



# Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, November 10, 2024  
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.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** — "Be Thou My Vision", (Tune Slane (Irish)), James Pethel, arr., copyright 1989  
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Organist — Brenda Peck

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
our refuge, our delight,  
our beginning and our end.

**Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us  
and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,  
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us  
and we are complicit in its power.**

**We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.**

**Unbind us and set us free.**

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,  
that we may live just and generous lives  
for the good of your world  
and the care of our neighbors,  
following in the servant way of Jesus.**

**Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true:  
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,

swallowing up death forever.  
 For his sake, you are + forgiven  
 and God remembers your sin no more.  
 Let your heart be glad again,  
 and rejoice in your salvation.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*As Saints of Old*

**ELW #695**



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field  
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;  
 3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,  
 to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.  
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,  
 The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:  
 O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.  
 teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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 Music: FOREST GREEN, English folk tune  
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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

*This is the Feast*

ELW P.187

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the  
Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.  
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be  
peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
*Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of  
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -  
le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
*Final refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the  
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: I Kings 17:8-16

A reading from 1 Kings.

*This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.*

<sup>8</sup>The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup>“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I

may drink.”<sup>11</sup> As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”<sup>12</sup> But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”<sup>13</sup> Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.”<sup>14</sup> For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.”<sup>15</sup> She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days.<sup>16</sup> The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28**

A reading from Hebrews.

*The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.*

<sup>24</sup> Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

<sup>25</sup> Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own;<sup>26</sup> for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.<sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment,<sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44**

The holy gospel according to St. Mark the 12th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.*

<sup>38</sup> As [Jesus] taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup> and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup> They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

<sup>41</sup> He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup> A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contrib-

uting to the treasury.<sup>44</sup> For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**PASTOR MARY E. ZUPANSIC**


**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**


*Take My Life, That I May Be*

**ELW #583**

*Refrain/Estribillo*



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -  
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,




da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón  
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

*To stanzas* *Last time*



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.  
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té  
1 Take my hands and let them move  
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,  
3 Take my voice and let me sing  
4 Take my will and make it thine;





con - sa - gra - da\_a ti,            Se - ñor;  
at the im - pulse of            thy love;  
not a mite would I            with - hold;  
al - ways, on - ly for            my King;  
it shall be no lon - ger            mine;



que\_a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -  
take my feet and let            them be swift and  
take my in - tel - lect            and use ev - 'ry  
take my lips and let            them be filled with  
take my heart, it is            thine own; it shall



pul - so de tu\_a - mor.  
beau - ti - ful for thee.  
pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
mes - sag - es from thee.  
be thy roy - al throne.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, adapt.; Spanish text: Vincent Mendoza, 1875–1955  
Music: TOMA MI VOLUNTAD, William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956  
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## APOSTLES' 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

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church,  
and all of creation.

Merciful God,  
receive our prayer.

### THE SHARING OF PEACE

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

### + THE MEAL +

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### OFFERING HYMN

*We are an Offering*

**ELW #692**

#### Chorus 1:

**We lift our voices, We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You, We are an offering  
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands  
Lord use our lives they are Yours  
We are an offering**

**Bridge:**

**All that we have, All that we are, All that we hope to be  
We give to You, We give to You**

**Chorus 2:**

**We lift our voices, We lift our hands  
We lift our lives up to You, We are an offering  
We are an offering**

Dwight Liles

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**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,  
**you offered yourself in love for the world,  
and in this meal you nourish us with your life.**  
**Fill us with your abundance,  
that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,  
trusting in your name.**  
**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.

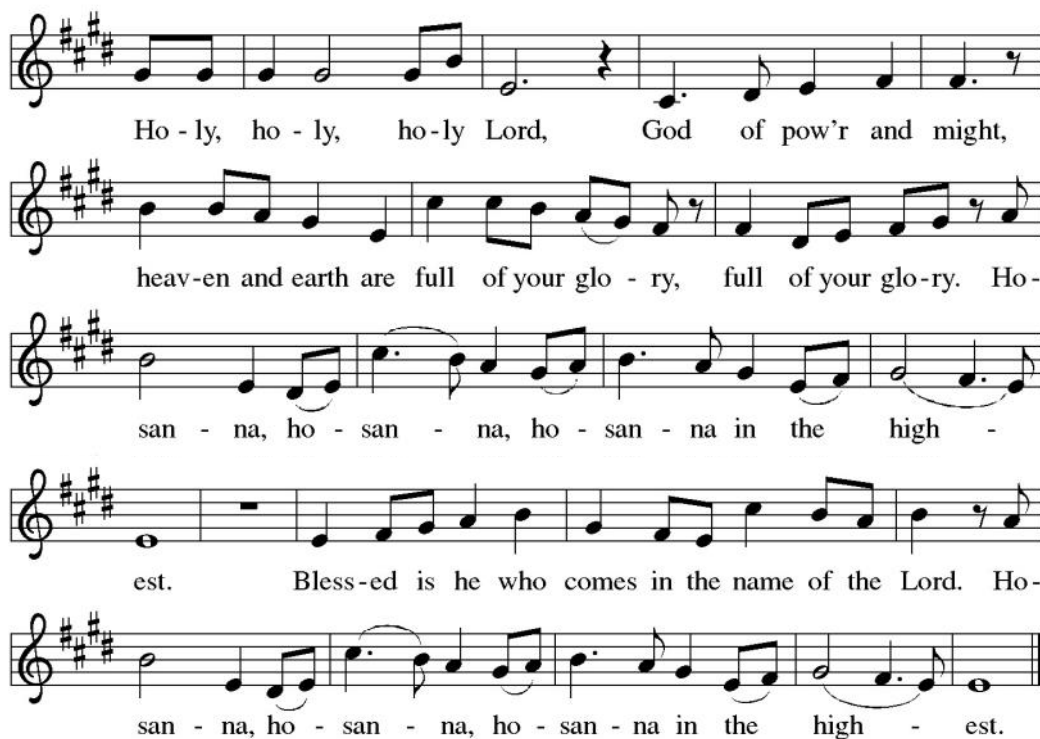
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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. 190



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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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

Behold, God is making all things new.  
Take your place in the new creation.

