

BLESSED BY THE TRIUNE GOD

NUMBERS 6:22-27

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Evangelical Lutheran Synod

“NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD”

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Divine Service

Sunday – 8:30 & 10:00 AM; Wednesday – 6:30 PM

JUNE 16, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST –
THE HOLY TRINITY

WELCOME TO PEACE! – The purpose of our congregation is to worship God, who gives life through Word and Sacrament; to serve one another in love and fellowship; and to proclaim forgiveness and salvation to all through Jesus Christ alone.

PARENT'S ROOM

A room is available if your little one needs a moment. It is the first room on the right as you walk into the church building. Sound and video are piped into the room to enable you to hear and see the service. Changing tables are in both restrooms.

FACILITIES

Restrooms are located down the hall and on the right side.



An induction loop is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users. To use, please switch your hearing aid to “T.”

BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet minutes in prayer before the service. Review the lessons, the service notes, and pray this prayer:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by Your eternal Spirit, and manifesting Your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship You, one true immortal God, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever. Amen.

THE DIVINE SERVICE
Rite 4, p. 107
THE LUTHERAN “CHORALE” SERVICE¹

OPENING HYMN #76 *“FATHER, WE PRAISE THEE”*

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

P: Praise the Lord who forgives all sins,

C: **His mercy endures forever.**

P: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may love and honor Your Name!

C: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of the world: We confess that we have sinned against Your divine majesty by thought, word, and deed, provoking Your wrath against us. We earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for our sins. We grieve to think of them. Their burden is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, gracious Father! Forgive us our sins for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that we may serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

P: Lift up your hearts! The Lord God, according to His promise, is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. By the command of Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you!

C: **Amen.**

THE GLORIA HYMN #410 *“GLORY BE TO GOD THE FATHER”*

THE COLLECT

P: Let us pray...one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

¹ This morning we are making use of the Lutheran Chorale Service (ELH Rite 4, p. 107). This service uses congregational singing to respond to the pastor’s reading of the Word. It has been called “an occasion for actively and joyously proclaiming the Gospel anew”. This form put the liturgy in the hands of the common folk instead of relying on the singing of a professional choir.

THE PSALM - 67

Refrain

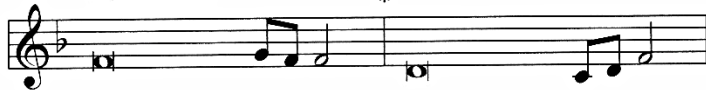


Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone



May God be gracious to us and bless us*
and make his face shine upon us;

may your ways be known on earth,*
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,*
for you rule the peoples justly
and guide the nations of the earth.

Refrain

Then the land will yield its harvest,*
and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,*
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**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.**

Refrain

THE LESSON – NUMBERS 6:22-27

²²The LORD told Moses ²³to speak to Aaron and to his sons and to tell them to bless the Israelites with these words:

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you.

²⁵The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

²⁶The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.

²⁷In this way they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

THE EPISTLE – ROMANS 5:1-5

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God.

³Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, ⁴and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. ⁵And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – JOHN 16:12-15

¹²"I still have many things to tell you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. For he will not speak on his own, but whatever he hears he will speak. He will also declare to you what is to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵Everything the Father has is mine. This is why I said that he takes from what is mine and will declare it to you.

THE ATHANASIAN CREED²

P: Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith. Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever. Now this is the true Christian faith:

C: **We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the substance.**

² The Athanasian Creed is the Christian church's wonderful and profound confession of the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. This creed takes its name from the influential Egyptian bishop and theologian of the 4th century, Athanasius, who was once thought to be its author. Because of its length, it is not recited in church on a regular basis. However, many congregations use it on Trinity Sunday. This creed, along with the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed, is one of the three ecumenical creeds that have been universally accepted and confessed by the Christian church since ancient times.

- P: For each person – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – is distinct,
- C: but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**
- P: What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.
- C: The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
- P: The Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C: The Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;**
- P: yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,
- C: just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.**
- P: In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- C: yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.**
- P: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- C: yet they are not three Gods, but one God.**
- P: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- C: yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
- P: For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,
- C: so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords. The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone. The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone. The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.**
- P: So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- C: And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.**
- P: Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity. It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ took on human flesh. Now this is the true Christian faith:
- C: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.**
- P: He is God,

- C: eternally begotten from the nature of the Father,**
P: and he is man,
C: born in time from the nature of his mother, perfect God, perfect man, with rational soul and human flesh,
P: equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;
C: and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one, one not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;
P: one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person; for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ.
C: He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.
C: At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.³
P: This is the true Christian faith.
C: Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

THE CHIEF HYMN #80 “O BLESSED HOLY TRINITY”

THE SERMON – NUMBERS 6:22-27 BLESSED BY THE TRIUNE GOD

THE HYMN #592 “PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P: Let us pray. Holy, Holy Holy is Your name, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**
C: Our hearts sing the praise of Your name, dear heavenly Father, for You are our creator and preserver.
P: Especially do we remember Your great love in sending Your own Son and offering Him up for our eternal redemption.
C: Our hearts sing the praise of Your name, dear Savior Jesus Christ, for the love with which You loved us in suffering and dying for our sins on the cross.
P: In You, the Son of God and Son of Man, we find hope, joy, and peace – yes, eternal salvation!

