



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost
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Introduction

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

The Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,
we confess that we are not awake for you.
We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.
Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
Through ✙ Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

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Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

We Pray: **O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

The Word

First Reading

Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 70

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**
³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the LORD!”**
⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who

have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand to welcome the Gospel

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you , O Christ.

Sermon

**Prayers for Healing, Strength, and Good Health
Prayer of St. Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

The Sending

Blessing

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God,
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,

be with you today and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“This Little Light Of Mine”

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Dismissal

L: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church

For the week of November 8, 2020

Prayer Concerns at Peace Lutheran Church

FOR HEALING, STRENGTH & GOOD HEALTH:

Deidra Shannon (Terry H. cousin)

Megan Grabow (Shelby & Derek Sister-in-Law)

Navah DenHerder

Ervin & Florence Heidecker

Eric Sellers (Cancer)

Tammy McReynolds (Terry Halversons Sister)

Matt Ellerkamp (Brain Tumor Treatment)

Lea Madler (Lung Cancer)

Bonnie Heidecker (Throat Cancer)

Beth Fugle (Candy H. Sister- Cancer)

Holly (Cancer)

Sharon Meissel (cancer)

Lakin Dvorak

Jackson Portra & his Parents Jared & Mandy Portra

Tim Holdahl

Family of Don Mathias

COMMUNITY PRAYERS:

All those serving in the military & their families. Our partner congregations: St. John's Lutheran in Richardton & St. John's Episcopal of Dickinson partnering ministries: Lutheran Social Services, Badlands Ministries, the Ministries in the Central African Republic.

Announcements

Peace Lutheran's focus for October: Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Kool Gang and Confirmation students next service project is the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. This project fills shoe boxes with toys and other fun items and delivers them to children in need around the world. The congregation is invited to join the youth in collecting gift items for the shoe boxes. The pickle jars will also be

passed around in October to collect change to help cover the shipping expense of the shoe boxes. (Each shoe box costs \$9.00 to ship.) On Wednesday, November 11th the shoe boxes will be packed and delivered to a collection site in Dickinson.

The following is a list of appropriate items that you can donate for the shoeboxes.

A “WOW” Item such as a doll, stuffed, animal, soccer ball with a pump, shoes, musical instruments

Toys such as cars, jump ropes, yo-yos, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

Non-liquid Hygiene items such as toothbrushes, washcloths, bar soap, combs

School Supplies such as pens, pencils, crayons, notebooks, markers, sharpeners, coloring books, solar calculators

Accessories such as socks, hats, sunglasses, jewelry, watches, flashlights with batteries, hair clips

Please Do Not Include candy, toothpaste, gum, war related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers, or aerosol cans.

It's Time to Make Lefse Again!

Peace Lutheran will be making lefse this year on November 19, 20, and 21. Set up will be on Wednesday, November 18th starting at 5 pm. There are signup sheets at the church for members to donate the needed ingredients (potato buds, flour, margarine, salt, sugar, Ziploc storage bags, etc). Please sign up in person, email or call the church and leave a message. The best times to drop off donations are Tuesdays 1-4 pm, Wednesdays 8:30-Noon and 6:15-8:15 pm, and Sunday mornings. **PLEASE HAVE YOUR DONATED ITEMS TO THE CHURCH BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH!**

ALSO: Every precaution will be taken to make our lefse fundraiser a safe environment. Masks and gloves will be worn. However, if you would feel more comfortable at home and would like to roll lefse in your own kitchen, batches of potatoes will be prepared and available for you to take home this year.



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