



Twenty-First Sunday

After Pentecost

Sunday, October 22, 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

God Is Here! (vv. 1, 2 and 4)

ELW #532



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com- ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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 Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991
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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



	<i>Tu - ya</i>	<i>es la glo - ria,</i>	<i>la hon - ra</i>	<i>tam - bién;</i>
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.



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

2 *Tuyos los dominios,
 los tronos también;
 tuyos para siempre.
 Amén, amén.*

3 *A ti yo me rindo,
 te adoro también.
 amo absoluto.
 Amén, amén.*

4 *Gloria en las alturas
 y en la tierra también;
 gloria alehuya.
 Amén, amén.*

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.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

²I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM **Psalm 96:1-9** **READ RESPONSIVELY**

Ascribe to the LORD honor and power. (*Ps. 96:7*)

¹Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**
⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**
⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

SECOND READING: I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Lord and Savior (2 times)

ELW p.205





all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

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.

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+ THE MEAL +

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OFFERING HYMN

We Are An Offering

ELW #692

CHORUS 1

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G7 C Dm7 C/E F C/E

We lift our voices, 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 voices, 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 voi - ces, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an of - fer - ing, we are an

1 2

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.

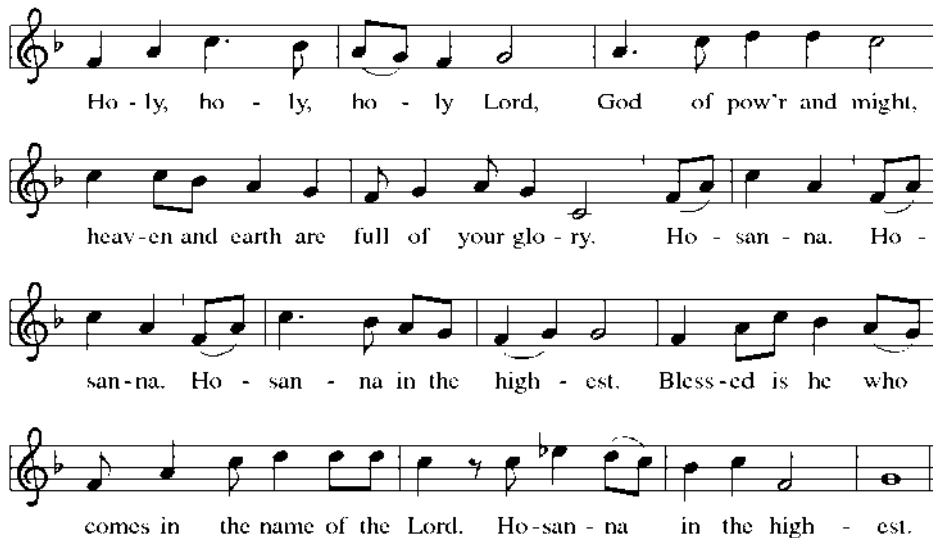
Lift up your hearts.

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:



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



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 *God You Reign*
Lord Be Glorified **ELW #744**
We Come to the Hungry Feast **ELW #479**

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



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

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW #705

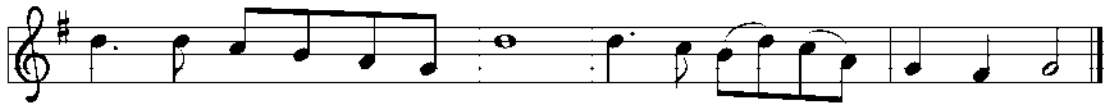
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

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ABOUT THIS WEEK'S TEXT

IN TODAY'S FIRST READING GOD USES THE GENTILE RULER CYRUS TO ACCOMPLISH DIVINE PURPOSES. WHEN THE PHARISEES TRY TO TRAP JESUS, HE TELLS THEM TO GIVE

THE EMPEROR WHAT BELONGS TO HIM AND TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD. TO GATHER FOR WORSHIP REMINDS US THAT OUR ULTIMATE ALLEGIANCE IS TO GOD RATHER THAN TO ANY EARTHLY AUTHORITY. CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD, WE OFFER OUR ENTIRE SELVES IN THE SERVICE OF GOD AND FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD.

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 22:

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MUSICIAN: BRENDA PECK

FELLOWSHIP: FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

FLOWERS: JANET RIGDON — **IN MEMORY OF JIM RIGDON**



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ZOOM MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM — 9:30AM
DWELLING IN THE WORD — 10:45AM
FAITH FORMATION — 10:45AM
SUNDAYS@6 — 6:00PM (ZOOM)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

CHOIR PRACTICE — 7:00PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

REFORMATION SUNDAY

IN PERSON WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM — 9:30AM
DWELLING IN THE WORD — 10:45AM
FAITH FORMATION — 10:45AM
OKTOBERFEST LUNCH — AFTER WORSHIP
SUNDAYS@6—6:00PM (ZOOM)

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

Matthew 6:21



PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

You're a great Pastor!

