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ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns Peace: 345 704 411
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THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

Aug. 15 8:30 a.m. Worship at English

Aug. 15 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Aug. 17 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Aug. 17 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Aug. 18 Noon Bible Study

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our hymn of the day is *Renew Me, O Eternal Light*. In our epistle lesson, Paul declares that since we are now children of light, we must walk as children of light. But where do we get the power for this? We may be children of the light, but living a life of light is impossible on our own strength. So, we pray to the Eternal Light, Jesus Christ, that he would renew our hearts, our minds, and our souls, teaching us to love him and to seek him until we see him face to face.

A WORD: In our Old Testament reading, we find Israel in the promised land. God has led them through the conquest, causing cities and nations to fall and flee before them. They now have a home in which to dwell. In light of all the good things that God has done for them, Joshua asks them, "Whom will you serve?" He answers for himself, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." The Gospel reading shows us some the good things that God has done for us. He sent his Son to us as the living bread from heaven. Whoever receives the gift of Christ's body and blood in faith will live forever. In light of that good gift, whom shall we serve? As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Paul gives us an important reminder in the epistle lesson. He writes, "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things (the sins mentioned earlier), the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience." As those redeemed

by Christ, we are to live as children of light, refusing to participate in evil deeds because we know that God's wrath comes because of them. Instead, we are to live under the controlling influence of the Holy Spirit who renews our hearts and leads us to worship.

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: The crowds cannot accept the teaching that Jesus is delivering in His bread-of-life discourse. At Jesus' question of whether the disciples will leave too, Simon Peter knows there is only one viable option. There is nowhere else to go. Jesus alone has the words of eternal life. The same applies to us. Amid a multitude of voices promising life, Jesus is the only one with words of forgiveness and eternal life accomplished through His cross.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Isaiah 29:11-19 Ephesians 5:22-33
Mark 7:1-13

BREAD OF LIFE: Peace Lutheran will be volunteering to assist with Bread of Life on August 25th. **A free-will offering will be collected on August 22nd to help defray the costs of sponsorship.** Workers will need to arrive at 5:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you in advance for considering to assist with this project.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed to deliver Meals on Wheels August 30-September 3 and September 7-10. Please contact Lois Baatz at 472-3076 if you are able to assist.

SPECIAL REQUEST: A birthday card shower has been requested for Viola McKenney. She will be turning 80 on August 23rd. Her address is 2027 Garfield Avenue, Rock Rapids, IA 51246.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR AUGUST: Aug.15-Barb Phelps, Aug. 22-Ashlie Slotter, Aug. 29-Pamela Young

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect condiments-olives pickles, relish, mustard, ketchup, barbecue sauce, Heinz 57 etc. for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

USHERING TODAY is Team 1; Next Sunday is Team 2: Kevin Stueven, Dennis Reuvers, LeRoy Fick, Terry Dieren, Walt Dibbern, Scott Schneidermann

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN 345: HARK! A THRILLING VOICE IS SOUNDING

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Brief Silence for Inward Confession)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 111:1–5, 9; antiphon: v. 10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD,

studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him;

he remembers his covenant forever.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, you his saints,

for those who fear him lack nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:3–21

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE

John 6:68

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:51–69

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Reading

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN 704: RENEW ME, O ETERNAL LIGHT

SERMON

OFFERTORY

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C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.
C Amen.

HYMN 411: I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

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