

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Salt of the Earth

September 26, 2021

AS WE GATHER In our age of low salt diets and health conscious choices, it might seem that salt is always bad. But salt is a necessity of life. Salt is still used to purify, cure, preserve, and season. Once it was considered so valuable that it was also a commodity and a form of currency. Something so valuable could not be allowed to become tainted by impurity and then powerless to serve its purpose. The world cries out to know what we know in Christ, to hear the Gospel we hear proclaimed to us, and to rejoice in the power of God that we know to forgive sin, bestow life, and deliver salvation to us. Today, we pray in thanksgiving for the gifts and grace Jesus has made known to us, and we pray that we may be kept "salty" in this Gospel--so that we may faithfully witness and proclaim Jesus Christ to those around us that they may know the fullness of His grace and favor.



WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church – a special welcome to our guests! Please take some time during worship to fill out the attendance/prayer card, located by the bulletins as you enter the sanctuary. If you are a guest, we would love to receive contact information so we can respond to your visit with us today. Please place the card in the offering plate as it is passed.

OPENING SONG

“My Reward”

Paul Baloche

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all;

People: the earth is full of Your creatures.

Pastor: These all look to You, to give them their food in due season.

People: When You give it to them, they gather it up;

Pastor: when You open Your hand,

People: they are filled with good things.

Pastor: When You hide Your face, they are dismayed;

People: when You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

Pastor: When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,

People: and You renew the face of the ground.

Pastor: O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all;

People: the earth is full of Your creatures.

Pastor: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

People: may the LORD rejoice in His works,

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have heard the Word of our Lord. We know that our Lord calls us to be patient and content with the gifts He has given us, to be at peace with one another, and not to let sin get in the way of our following Him. But like those who came before us, we impatiently complain, quarrel, and allow our weaknesses to lead us into sin. Therefore we now confess our sin and ask God for mercy and grace and forgiveness. (*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*) Almighty God, we stand before You with the Israelites who complained about Your gift of manna in the desert, with the early Christians who prided themselves in their earthly possessions but ignored the poverty around them, and with the disciples who thought they were the privileged few who could work for You.

People: Forgive us for our impatience and grumbling. Shower Your mercy on our pride and blindness. Open our eyes to see You at work in the world around us. For Jesus' sake, turn us around to behold the daily bread You provide, to find the true wealth that You give us to share, and to recognize the one Church on earth, as those who call out to You because of Your great sacrifice for us.

Pastor: The Holy Spirit was poured out on the two men in the Israelite camp. God has worked faith in the heart of every true brother and sister in Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAISE SONG

"Move in This City"

Mark Cole

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ GOD'S WORD FOR US+

FROM THE PROPHET MOSES Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 (*Moses intercedes for the people after they complain about the diet of manna in the wilderness.*)

⁴ Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat!" ⁵ We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶ But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." ¹⁰ Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹ Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹² Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? ¹³ Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' ¹⁴ I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵ If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness." ¹⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. ²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ²⁶ Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹ But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

FROM GOD'S SERVANT, JAMES James 5:13–20 (*The Prayer of Faith*)

¹³ Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷ Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. ¹⁹ My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰ let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Mark 9:50b*

Pastor: Alleluia! Have salt in yourselves,

People: and be at peace with one another. Alleluia!

FROM GOD'S SERVANT, MARK Mark 9:38-50

(Jesus uses strong words to speak to us about sin in our lives.)

³⁸ John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹ But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ For the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. ⁴² "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁴ ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁶ ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ 'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S LESSON

MESSAGE SONG

"How Great Is Our God"

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S SERVANT: "Salt of the Earth" Mark 9:49-50

NICENE CREED:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

“Jesus Loves Me”

Chris Tomlin, Reuben Morgan, and Ben Glover

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Based on today's Gospel)*

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *(silence for prayer)* We pray for Your faithful servants in the Church as they look to serve You by proclaiming Your name to the ends of the earth.

People: Hear those who call on the name of Jesus.

Pastor: We pray for all those to whom You have entrusted governing responsibilities. We pray for the governments of nations as they seek to feed the poor, heal the lame, medicate the sick, and pursue the general welfare of people.

People: Hear those who call on the name of Jesus.

Pastor: We pray for all of us who have sinned against You, O Lord. Convict us by Your Law, that we may be thoroughly refreshed by Your Gospel. Enable us to acknowledge our grievous faults and turn toward You in genuine repentance.

People: Hear those who call on the name of Jesus.

Pastor: We pray for those who hurt in body, mind, or spirit. Relieve those who suffer as a result of natural calamity, war, strife, or disease. *(Speak the names of individuals for whom prayers are being requested.)* Lift these people up in Your gracious and eternal will.