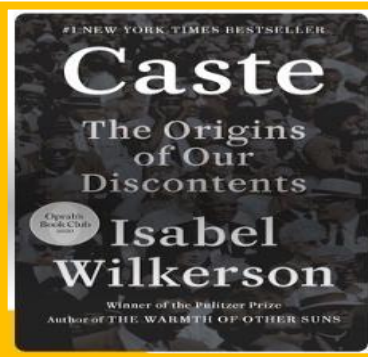
Your hard work and sacrifice are appreciated!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



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.

HELP US
STOCK OUR
MICRO
PANTRY
STORAGE
SHELVES



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!



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.

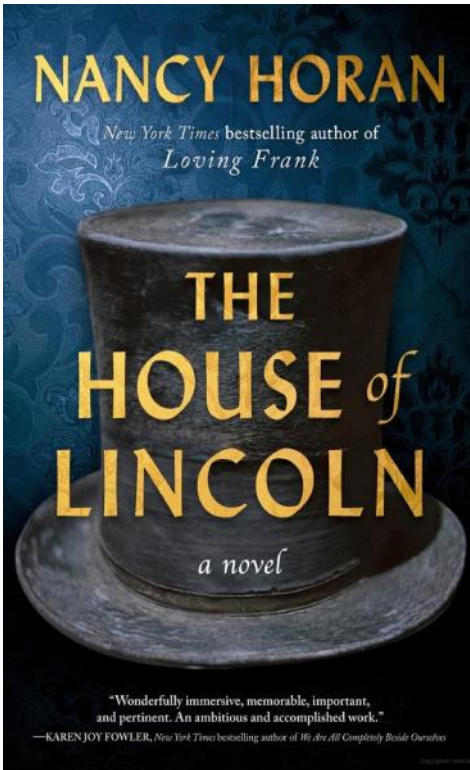
If you would like a family member or friend's name to be remembered during the worship service on November 5th please call or email the church office. Include name of the loved one and the year that they joined the Church Triumphant.



ALTAR FLOWERS:

THANK YOU to all who have sponsored flowers for our altar in 2023. All 2023 dates are now sponsored. We are now taking sponsors for the **2024** year. Please call the church office at 217-546-7646 and sponsor your Sunday now! Cost \$35.00.

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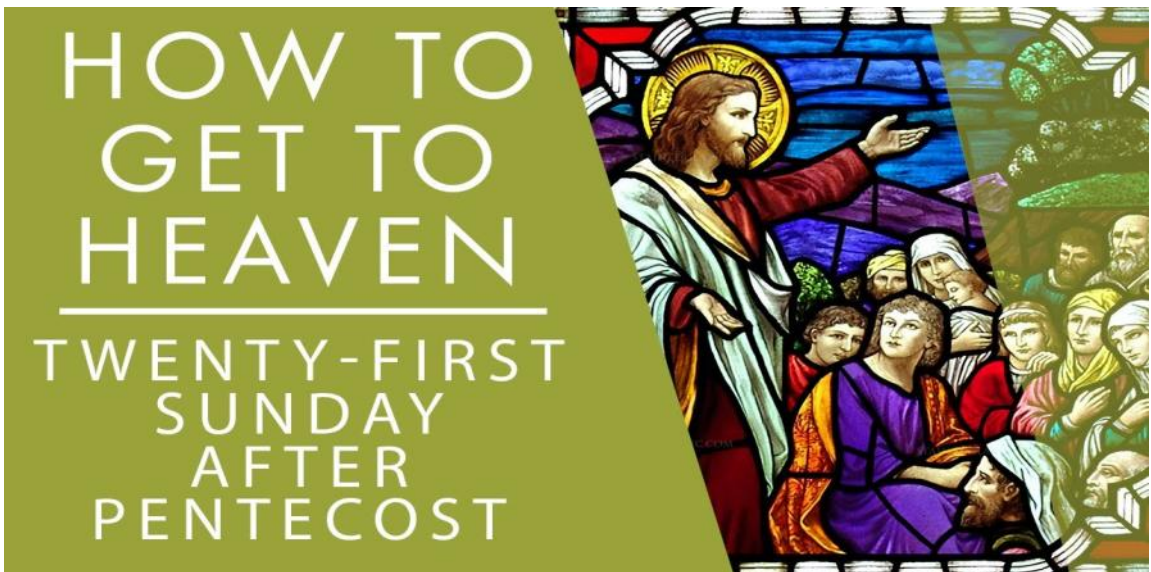


NEW BOOK IN THE LIBRARY

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Commemorations

**James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62
Monday, October 23, 2023**

One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

**Philipp Nicolai, died 1608
Johann Heermann, died 1647
Paul Gerhardt, died 1676
hymnwriters
Thursday, October 26, 2023**

These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

**Simon and Jude, Apostles
Saturday, October 28, 2023**

We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.



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