

Peace Lutheran Church

*As disciples of Jesus Christ, we come together in love,
welcome all people into His grace, proclaim His Word,
and serve others in His name.*

2 Corinthians

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
to the church of God in Corinth, together
with all the saints throughout Achaia:
Grace and peace to you from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

All Comfort

the God and Father of our Lord
Father of compassion and the

understood us in part, you will come to stand fully that you can boast of us just as we will boast of you in the day of the Lord.

15 Because I was confident of this, I
to visit you first so that you might
twice. 16 I planned to visit you on my
Macedonia and to come back to you
edonia, and then to have you send
way to Judea. 17 When I planned
it lightly? Or do I make my plan
manner so that in the same
"and 'No, no'?"

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Now the Feast and Celebration

PRELUDE

WELCOME GREETING

INVOCATION

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,
we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.

Amen.

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

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NOW THE FEAST



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



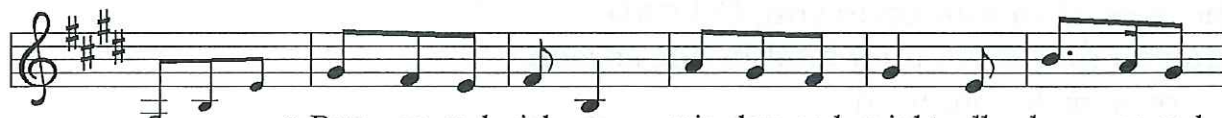
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

SALUTATION



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PSALM 145: 8-9, 14-21

- ⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.
- ¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.
- ¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.
- ¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.
- ¹⁹You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.
- ²⁰You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.
- ²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

GOSPEL 2 Corinthians 5: 1-21

The holy gospel according to 2 Corinthians.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling — ³if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have

died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

700

Bring Peace to Earth Again



- 1 Where ar - mies scourge the coun - try - side, and peo - ple flee in fear,
- 2 Where an - ger fes - ters in the heart, and strikes with cru - el hand;
- 3 Where homes are torn by bit - ter strife, and love dis - solves in blame;
- 4 O God, whose heart com - pas - sion - ate bears ev - 'ry hu - man pain,



where si - rens scream through flam - ing nights, and death is ev - er near:
where vio - lence stalks the trou - bled streets, and ter - ror haunts the land:
where walls you meant for shel - t'ring care hide deeds of hurt and shame:
re - deem this vio - lent, wound - ing world till gen - tle - ness shall reign.

Refrain



O God of mer - cy, hear our prayer: bring peace to earth a - gain!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

You take resources that appear to be meager, bless them, and there is enough. May your church trust that what you bless and ask us to share with the world is abundantly sufficient. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your bountiful creation offers sustenance and life for all creatures. Protect this abundance for the well-being of all. Reverse the damage we have caused your creation. Replenish ground water supplies, provide needed rains in places of drought, and protect forests from wildfires. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You offer yourself to all the nations and peoples of the earth, inviting everyone to abundant life. Bring the prophetic vision to fullness, that all nations will run to you and that nations who do not know you will find their joy in you. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Hear the anguish of tender hearts who cry to you in suffering and satisfy their deepest needs. Bring wholeness and healing to those who suffer in body, heart, soul, and mind. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You offer freely the fullness of salvation. Give our congregation such a welcoming heart, that our words and actions may extend your free and abundant hospitality to all whom we encounter. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For whom else do the people of God pray? Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You gather your saints as one, united in the body of Jesus. Bring us with all your saints to the heavenly banquet. We remember with love and thanksgiving the saints we have known. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 our duty and delight...we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things:
you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos,
and brought life into being.

For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts:

freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey,
a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you.

For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness:
forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death,
the way of your self-giving love.
For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us:
renew our faith, increase our hope,
and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need.
Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, ✝ Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Blessed Be the Name

Heri ni jina

797



- 1 He - ri ni ji - na, he - ri ni ji - na, he - ri ni ji - na la Ye - su.
 2 Twe - nde kwa Ye - su, twe - nde kwa Ye - su, twe - nde kwa Ye - su mbi - ngu - ni.
 1 Bless - ed be the name, bless - ed be the name, bless - ed be the name, Je - sus' name.
 2 Let us go to Je - sus, let us go to Je - sus, let us go to Je - sus in heav'n.



- He - ri ni ji - na, he - ri ni ji - na, he - ri ni ji - na la Ye - su. A - mi - ni!
 Twe - nde kwa Ye - su, twe - nde kwa Ye - su, twe - nde kwa Ye - su mbi - ngu - ni.
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- Al - le - lu - ya, al - le - lu - ya. He - ri ni ji - na la Ye - su. A - mi - ni!
 Al - le - lu - ya, al - le - lu - ya. Twe - nde kwa Ye - su mbi - ngu - ni.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Bless - ed be the name, Je - sus' name. Be - lieve!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Let us go to Je - sus in heav'n.



- Al - le - lu - ya, al - le - lu - ya. He - ri ni ji - na la Ye - su.
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 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Bless - ed be the name, Je - sus' name.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Let us go to Je - sus in heav'n.

