

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST October 23, 2022

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IN OUR PRAYERS we remember: Beverly Baker, Mildred Peters

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Order of Service Hymns Peace – Blue 47 653 649
English – 646 653 649

THIS WEEK AT PEACE AND ENGLISH:

NO WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

Oct. 23 8:15 a.m. Worship at English

Oct. 23 9:00 a.m. Sunday School

Oct. 23 10:15 a.m. Worship at Peace

Oct. 25 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Oct. 25 6:30 p.m. Bible Study at English

Oct. 26 9:30 a.m. Quilting

Oct. 26 5:15-6:30 p.m. Confirmation

Oct. 30 LWML Sunday

Oct. 30 11:30 a.m. Voters Meeting

Nov. 6 4:00 p.m. 5th Sunday Service at Central Lyon High School Auditorium

HYMN OF THE DAY: Our theme of the week is *Jesus makes us children of God*. Our sermon hymn teaches us something about this theme by teaching us about God's family. Our world divides all people into different racial and ethnic groups, teaching us to find our identities in being White, Black, Asian, Hispanic, and innumerable others. But God would have us find our identity in Christ. In him, there is no east nor west, north nor south. Rather, there is one fellowship of love brought into being by God's Spirit.

A WORD: In the Gospel reading, we meet a Canaanite woman who begs Christ for mercy. Though initially rebuffed, she persists in her faith that Jesus has a blessing for her. In the end, she receives the mercy that she sought. In the same way, Rahab sought mercy from the two spies. She came to believe that Israel's God was Lord of heaven and earth, and that he had given the land of Canaan to Israel. Therefore, she sought mercy from the spies and she received it. Finally, our epistle reading teaches us that Christ is for all people. In him, there is no Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male and female, but all who have been baptized into Christ have been made one in Christ.

BIBLE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Revelation 14:6-7 Romans 3:19-28
Matthew 11:12-19

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER: Paul recalled his ministry, not for his own sake, but for the sake of Timothy, who was charged with carrying on with the preaching of the Word. Paul wanted for Timothy what he himself had lived and would die for. Let us also continue steadfast in the faith, proclaiming Christ, not merely for ourselves, but for the sake of the next generations, that they, too, may call upon the Lord and be saved (Romans 10:12).

THANK YOU: Thank you everyone who remembered me with cards or any other way for my 85th birthday. It was great to know so many of you still remembered me and wanted to send birthday wishes. I greatly appreciated every one of them. God Is Good! **Bob Fick**

VOTERS' MEETING: There will be a Voter's Meeting following the service on October 30th.

5TH SUNDAY SERVICE: The Rock Rapids Council of Churches is privileged to have Angela Kennecke as a guest speaker on **Sunday, November 6, 2022 at 4:00 PM** in the Central Lyon HS auditorium in Rock Rapids. Angela is well known for being a KELO news anchor for many years. After the tragic death of her daughter Emily, Angela started a charity called "Emily's Hope" because she never gave up hope on her daughter and now wants to offer hope to other families struggling with addiction. Emily's Hope has helped over 250 people with treatment scholarships. The charity also has developed a prevention education curriculum that is being piloted in 10 schools across South Dakota during the 2022-2023 school year.

ALTAR COMMITTEES: November Altar Committee at Peace is Kathleen Dieren and Donna Dibbern and at English it is Linda Wulf.

BLESSINGS JAR: The Third Sunday of every month, the Blessings Jar will be on the table in the sanctuary. If you feel blessed by having another birthday, anniversary, child, grandchild, or anything you feel thankful and blessed for receiving, you can place a donation in the Blessings Jar. All proceeds will be used for missions.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: If you wish to donate to the Scholarship Fund to assist Peace Lutheran members with college tuition, mark your offering envelope with the words "Scholarship Fund" and your donation will be put into that fund.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: The Sunday School department is collecting items for their Operation Christmas Child boxes. A list of items needed is located in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please contact Keri Davis at 712-348-2308.

RHYTHM OF BETHLEHEM: On December 4th, the United Methodist Church is excited to present the 10th annual Rhythm of Bethlehem! We are in need of performers and volunteers to make this night magical. If you are interested in performing or helping in any way, contact Sheila Maxwell at 712-348-1798. Come help us ring in the Advent Season!

THIS MONTH Daughters of Peace will collect personal hygiene products for Atlas. Thank you all for your support in our monthly projects.

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

HYMN: SHEPHERD OF LOVE

Blue Hymnal 47

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 56:10–13; antiphon: v. 3

When I am afraid,
I put my trust in you.
In God, whose word I praise,
in the LORD, whose word I praise,

in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can man do to me?

I must perform my vows to you, O God;

I will render thank offerings to you.

For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of life.

**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.**

When I am afraid,
I put my trust in you.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour down on us the abundance of Your mercy; forgive us those things of which our conscience is afraid; and give us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except by the merits and mediation of 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

Joshua 2:1–13

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

EPISTLE

Galatians 3:23–29

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

Matthew 15:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Service

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 653: IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

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 649: BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

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