People: Hear those who call on the name of Jesus.

Pastor: *(Other petitions are added here)* Hear us, O God Almighty; answer the prayers spoken upon our lips and remembered in our hearts. In Jesus' name.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: And now in the Words of our Lord, we are bold to say:

ALL: 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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Regarding the Lord's Supper

Peace Lutheran Church and the other congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod share the Scriptural belief that the Lord's Supper is a sacramental meal that brings us not only Christ's true Body and Blood with the bread and wine, but also the forgiveness of sins and strength to amend our lives

Those intending to commune with us may find it spiritually helpful to consider these questions:

1. Am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior?
3. Do I believe He makes His Body and Blood present in this Meal?
4. Am I determined, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to change my sinful life?

WE PREPARE

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We Lift Them Up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks for His glory.

People: We Give Thanks. We Rejoice In His Presence.

WE BELIEVE HIS WORDS: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: On the night when He was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying "Take eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." Therefore, remembering His death, believing in His rising from the grave, affirming His presence now, in this place, we obey His command. We await the gift.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

WE EXPERIENCE HIM IN HOLY COMMUNION: THE DISTRIBUTION

[Please follow the Pastor's direction.]

DISTRIBUTION SONG(S)

"Spirit Song"

John Wimber

"Knowing You"

Graham Kendrick

WE THANK HIM: PRAYER

Pastor: Our souls, give thanks to the Lord, and we never forget all His blessings. It is He who forgives all our guilt, who heals every one of our ills, who redeems our lives from the grave, who crowns us with love and compassion, who fills our lives with good things, renewing our youth like an eagle's. Give thanks to the Lord, all His

works, in every place where He rules. Give praise to the Father Almighty, to His Son Jesus Christ the Lord, to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts, both now and forever.

People: Amen.

GOD’S BLESSING IS PLACED UPON US [BENEDICTION]

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“Chain Breaker”

Jonathan Smith, Mia Fieldes, Zach Williams

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Pastor: Go in peace—Connect, Celebrate, and Serve the Lord! Let all the people say:

People: “Amen!”

*Permission for all lyrics used during worship – CCLI # 2647991
Copies of song lyrics are available upon request from the church office.*

Servant Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Sound/SongShow</u>
26-September	Yes	Don Sweeney	Onkens
3 October	No		

Notes & News

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS! We are so glad to have you with us for worship this morning. You are welcome to join us anytime. If you have an interest in joining Peace Lutheran Church or have questions about our ministry, please contact Matt Branham (812-216-3465).

For any Peace member in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Lohn Johnson @ (859) 361-3181 or he can be found in his office most Sunday afternoons.

Adult bible study is downstairs at 9:20AM. It will also be broadcast via zoom at the same time.

Children's Sunday School is also at 9:20 A.M.!

Sign-up sheets for Oktoberfest are posted on the bulletin board. Opportunities to serve are available September 30, October 1 & 2. Please sign up for a shift or two. We need lots of help to make this year successful.

THE ST. JOHN SAUERS MEN'S CLUB is having a drive thru **Soup & Sandwich** meal on Sunday, October 3rd, from 4pm-7pm. Menu: chili or chicken soup; fish sandwich or grilled hot dog, peach, cherry or apple cobbler. Free will offering. Come out and enjoy a delicious meal! Blessings on the harvest!

Trinity Lutheran High School is hosting a **Development Open House** on Tuesday October 5th at 10:00 AM. This event will include a tour of the school building, if desired a small tour of the outdoor facilities, and a presentation in the gymnasium. Our presentation will be a short overview of our ministry at Trinity Lutheran High School, how you can support our ministry and include a question and answer session. If you are interested please RSVP to Ryan Cremeans at: rcremeans@trinitycougars.org or call the school at 812-524-8547. You are still welcome if you do not RSVP and we will meet in the school commons beginning at 9:45 AM.

Lakeview Ministries is in search of their next Director of Operations to join the incredible team already in place. They are seeking a strong leader to supervise the staff at Camp Lakeview and Lakeview Villages and lead all aspects of the summer camp and retreat season programming. This is a year round, full time position with competitive salary and full benefits. To view the job description and submit a resume, visit www.lakeview.camp/work

USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES – Anyone wanting to add activities or use of church facilities should contact the church office at 812-523-3838 or Jeremy Wischmeier by texting or calling 812-498-9913. Thanks.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS – Announcements for the bulletin are due to the office by 8:00 A.M. on Thursday mornings. Thanks!