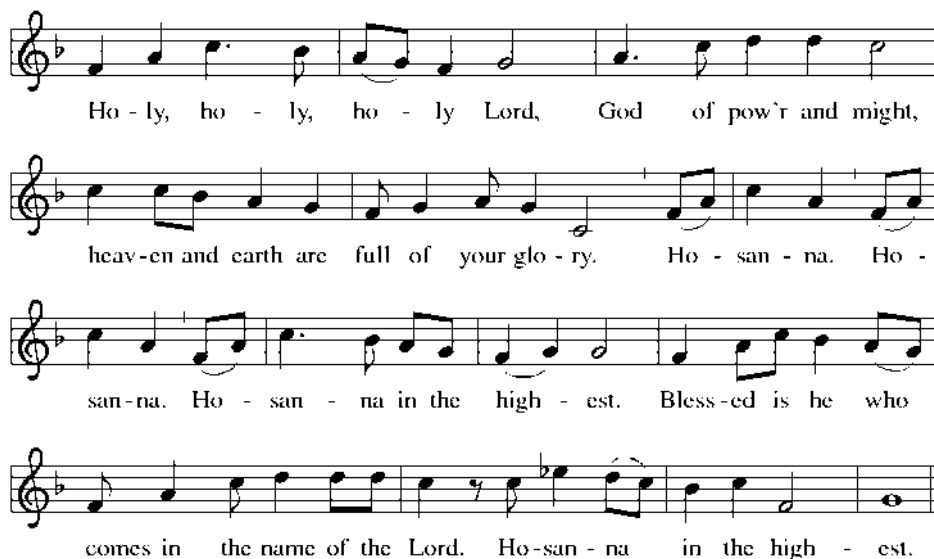
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW P. 144



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus invites you to this table.
 Come, eat and live.

LAMB OF GOD

ELW P. 146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG/HYMNS *Come to the Table*
Come Let Us Eat
Here is Bread

ELW #491
ELW #483

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

ELW #207



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed be your name, O God,
**for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.**

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of glory,

✠ Jesus Christ, name above all names,

and the Spirit who lives in you,

bless you now and forever.

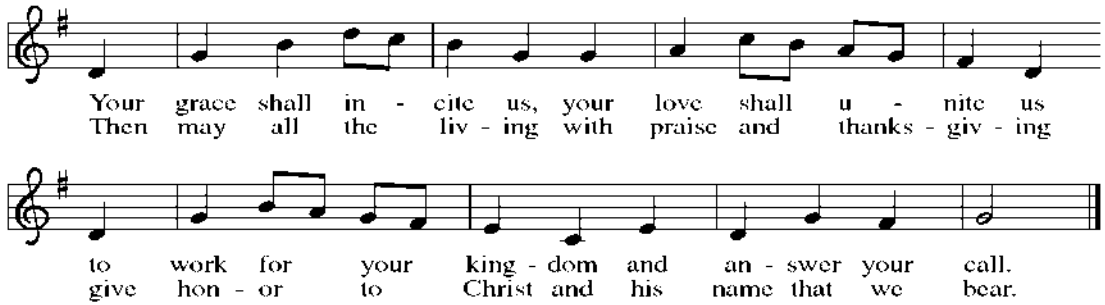
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW #547

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,
the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave,
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—
The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,
the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.
The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now
reach - ing, shall blos - som in ae - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing
to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

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ABOUT THIS WEEK'S TEXT

IN ISAIAH WE ARE GIVEN A VISION OF THE GREAT FEAST TO COME, WHEN GOD WILL WIPE AWAY DEATH FOREVER. IN JESUS' PARABLE ABOUT A GREAT BANQUET, THOSE INVITED DO NOT COME, SO THE INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO OTHERS. IN OUR LITURGY GOD SPREADS A TABLE BEFORE US. EVEN AMID ANXIETY AND HARDSHIP WE REJOICE IN THE PEACE OF GOD WHICH SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING. WITH GREAT JOY WE FEAST AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD, AND WE GO FORTH TO SHARE THE WONDERFUL INVITATION WITH OTHERS HUNGERING AND THIRSTING FOR THE ABUNDANT LIFE OF GOD.

THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

PETE ELLERTSEN, DEBI ELLERTSEN, PAULA TONELLATO,
NORM KOEFOED, IVY KOEFOED, HERB KIEL, PASTOR MARY, RON WEBER

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, or know someone who would like to be added to our list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card, send an email to peace.lutheran@comcast.net OR call the Office at (217)546-7646. Please note—for privacy reasons, we must have an individual's permission to add their name.

ASSISTING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15:

PRESIDING AND PREACHING: PASTOR MARY E. ZUPANSIC

ASSISTING: VERN KLEEN

USHERS: ELAINE UREKAR, LIBBY LETTERLY

POWERPOINT: LINDA RICE

CAMERA: MIKE HORN

MUSICIAN: BRENDA PECK

FELLOWSHIP: SANDI CARLSON

FLOWERS: JEAN NEPTUNE — TO THE GLORY OF GOD

ZOOM MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM — 9:30AM

DWELLING IN THE WORD — 10:45AM

FAITH FORMATION — 10:45AM

SUNDAYS@6 — 6:00PM (ZOOM)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

STAMP CLUB — 6:00PM

BOOK STUDY—THE INVITATIONAL CHRISTIAN—6:00PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING — 5:00PM

FULL COUNCIL MEETING — 6:00PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

CHOIR PRACTICE — 7:00PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM — 9:30AM

DWELLING IN THE WORD — 10:45AM

FAITH FORMATION — 10:45AM

SUNDAYS@6—6:00PM (ZOOM)



**THANK YOU, PASTOR MARY, FOR ALL YOU DO FOR OUR CONGREGATION.
YOU ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED TODAY AND EVERYDAY!!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS,
THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.

Matthew 6:21

THANK YOU FOR TURNING IN
YOUR ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD

Stewardship 2024

Reformation Oktoberfest Lunch

Sunday, October 29 after worship

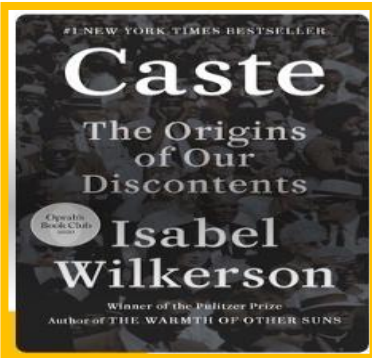
Join us for food, fun and fellowship!

Faith Formation/Fellowship committees are hosting a Reformation Oktoberfest potluck. Brats, hotdogs, hamburgers (condiments and buns included) and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share OR if you would rather offset the cost of meat, monetary donations will happily be accepted. There will also be fun activities!

Please RSVP via the sign up sheet on the cookie table so we know how much to buy!




ANNOUNCEMENTS



SUNDAYS@6

Join us for Sundays@6 as we go through a book study on Caste The Origins of our Discontents by Isabel Wilkerson. Sunday evenings at 6:00pm via Zoom. A link to the meeting is in News You Can Use. Contact Pete or Debi Ellertsen 217-793-2587 for more information.



Book Study
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**MONDAY EVENINGS
BEGINNING OCTOBER 9
@ 6:00 p.m.**

We have 3 books available.
RSVP BY CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE. First come first served.



REMEMBER TO TAKE A NAME FROM THE BOWL AND BE PRAYING FOR THAT PERSON THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



On November 5, All Saints Day, we will once again remember those disciple/members of Peace Lutheran who joined the Church Triumphant since last All Saints Day, as well as friends and family members who are now part of the Church Triumphant. Newly baptized individuals will also be named in prayer.

If you would like a family member or friend's name to be remembered during the worship service on November 5th please call or email the church office. Include name of the loved one and the year that they joined the Church Triumphant.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

