



THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE
TREASURE HIDDEN IN A FIELD,
WHICH A MAN FOUND AND COVERED UP.
THEN IN HIS JOY HE GOES AND SELLS
ALL THAT HE HAS AND BUYS THAT FIELD.

Matthew 13:44

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Trinity, FL
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are blessed to have you worship with us today and we pray that the message of God's love that you hear today will be a blessing to your faith and life. If Peace Lutheran Church can serve your spiritual needs in any way or if you simply have questions about us and what we teach, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our contact information is at our website: www.peacelutherantrinity.com.

- **Restrooms** are located down the hall to the left of the worship space.
- **Connection Cards** If you are visiting with us, please fill out a connection card at the Guest Services table in back. Place it in the basket and pick up a gift of *Meditations*.

SERVICE NOTES

Today we see that true, spiritual wealth can only be found in God and his eternal blessings for us in Christ.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

Joel Schwartz

Guitarist (Recording)

Jim Denny

Piano (Recording)

Mara Blackard

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DIVINE SERVICE I

The Divine Service is a version of the Common Service. It is designed to focus us on Christ found in the Word and the Sacrament.

WELS CONNECTION

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.**

ABSOLUTION

M: God our heavenly Father has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Washed clean of our sins in Holy Baptism we enter God's presence to worship



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 2 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,
 3 Bap - tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it,



Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:
 Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:
 Marked with the sign of Christ our King:



Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing his prom - ise,
 One with his ris - ing, Freed and for - giv - en,
 Born of one Fa - ther, We are his chil - dren;



Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



The Word

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 3:5-12

Solomon chooses spiritual wisdom and treasures

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." ⁶Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day." ⁷"Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties." ⁸Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" ¹⁰The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹²I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 119b

Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees;

Then I will keep them to the end.

Give me understanding, and I will keep your law

and obey it with all my heart.

Direct me in the path of your commands,

for there I find delight.

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;

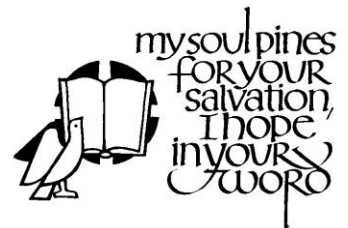
preserve my life according to your Word.

Fulfill your promise to your servant,

so that you may be feared.

How I long for your precepts!

Preserve my life in your righteousness.



SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:28-30

The surprising grace of God found us and gave us the ultimate treasure: predestined, called, justified, glorified.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 6:68

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

please stand

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 13.

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. "Yes," they replied. ⁵² He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

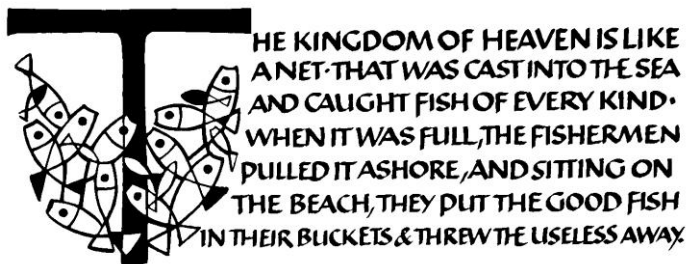
APOSTLES CREED¹

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.**

be seated



¹ *The Creed is faith's response to God's saving Word. We publicly profess the faith which we hold.*

Refrain

Where your treas-ure is, there your heart shall be.

All that you pos - sess will nev - er set you

free. Seek the things that last; come and learn from

me. Where your treas-ure is, your heart shall be.

- 1 What do you gain from all your worry,
 What you should eat or what to wear?
 There is no peace in stress or hurry.
 Do you not know that you are held within God's care?

Refrain

- 2 Look at the ravens high above you.
 They do not work their whole life through,
 And yet God feeds them and protects them.
 So how much more will God protect and care for you?

Refrain

- 3 Behold the lilies in their splendor.
 In grace and beauty they are dressed,
 And yet so soon their bloom is faded.
 So how much more will those who look to God be blessed?

Refrain

- 4 O little flock, do not be frightened;
 Yours is the kingdom of the Lord.
 Give your possessions to the needy;
 Obtain a treasure in God's heaven safely stored.

