

# WELCOME

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH – JUNE 20, 2021

## MEET US

Our family is loved by Christ and we love each other. We hold firmly to God's Word of truth, which convicts us of our sin and comforts us with God's forgiveness in Christ. We embrace the rich heritage of hymns and liturgy that has guided the worship of the Church for generations. We are passionate about Christian education, wanting young and old to grow in their knowledge of God's Word. As a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), we enjoy fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

This Sunday, Jesus's parables use the image of a seed to represent God's Word. He teaches us that without the least effort on our part, the Word grows in the hearer. Though God's Word seems small and unimportant, even powerless, it changes people's hearts and makes them members of God's Kingdom.

## VISITOR INFORMATION

**Restrooms** are located to the right as you leave the sanctuary and are equipped with child changing tables.

**Parent Room** is located on the left as you exit the sanctuary doors. This room is equipped with a livestream of the service.

**For the hearing impaired**, an induction loop is provided. Just switch your hearing aid to "T".

**For other special needs or questions**, our ushers are here to assist you. Don't hesitate to ask.



# DIVINE SERVICE

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## WE COME BEFORE THE LORD

### OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

### HYMN

Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear | ELH 24

### CONFESSION OF SIN

We poor sinners confess to You, O God, not only that we have been conceived and born in sin, but also that throughout life we have often and in many ways offended You, our Lord and Maker, in thought, word and deed, so that You could with perfect justice reject and condemn us for all eternity.

Therefore we come before You with sorrow of heart, in dread and terror of Your holy justice and of everlasting death. Our sins are a grievous foe, which we should hate in every way as long as we live.

O merciful God, You still grant us in this hour to be reminded of Your fatherly goodness. According to the promise of Your Word we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy and implore You, dearest Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, our Brother, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised again for our justification:

Forgive us all our sins through faith, which the Holy Spirit increases in our hearts to full assurance.

**We therefore pray You, O Lord, through Your servant to declare to us the forgiveness of all our sins. We poor sinners are willing to forgive all who have offended against us. We earnestly desire to grow in true godliness. Help us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## KYRIE ELEISON (Lord, have mercy)

O God the Fa - ther in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on

us. O God the Son, Re - deem - er of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O God the Ho - ly Ghost,

true Com - fort - er, have mer - cy up - on us.

### ABSOLUTION

Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## GLORIA

Glory be to God in the highest!

And on earth peace, good will to - ward men. All  
glo - ry be to God on high, who hath our race be - friend - ed! To  
us no harm shall now come nigh, the strife at last is  
end - ed. God show - eth His good will to men, and  
peace shall dwell on earth a - gain; O thank Him for His good - ness!

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

## SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And with your spir - it.

## PRAYER

O God, protector of all the faithful, You alone make strong; You alone make holy. Show us Your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things You have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - - - - - men.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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### OLD TESTAMENT READING

David anointed as king | 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13

<sup>34</sup>Samuel then went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house at Gibeah of Saul. <sup>35</sup>Until the day of his death, Samuel never again came to see Saul. Samuel did, however, mourn for Saul, but the LORD regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel. <sup>16:1</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I see a king for myself among his sons.” <sup>2</sup>Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.” The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will let you know what you are to do. You are to anoint for me the person that I point out to you.” <sup>4</sup>So Samuel did what the LORD had told him to do and went to Bethlehem. Trembling with fear, the elders of the city came to meet him. They said, “Do you come in peace?” <sup>5</sup>He said, “Yes, in peace. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” He consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup>When they had come, he looked at Eliab and said,

“Certainly this is the LORD’s anointed.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at how tall he is, because I have rejected him. For the LORD does not look at things the way man does. For man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse had Shammah pass by. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” <sup>10</sup>Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel. Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, “Is that all of the young men?” Jesse said, “There still is the youngest, but he is tending the sheep.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Send for him, for we cannot sit down to eat until he comes.” <sup>12</sup>He sent for him and brought him in. David had red hair and striking eyes, and was good-looking. The LORD said, “Get up! Anoint him, because this is the one.” <sup>13</sup>So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers. The Spirit of the LORD rushed on David with power from that day forward. After that Samuel set out and returned to Ramah.

## **DUET**

Let the Words of My Mouth | arr. Hartwig 2021

Let the words of my mouth  
Be pleasing to You, pleasing to You  
The meditation of my heart  
Be pleasing to you, pleasing to You  
Oh Lord, my strength  
And my Redeemer  
Whatever is true  
Whatever is pure  
Whatever is lovely  
Whatever is worthy  
Think on these things  
Think on these things  
Let the words of my mouth  
Be pleasing to You  
Pleasing to You

Scripture taken from Psalm 19:14 and Philippians 4:8  
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## **EPISTLE READING**

Living for Christ, by faith | 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

<sup>6</sup>Therefore we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body, we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>But we are confident and would much prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>And for this reason we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home or away. <sup>10</sup>For

we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he did while in the body, whether good or bad.

### GOSPEL READING

The growing seed; the mustard seed | Mark 4:26-34

God - be prais - ed, for His glad - tid - ings!

