

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
First Communion Sunday
24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2026 **9:00 a.m.**

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Announcements, Silent Meditation, Personal Confession, Prelude

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP
"Melville Service"

OPENING PRAYER

P. Let us pray

Father in Heaven, we thank You for gathering us together today. Fill our hearts with Your Spirit, so that we may come to You with one mind and one purpose: to hear Your word. Open us to Your correction, encourage us with Your love, and strengthen us for Your service, whatever Your will might be. Bless our time together, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *"This is the Day"*



Text: Psalm 118:24
Music: Les Garrett
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***WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

P. Let us pray

Lord, we confess our sin. You have promised to provide for all of our needs, and yet we mistrust your promise. We know the futility of our own ambitions and our inability to do that which we desire. Today we recognize the sin within us, and ask that You forgive us. Lord, in Your mercy, give us daily bread, not only for our bodies – but as food for our spirits. Forgive our sin and cleanse us so that we are pleasing in Your sight and minister in Your service.

We Hear the Good News:

Our God is a great God. He provides for all our needs. He gives us daily bread and meets every spiritual need. Our sin no longer controls us. Our response to His love is the focus for our lives. The death of His Son, Jesus Christ, has paid the cost of our sin and has set us free to live in victory. We are forgiven. We are sons and daughters of the King. We are ministers to each other. Praise God for his daily provision of our every need. Amen!

PRAYER OF THE DAY
P. Let us pray
O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHOIR **"The Potter's Hand"** Words & Music by Darlene Zschech
Choral Setting by Lloyd Larson

FIRST LESSON Leviticus 16:1-10
[1]The Lord spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron who died when they approached
the Lord. [2] The Lord said to Moses: "Tell your brother Aaron that he is not to come whenever he
chooses into the Most Holy Place behind the curtain in front of the atonement cover on the ark, or
else he will die. For I will appear in the cloud over the atonement cover. [3] "This is how Aaron is to
enter the Most Holy Place: He must first bring a young bull for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt
offering. [4] He is to put on the sacred linen tunic, with linen undergarments next to his body; he is to
tie the linen sash around him and put on the linen turban. These are sacred garments; so he must bathe
himself with water before he puts them on. [5] From the Israelite community he is to take two male
goats for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. [6] "Aaron is to offer the bull for his own sin
offering to make atonement for himself and his household. [7] Then he is to take the two goats and
present them before the Lord at the entrance to the tent of meeting. [8] He is to cast lots for the two
goats—one lot for the Lord and the other for the scapegoat. [9] Aaron shall bring the goat whose lot
falls to the Lord and sacrifice it for a sin offering. [10] But the goat chosen by lot as the scapegoat shall
be presented alive before the Lord to be used for making atonement by sending it into the wilderness
as a scapegoat.
The Word of the Lord
Thanks Be To God

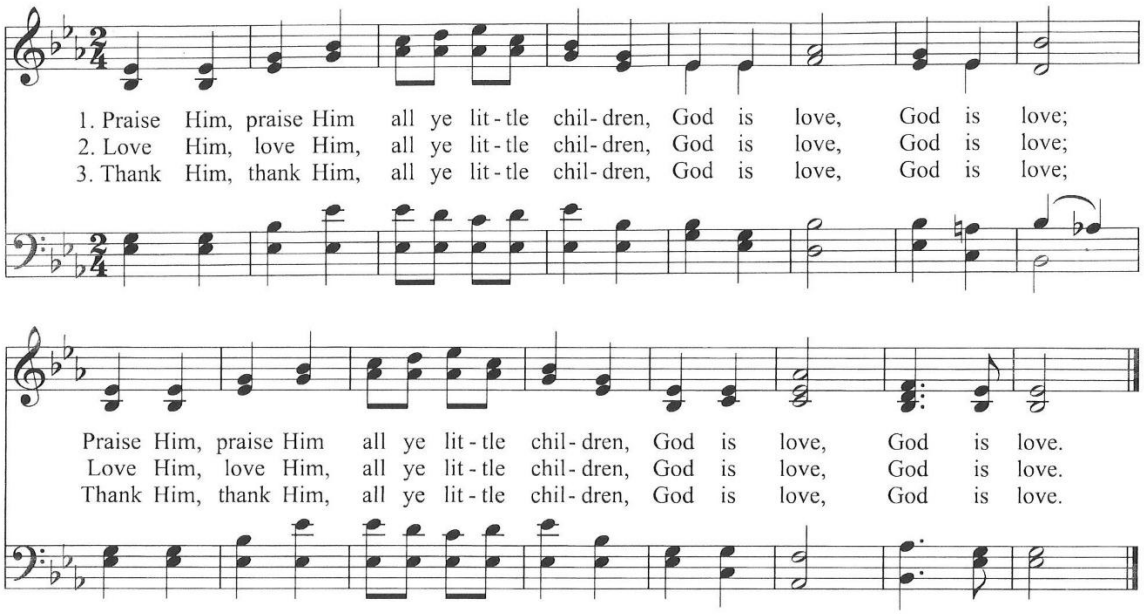
PSALM 70
[1] Hasten, O God, to save me; come quickly, Lord, to help me.
[2] May those who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin
be turned back in disgrace.
[3] May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!" turn back because of their shame.
[4] But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, "The Lord is great!"
[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; Lord, do not delay.

SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
[13] Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that
you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. [14] For we believe that Jesus died and
rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in

him. [15] According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16] For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.
The Word of the Lord
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise Him, All Ye Little Children



Text: Anonymous
Tune: Carey Bonner, 1859-1938

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 26
Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL Matthew 26:17-29

[17] On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?" [18] He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'" [19] So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover. [20] When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. [21] And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." [22] They were very sad

and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?" [23] Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. [24] The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born." [25] Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said, "Surely you don't mean me, Rabbi?" Jesus answered, "You have said so." [26] While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." [27] Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. [28] This is my blood of the[a] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. [29] I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

The Gospel of our Lord
Praise to you O Christ

1ST COMMUNION CEREMONY

First Communion "Q & A" Pr. Andrew Young

Claire Emilia Sorensen ***Finn Paulson*** ***Kane Tandy***

FIRST COMMUNION LITANY

P: *What is the Sacrament of Holy Communion?*
Candidates: Communion is the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, given to us in bread and wine. Communion was first started by Jesus, and is meant for us to eat and drink.

P: Jesus Christ's introduction of the Lord's Supper is found in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and in Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Jesus took bread and wine and presented it as his body and blood to his disciples. The Christian Church continues this sacrament to this day. *What benefit do we receive from such eating and drinking?*

Congregation: The benefit which we receive from such eating and drinking is shown us by these words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins," namely, that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

P: *How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?*

Congregation: It is not the eating and drinking that does this, but the words here written, "Given and shed FOR YOU for the remission of sins." These words, along with the eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament; and whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, namely, the forgiveness of sins.

P: Would those receiving their First Communion and their family members please face the congregation.

Congregation: We welcome you as communing members of Peace Lutheran Church and the world-wide Christian community. Together we will explore the mystery and wonder of Holy Communion and accept Christ's gifts of grace and salvation that come to us through this holy sacrament.

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, thank you for these young people who stand before us now. As they grow in years, deepen their faith in Christ and their trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for the parents and family members that support and love them. Use us all to help nurture their lives of faith as they grow-up as members of Your Family. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SERMON **"What Jesus Instituted"**

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"Jesus Loves Me"



Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.
Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

JESUS LOVES ME
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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
I believe in God, who created all things and continues to create new life within us.

I believe in Jesus – Son of God – Son of Man – The Savior of the World. By His life, His death, and His resurrection I can know the true depth of human possibility and experience the true joy of a meaningful life.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is present – now and always – calling us to faith, giving us His gifts and empowering us for service.

I believe that the community of believers called the Church can experience the fullness of life through the Word, the Sacraments and all that we do. Amen.

***THE PRAYERS**….let us pray
P. Lord in your mercy
C. **Hear Our Prayer**

***PEACE**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "*We Give Thee But Thine Own*"

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
And gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

***COMMUNION LITURGY** (we prepare our hearts and minds for Holy Communion)

***THE INVITATION**
P. Welcome to the celebration! God who supplies our every need has given us this meal to share.
C. **Lord, we thank You for the bread of eternal life.**
P. We come to the table, acknowledging our shortcomings and our need to experience His presence in bread and wine.
C. **Lord, we thank You for the bread of eternal life.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