³ This part of the Athanasian Creed relays the truths that Jesus tells us in Matthew 25 concerning judgement day. Namely, the truth that the works of believers will be brought to light in the judgment as evidence of their faith in Christ, while the lack of good works of unbelievers will be mentioned as evidence of their lack of faith.

- C: Our hearts sing the praise of Your name, dear Holy Spirit, for You have revealed God’s truth to mankind, and through it have called us to faith and forgiveness.**
- P:** And without Your continual sanctifying work in us through the gospel we could neither grow in our faith nor walk pleasing to God by keeping His commandments.
- C: O Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we praise You now and forever for Your marvelous works, and for the undeserved love and mercy which You continually show toward us.**

(intercession for special needs may be made at this time.)

P: Into Your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Grant us Your peace, O Lord! Amen!

THE OFFERING

The members of Peace Lutheran Congregation have joined together to do the Lord’s work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.”

Proverbs 3:9

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

DUET DURING OFFERING – MEDLEY: “HE LOVES ME, TOO” AND “BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR”

Our Heav’nly Father made the flowers,
 He paints them with perfume.
 If God so loves the little flow’rs,
 I know He loves me too,
 I know He loves me too.

“Beautiful Savior” vs. 2

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
 Robed in flow’rs of blooming spring;
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
 He makes our sorr’wing spirit sing.

Our Heav’nly Father made the birds,
 He shows them what to do.
 If God so loves the little birds,
 I know He loves me too,
 I know He loves me too.

“Beautiful Savior” vs. 3

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,

Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

God made the little birds and flowers
And all things large and small;
He'll not forget His little ones;
I know He loves them all,
I know He loves them all.

THE COLLECT

P: Let us give thanks and pray:

We thank You, Lord God the Father, that You have given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. We thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions. We thank You, Lord, the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation, except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. O God, grant us Your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven for the sake of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit, that, in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may day by day put off sin, and never forsake the Lord Jesus Christ, until we see Him face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

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.

CLOSING HYMN #15 "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY"

Thank you to those who served in our service today:

Duet: Adie Harstad, Mike Madson;

Ushers: 1st – Philip Wels, Jason Westman; 2nd – Al Clennon, Mark Zenk;

Organist: Rachel Lowrey.

To God be the Glory!

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Announcements

This week's schedule, June 16 – 23:

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| Sunday: | 8:30 & 10:00 AM | Divine Service |
| Wednesday: | 6:30 PM | Divine Service |
| Friday: | 6:00 PM | ELS/WELS Singles Cookout |
| Sunday: | 8:30 & 10:00 AM | Divine Service with Holy Communion |

Important upcoming events:

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| June | | Group 1 – Refreshments |
| June 23-27 | | Evangelical Lutheran Synod Convention @ BLC |
| June 30 | 11:00 AM | Annual Voters' Meeting |
| July 2 | 7 PM | Chris Driesbach Christian Concert |



Annual Meeting – This year's annual voters' meeting will be held following the 10am service on June 30th. The meeting will be held for the election of new Board members, the approval of the budget for the next fiscal year, and more. Voters are especially encouraged to come and carry out their duty for the church. Everyone is invited to attend.



Children's Summer Music – Due to a lack of interest and participation, the Children's summer music program has been discontinued.



ELS & WELS Singles Cookout – All area ELS/WELS Lutheran Singles, age 21+, are invited to meet at Peace Lutheran in North Mankato on **June 21st at 6pm** for a cookout and outdoor fun (weather permitting, otherwise we will meet indoors). Burgers and brats will be provided and we will have S'mores.

Bring a side dish to share, any games you would like to play, and a chair! Please RSVP at tinyurl.com/peacecookout if you can come. We look forward to seeing you there.



Members of Peace! You are invited to celebrate Kiara's graduation with us. A graduation reception will be held on **Saturday, June 22nd, from 1-4PM** at the Riehl household, 1118 Lori Lane, Mankato.

Upcoming YOUTH Activities (see more information on the bulletin boards)

Camp Indianhead (ages: 11 – 16) in Henning, MN, July 7th to 12th

LYA Convention (9th - 12th grade) at BLC, July 25th - 28th. Register at www.els.org/lya19.

