

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST      AUGUST 22, 2021

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**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember: Marcia Neelly and Beverly Baker

**ORDER OF WORSHIP:** Order of Service   Hymns   686   Blue 19 (Gray 146)   857

### **THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:**

#### **TODAY    FREEWILL OFFERING FOR BREAD OF LIFE**

Aug. 22    8:30 a.m. Worship at English

Aug. 22    10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Aug. 24    10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Aug. 24    6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Aug. 25    Noon Bible Study

Aug. 25    5:30 p.m. Serve Bread of Life

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Our hymn of the day is *Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant's Way*. This hymn reminds us that Christ "lived his years in servanthood and in lowliness died." To follow Christ, we must bend low, "forgetting self." We must take a towel in our hands to wash the feet of others and not a "golden scepter." We must pray that God would help us walk the servant way. That prayer and attitude is what all of us need in order to listen and conform to Paul's words in Ephesians five. To take the godly way in marriage means taking the humble way of Christ in everything.

**A WORD:** In our Old Testament reading, God accuses his people of turning things upside down. At this moment in Israel's history, they were being threatened by Assyria. God had already laid out his plan for saving them, but preferring to handle things themselves, they made a military alliance with Egypt. They chose their plan over God's plan. Talk about turning things upside down. Jesus quotes our Old Testament reading in Mark. Like the people before them, the Pharisees had turned things upside down, choosing to uphold their own traditions even if it meant discarding God's Word. We are all at risk of choosing to prefer something to God, so we pray that God would protect us from such foolishness.

Our Ephesian's lesson is a difficult one. Paul calls for wives to obey their husbands in everything and for husbands to love their wives as Christ loves the church. As we will see in the sermon, this is really a call for each person to take their proper place in the family order so that the entire family can be given over to God. The husband must give up his own will, his own self-interest, and his own desires in order to love his wife as Christ loves the church.

Likewise, the wife must give up her will and self-interest in order to submit to her husband. The goal is not that one would dominate the other, but that each, having given up their own wills, would be able to give themselves completely to the will of God for his glory and their own blessing.

**ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER:** The Pharisees and scribes created the ceremonial tradition of washing hands as an attempt to keep the command of God all the more faithfully. However, they did the opposite when they replaced God's command with their own tradition. God's command does not need anything added to it; it only demands to be kept. All have fallen short of the glory of God. But thanks and praise be to God that Jesus has kept and fulfilled all of God's commands perfectly for us. All who are in Him keep it by faith.

**BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Deuteronomy 4:1-9    Ephesians 6:1-4  
Mark 7:14-23

**WELCOME** We welcome Sherwin, Ann, Lauren, Matthew and Amber Langholdt into membership at Peace Lutheran.

**THANK YOU** Daughters of Peace and Avis and Kathy for the visit, flowers and candy. We enjoyed having you stop by to see us.                    **Ray and Janice Delfs**

**BREAD OF LIFE:** Peace Lutheran will be volunteering to assist with Bread of Life on August 25<sup>th</sup>. **A free-will offering will be collected today 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. Her address is 2027 Garfield Avenue, Rock Rapids, IA 51246.

**ALTAR FLOWERS FOR AUGUST:** 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 2; Next Sunday is Team 3:** Paul Davis, Lowell Drenth, Paul Sindt, Warren Arends, Jerry Baatz, Eugene Johnson

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

**HYMN 686: COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING**

**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 26:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8*

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house  
and the place where your glory dwells.  
Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,  
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

Prove me, O LORD, and try me;  
test my heart and my mind.

I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O LORD,  
proclaiming thanksgiving aloud, and telling all your wondrous deeds.  
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.  
O LORD, I love the habitation of your house  
and the place where your glory dwells.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.  
**C** Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 29:11–19*

**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 5:22–33*

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**VERSE**

*Jeremiah 15:16a*

Alleluia. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Mark 7:1–13*

*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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**HYMN: WHITER THAN SNOW**

*Blue Hymnal 19; Gray Hymnal 146*

## 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  $\dagger$  give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## HYMN 857: LORD, HELP US WALK YOUR SERVANT WAY

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