Thanks be to God.

## LAMB OF GOD

ELW P. 191



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

**COMMUNION SONGS**    *Because of your Love*  
*Blessed Assurance*

*Video Song*  
**ELW #638**

**TABLE BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray. Faithful God,  
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink  
in the body and blood of your Son.  
Now send us out to labor with you,  
in service to the world you have made,  
and among the people you have made your home,  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The Ancient One, enthroned,  
the Crucified One, now risen,  
the Indwelling One, poured out,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In*

**ACS #950**



1	Oh, when the	saints	go	march - ing	in,	oh, when the
2	Oh, when the	Lord	in	glo - ry	comes,	oh, when the
3	Oh, when the	new	world	is	re - vealed,	oh, when the
4	Oh, when they	gath - er	round	the	throne,	oh, when they
5	And on that	hal - le - lu - jah	day,			and on that



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that  
 Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that  
 new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that  
 gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that  
 hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.  
 num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.  
 num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.  
 num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.  
 num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Encourage one another in Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** — "Praise God", based on "Coronation" by Oliver Holden and "Hymn to Joy" by Beethoven, Hugh Livingston, Jr, arr., copyright 1984 Lorenz Publishing Co.

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## ABOUT THIS WEEK'S TEXT

WIDOWS ARE VISIBLE EVERYWHERE IN TODAY'S READINGS. JESUS DENOUNCES THOSE SCRIBES WHO PRAY IMPRESSIVE PRAYERS BUT DEVOUR WIDOWS' HOUSES. HE COMMENDS THE POOR WIDOW WHO IN HIS VIEW GAVE FAR MORE THAN THE MAJOR DONORS. JESUS DOESN'T SEE HER SIMPLY AS AN OBJECT OF COMPASSION OR CHARITY. SHE, LIKE THE WIDOW OF ZAREPHATH WHO SHARES HER LAST BIT OF FOOD WITH ELIJAH, DOES SOMETHING OF GREAT IMPORTANCE.



## **THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:**

PETE ELLERTSEN, DEBI ELLERTSEN, PAULA TONELLATO,  
NORM KOEFOED, IVY KOEFOED, GENE WALKER, NANCY KIEL,  
RAY STROH, PASTOR SALLY HOUCK, JUDY BARHOOVER,  
KEN HERSEMANN, PAUL EDGECOMB, JERRY JONES  
JESSICA BUCHANAN, JACK TIPPS, BILL SPINDEL

*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](mailto: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 NOVEMBER 3:**

**PRESIDING AND PREACHING:** PASTOR MARY E. ZUPANSIC  
**ASSISTING:** PATTI CHRISTELL  
**USHER:** ANDREA BERRYMAN  
**CAMERA:** MIKE HORN  
**POWERPOINT:** TRICIA GOTTSCHALK  
**MUSICIAN:** BRENDA PECK  
**REFRESHMENTS:** JANET KOCIS  
**FLOWERS:** SANDI CARLSON — **CELEBRATING FREEDOM**

## **ZOOM MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK**

<b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10</b>	WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM — 9:30AM DWELLING IN THE WORD — 10:45AM SUNDAYS@6 — 6:00PM (ZOOM)
<b>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11</b>	PROPERTY COMMITTEE — 6:00PM QUILTERS — 6:00PM,
<b>WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12</b>	LADIES BREAKFAST — 8:30AM FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE — 10:00AM FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE — 5:30PM (ZOOM) CHOIR PRACTICE — 7:00PM
<b>THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13</b>	EVANGELISM/FAITHFUL INNOVATIONS — 6:00PM
<b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17</b>	WORSHIP/LIVESTREAM — 9:30AM DWELLING IN THE WORD — 10:45AM SUNDAYS@6—6:00PM (ZOOM)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Sign up in the Narthex  
Orders due by November 19

6 1/2" — \$12.00

8 1/2" — \$45.00

### HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS FOR BLACKHAWK SCHOOL

November 10

80 Cans of Beef Ravioli

NOVEMBER 17

80 Cans of Pork 'n Beans



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ALTAR FLOWERS AND REFRESHMENTS FOR 2025

It is time to fill our 2025 Calendar with sponsors for Altar Flowers and Refreshments for each Sunday. Please sign up in the Narthex for as many dates as you would like to sponsor. The cost for Altar Flowers will again be \$35.00. Dates will fill up fast so choose your dates quickly! If you have any questions, contact Yvonne in the church office – 217/546-7646. For Refreshments contact Linda Rice at [Irice10650@gmail.com](mailto:Irice10650@gmail.com) or 217/494-2658.

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BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

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## **PASTORAL CARE**

If you would like a visit from Pastor Mary, or if you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor on her cell phone 920-671-4338.