(Peace will reimburse half of the registration fee to attend Camp Indianhead or LYA)



Chris Driesbach Christian Concert – Mr. Chris Driesbach of the Wisconsin Synod will be performing a Christian music concert at Peace on Tuesday, July 2nd, at 7pm. Chris’ music is intended for kids and adults alike. Throughout the concert Chris will be sharing his story of how he came out of atheism and was brought to faith in Jesus Christ. We will be having a potluck at 6 p.m. before the concert, please bring a dinner dish to share! Hope to see you then!



Softball season is here! The game on Monday, June 17th, is a double-header at Caswell Park! **Games are 6:15pm, field 6 and 7:15pm, field 4.** Any questions, please contact Chris Harstad at harstadck@gmail.com, cell: 507-351-9988.



Pantry Shower for Principal Pavelchik & Family – Mt. Olive Lutheran School will be welcoming a new Principal and 6th grade teacher this next school year! Adam and Mandy are joining the Mount Olive faculty and moving to Mankato on June 28th. Please help us in welcoming them with a pantry shower! Boxes will be available in the narthex of both Mt. Olive and Peace on June 16th and June 23rd for your contributions. Ideas for the pantry shower are paper products (plates, napkins, paper towels), plastic spoons and forks, toilet paper, soap, toiletries, food to stock their cupboards, gift cards, etc. The boxes will be delivered to their new home before their June 28th arrival.



This summer, join the M.O.M.s study group at the park! All are welcome to join us **Thursday mornings** for our summer park playdates beginning Thursday, June 6. Park playdates are come and go, **from 9-noon**, and you are welcome to pack a lunch and picnic if you like. Thursday mornings in June, we will be at Alexander Park. Thursdays in July, we will be at Sibley Park. It is a chance to get the kids out to play, and the parents to connect with other Christian parents. Dads welcome, too! If raining, the playdate is cancelled. We hope to see you there! Questions? Email Heidi Graham at heidijennifergraham@gmail.com.



Jesus’ Lambs at Peace Preschool is preparing for a brand new school year, starting this fall. Our theme this year is from Psalm 121:2 'My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!' In preschool we explore the many facets of God’s wonderful world, always pointing out that He is our Creator. In His Holy Word, He shows us, in Jesus, how much He loves and cares for us. Your child will hear this special message each day as we prepare your child for Kindergarten. We currently have room for two students in our T/Th program and eleven students in our M/W/F p.m. session. Please call us at 385-1386 for more information or to have a tour.



Last week at Peace:

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| Sunday | 310 |
| Wednesday | 200 |



To watch our service live, go to: www.peacemankato.com/live-streaming. The service will start automatically when it is live (8:30AM). For recorded services, go to www.vimeo.com/peacemankato and you can choose which service to watch.

Host Parents Needed – MVL is looking for families who would be willing to host international students for the 2019-20 school year. Students typically arrive in mid-August and stay with the host family until the end of May. Compensation for host families is provided. Contact the MVL office at 507.354.6851 or MVL's Principal, Dr. Tim Plath, at tplath@mvlhs.org for more information.

MVL Classic on July 8 – You're invited to the New Ulm Country Club on Monday, July 8, to support tuition assistance for a Christ-centered education at MVL! \$125 for golfers, which includes lunch, 18 holes with a shotgun start at noon, a cart, and dinner. \$25 for the new tasting & live music evening event starting at 6pm, which includes a wide sampling of beverages, hors d'oeuvres, live music by MVL alumni Greta Bloedel and Mizha Overn, and a take-home wine glass. Visit mvl.org/golf-classic or contact Kristin at kmatzke@mvlhs.org to register today!

Jesus Loves Me Learning Center Position Opening – Jesus Loves Me Learning Center in North Mankato is taking applications for a **full-time teacher or assistant teacher**. We offer competitive wages and fun filled days! Call (507-508-2041) or email (directorjlm@stpaulsnorthmankato.com) with questions.

June 16-21, 2019 is the first ProMusica Minnesota Chamber Music Festival, held in Trinity Chapel on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College. ProMusica Minnesota is a new week-long summer music festival committed to offering a venue for great works of chamber music in southern Minnesota. Concerts feature emerging young artists as well as established musicians. Peter McGuire and Bethel Balge serve as Artistic Directors. The four ProMusica recitals include:

Festival Opener, Sunday, June 16 at 3 p.m.

Young Artist Recital, Monday, June 17 at 7 p.m. Free admission

Circle of Friends, Wednesday, June 19 at 7 p.m.

C Minor Moods, Friday, June 21 at 7 p.m.

Visit promusicamn.com for festival passes and concert info. A festival pass gives admission to all four recitals (3 ticketed, 1 free admission). Tickets are available at the door for the individual recitals, \$15 adults, \$5 students.

All are invited to attend the June 23rd meeting of the ELS Historical Society on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College. The program will revisit the second annual convention of the ELS in 1919 at which the synod was officially constituted. It will highlight the constitution, the opening sermon by G. A. Gullixson, and other important actions taken by the convention. **The event is free and takes place on Synod Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center.**