***THE 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.

***THE DISTRIBUTION**

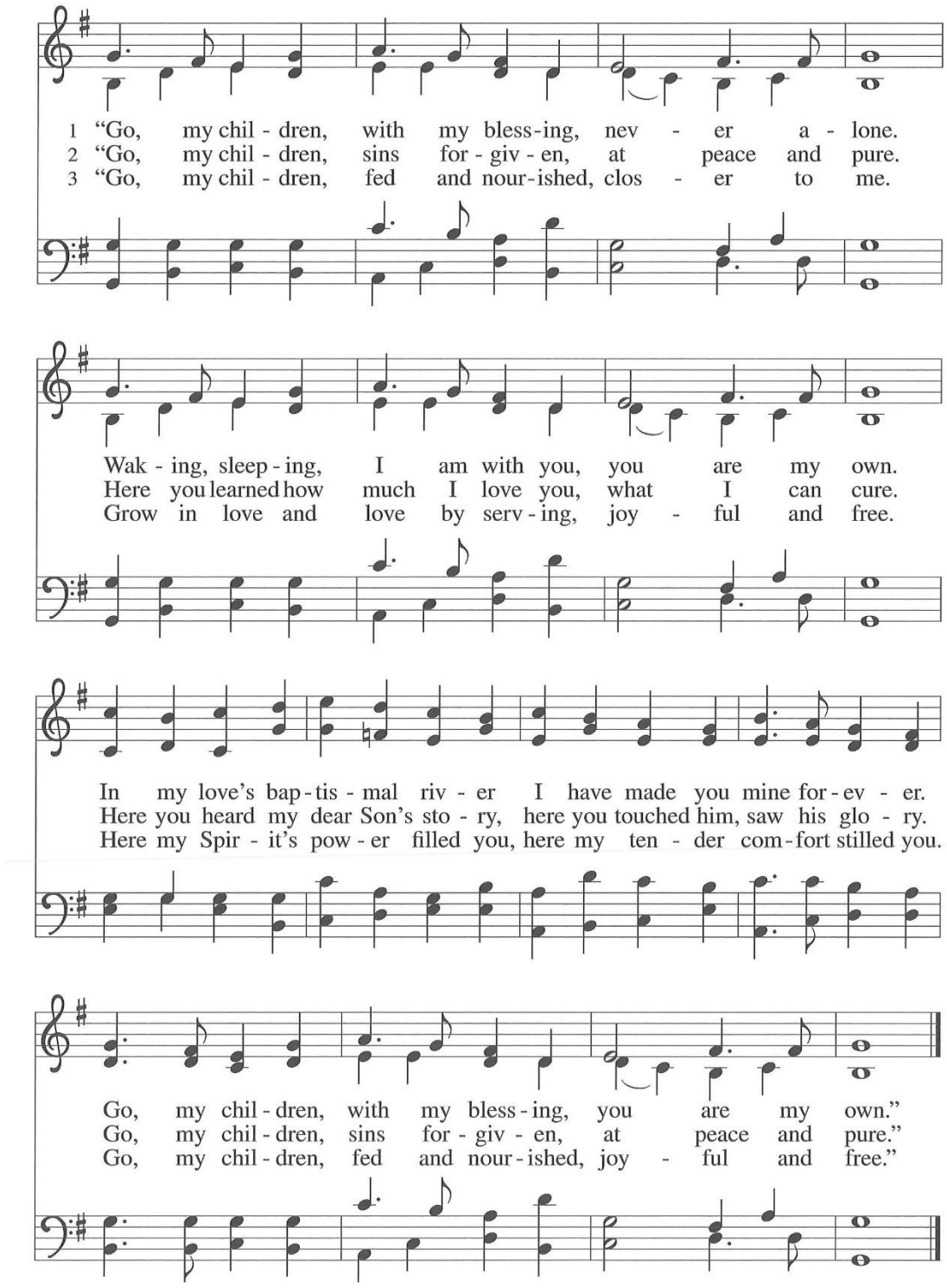
All who believe in the words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins" are welcome to come to the Lord's table. Grape juice is on outside rim of serving tray. All bread is gluten free.

***THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE BENEDICTION**

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Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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Arr. © Oxford University Press

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Go in peace and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

WE GO AND WORK IN THE LORD'S KINGDOM

Ministers: All who believe Pastor: Andrew Young

Piano:	Lorrie Hansen
Acolyte:	Anders Paulson
Flowers:	Lori Lanzendorf
Greeters:	Callin & Juel Bos/Kelsey Stevens
Reader:	Rick Moler
Refreshments:	Peace Lutheran Office Staff
Council:	Tiina Smith/Adam Byrd/Megan Paulson
Altar Guild:	Julie Hanson/Char Somers/Donna Mellinger

Prayers for Healing and Hope

Joe Sutton continues to recover from lung surgery. He remains in ICU. Please pray for improvement in kidney function, which will help his overall recovery.
Connie Holton is recovering from shoulder surgery.
Linda Miller's 10-year-old great niece Ava has been diagnosed with a rare cancer. Prayers for the family and the medical team treating her.
Mike Mattson's brother Peter and family thank Peace for the prayer support. He is home recovering. Please pray the cancer has not spread beyond his right kidney and that his remaining kidney will sustain his life..
Prayers for Annie K.'s parents….her stepdad who fell and is now paralyzed from the waist down, and for her Mom who is now the caretaker. Please pray for strength and healing.
Continued prayers for strength and health restoration for Vickie Streich
Jen Andres continues with cancer treatment. Pray for strength for her whole family!
Dee Feddes's friend Megan continues her battle with ALS.
Jodi Robbins continuing her cancer treatment; prayers appreciated.
Erin Waynes parents Bob & Judy Ficke, cancer treatment. Prayers for their medical team and recovery.
Dwain and Olive Lavinder, dealing with cancer.
Carl Watts, friend of the Young family…. wife Jane in a care facility because of advanced Parkinson's.

Prayers for Blessings and Encouragement

Christ's Gift Academy in Mbita**,** Kenya