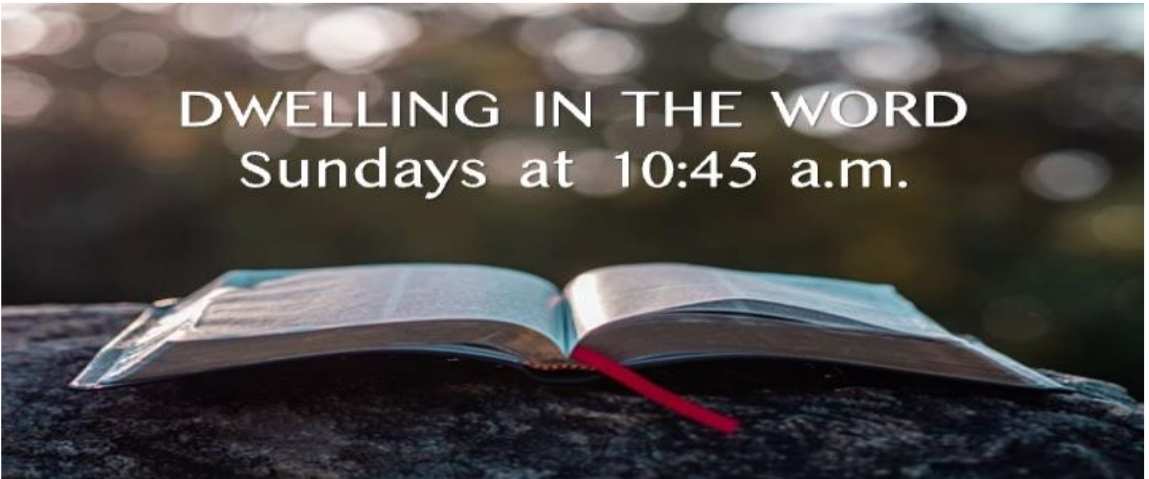
We still need a sponsor for December 31, 2023. We are now taking sponsors for the 2024 year. Please call the church office at 217-546-7646 and sponsor your Sunday

PEACE MICRO PANTRY

We are always taking donations for our Micro Pantry. For a list of suggestions, please see News You Can Use. This will be especially important for the winter months. Thank you to all who have donated and continue to donate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DWELLING IN THE WORD
Sundays at 10:45 a.m.



CROSS-GENERATIONAL FUN!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS, SCHOOL KITS AND PERSONAL KITS

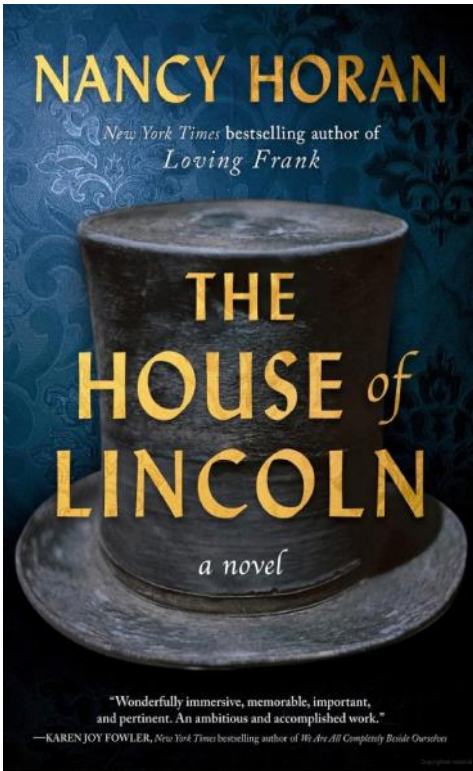
As we begin sewing quilts for 2024, here's a reminder about used sheets. Every one of our 73 quilt tops needed a soft used sheet for a ""back". If you are cleaning out your linen cabinet or closet and have some old sheets in the back, we would gladly use them for this project. They can be any size-we even use pillow cases to patch corners on fitted sheets. There will be a labeled tub in the room we store finished quilts for donations. Ann Becker or Tracy Scaduto know where they go if you need help. Thanks.

NEW BOOK IN THE LIBRARY

The House of Lincoln by Nancy Horan.

(Adult fiction)

Thirteen-year-old Ana Ferreira lands a job in the Lincoln household assisting Mary Lincoln with their boys and with the hostess duties borne by the wife of a rising political star. Ana bears witness to the evolution of Lincoln's views on equality and the Union. Along with her African American friend Cal, Ana encounters the presence of the Underground Railroad in town and experiences personally how slavery is tearing apart her adopted country. Culminating in an eyewitness account of the little-known Springfield race riot of 1908, "The House of Lincoln" takes readers on a journey through the tumultuous changes that reshaped America and that continue to reverberate today.



Upcoming Commemoration: Luke, Evangelist, Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.



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