Refrain

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SERMON

Romans 8:28-30 (same as second lesson)

Theme: Called to the Good Life

OFFERING

"If the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. -2 Corinthians 8:12. God wants us to give in proportion to the gifts he has given to us.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, heavenly Father, we praise You for Your Words which give light and understanding. **We praise You for dealing with us according to Your steadfast love.**

May we not complain, O Lord, that we do not understand your ways. **Lord teach us to pray for Christian wisdom and understanding.** Strengthen us who gather here that we may value Your perfect will more than earthly wealth. **Forgive us for not valuing the treasures hidden in Your Word. We like to worry about all the things that can go wrong in this life rather than remember Your sure promise that all things work together for good to those who love You.**

Guide us by Your Holy Spirit to choose that which is truly valuable in life. **Help us to arrange our priorities in accordance with that which will advance Your kingdom.**

All this we bring to You in the name of your Son Jesus, and our private prayers...*Silent Prayer.*

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

CLOSING HYMN

♪ **Jesus, priceless treasure, Fount of purest pleasure, Truest friend to me.
Ah, how long in anguish Shall my spirit languish, Yearning, Lord, for thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide thee, Naught I ask beside thee.**

♪ **In thine arms I rest me; Foes who would molest me Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking, Ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash And thunders crash;
Yet, tho' sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.**

♪ **Hence, all earthly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure; Jesus is my choice.
Hence, all empty glory! Naught to me thy story Told with tempting voice.
Pain or loss Or shame or cross
Shall not from my Savior move me Since he deigns to love me.**

♪ **Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father, Though the storms may gather, Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear, Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!**

*Text: Johann Franck, 1618–77, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-2, 4-5, alt;
The Lutheran Hymnal, St. Louis, 1941, st. 3.*

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP LOCATION

Starting August 2

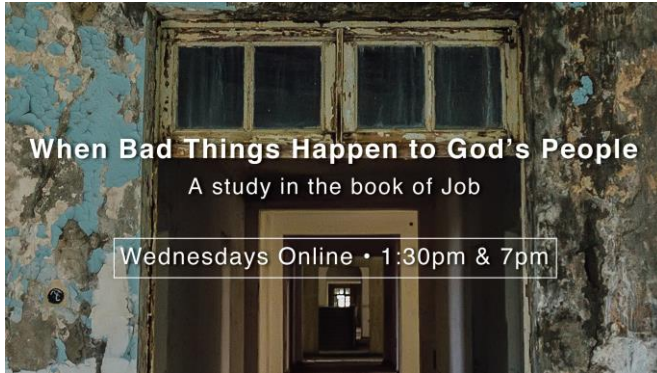
As of Friday, July 24, we have been approved to return to worship at Trinity Elementary School on Sunday, August 2. Our worship guidelines will remain in place striving to keep all who worship with us safe. For the safety of our church family, the elementary school staff and teachers, and our community, the elementary school requires us to report any known cases of COVID-19 among those who have worshipped with us at the school. If you or a family member tests positive and have worshipped recently, please alert Pastor Schwartz immediately. Continue to check our website and Facebook page for updates.

CALENDAR

THIS SUNDAY	9:00 am	Worship @ Trinity Mtg Center
	10:15 am	Worship @ Trinity Mtg Center
	11:15 am	Bible Study @ Trinity Mtg Center/Online
WEDNESDAY	1:30 pm	<i>Cross Connections</i> Bible Study Online
	7:00 pm	<i>Cross Connections</i> Bible Study Online
SUNDAY, AUG. 2	10:00 am	Worship @ Trinity Elementary School
	11:15 am	Bible Study @ Trinity Elementary School

FRUITS OF FAITH

Worship Attendance 7/12:	19
Worship Attendance 7/19:	50
Cumulative gifts given in June 2020:	\$13,101
Budgetary funds needed for June 2020:	\$14,056
Cumulative gifts given in July 2020:	\$10,575
Budgetary funds needed for July 2020:	\$15,770
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Total cong. commitment for "Building Peace for the Future":	\$159,942
Total gifts and pledges received to date:	\$164,630



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Mission Statement

*Peace Lutheran's mission is to build a Christ-centered community on God's Word
Growing in God's grace
Telling of his love to all people*

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