<sup>26</sup>He said, “The kingdom of God is like this: A man scatters seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and while he sleeps and rises, night and day, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The ground produces fruit on its own: first the blade, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>When the crop is ready, he swings the sickle without delay, because the harvest has come.” <sup>30</sup>Then he said, “To what should we compare the kingdom of God? Or with what parable may we picture it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which when sown on the ground is one of the smallest of all the seeds planted in the ground. <sup>32</sup>Yet when it is planted, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches so that the birds of the sky can nest under its shade.” <sup>33</sup>With many similar parables he continued to speak the word to them, as much as they were able to hear. <sup>34</sup>He did not speak to them without a parable. But when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.

### APOSTLES' CREED

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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall 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.



HYMN

Thy Strong Word | ELH 72:1-3

SERMON

God's Word Works! | Mark 4:26-34

## WE GIVE THANKS

HYMN

Thy Strong Word | ELH 72:4-6

### OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR THE SYNOD

Gracious Lord, You have redeemed us with the blood of Your Son, brought us to faith by the work of Your Spirit, and promised to keep us in faith through Your Word and sacraments.

**Accept our humble thanks for these rich blessings, and help us to rejoice in them and to use them faithfully.**

Gracious Lord, You have brought us together in a church body in which Your Word is proclaimed in its truth and purity, in which the message of reconciliation through Your Son is still the central teaching, and in which the focus of mission is to reach the lost and strengthen the saved.

**For this gift of Your grace, we give You thanks and ask that You would rekindle our zeal for the work You have set before us.**

Gracious Lord, You have given us opportunities to share Your Word in our country and throughout the world. We thank You for the faithful service of our church leaders. We thank You also for moving the hearts of young people to prepare for the teaching and preaching ministry.

**Help us view them as Your precious gifts and give us the willingness and the means to put them to work in Your vineyard.**

You have brought us together as a church body that we may show forth Your praises. Help us as individuals, as congregations, and as a synod to let our light shine so that more people may be led to glorify You.

**When we fall short of living and working together as Your holy people, forgive us and renew in all of us a dedication to humble service to You and to one another.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Bless our synod as it meets in convention this coming week. Give those who represent us wisdom and unity of spirit. Guide them as they study Your Word and make decisions in Your name so that Your kingdom may come and Your will be done.

**Hear us, help us, and hold Your guiding hand over us for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther, who art in heav - en,  
Hal - low - ed be Thy name, Thy king - dom come, Thy will  
be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai -  
- ly bread; And for - give us our tres - pass - es, as  
we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; And lead  
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, But de - liv - er us from e - vil. For Thine is the  
king - dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er.

**PRAYER**

Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You also among us gather Your Christian Church. We humbly entreat You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**BENEDICTION**

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.

**HYMN**

On What Has Now Been Sown | ELH 594

## **PRAYER**

O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

## **WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE**

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|--------------|--|
| Duet         | August Jeske & Elizabeth Kassuelke   Vocalists                     |
| Organist     | Katie Hartwig  |
| Ushers       | Matt Bindert, Tim Paulsen<br>Phil Wels, Mark Zenk                  |
| Refreshments | Paul & Terri Fries, Jon & Michele Moldstad   Peace Group 6 Leaders |

## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY

Divine Service 8:30am

Divine Service 10:00am

Seminary Anniversary Service

Trinity Chapel, BLC 4:00pm

### MONDAY-THURSDAY

Synod Convention @ BLC

### TUESDAY

Synod Communion service

Trinity Chapel, BLC 5:00pm

### WEDNESDAY

No worship service at Peace

### SUNDAY

Divine Service w/HC 8:30am

Divine Service w/HC 10:00am

Annual Voters' Mtg 11:00am

## NEWS & NOTES

For more detailed information concerning our news & notes, visit [peacemankato.com/news](http://peacemankato.com/news)

**"THE MINISTRY MARCHES ON" June 20, 2:30pm**

ELS Historical Society program at Bethany Lutheran College, Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center. All are invited to attend this free presentation.

**MVL GOLF CLASSIC July 12**

Contact Kristin Matzke at [kmatzke@mvlhs.org](mailto:kmatzke@mvlhs.org)

**RE-ENGAGE EVENTS July 22, Aug 19**

7/22 evening focus is Care. For more information and to sign up go to [peacelutheran.com/reengage](http://peacelutheran.com/reengage).

**JESUS' LAMBS AT PEACE PRESCHOOL**

Enroll for fall now. Contact Joslyn at 507-385-7752.

**MOMs PARK PLAYDATES**

Monday mornings 9am-12pm. June - Fallenstein Park

**MT. OLIVE CDS HIRING FT/PT SCHOOL AIDE POSITIONS**

If interested, please contact Principal Pavelchik - [principal@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:principal@mtolivelutheran.org) or call: 507-345-7927.

**Outdoor Services**

July 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

**ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING June 27, 11:00am**

## WALK FOR PEACE IN FUN DAYS PARADE on July 10th

Peace plans to have a float in the Fun Days Parade on July 10th. The parade begins at 11am. We are in need of walkers to hand out pamphlets, candy, and freezies! Young children can be pulled in wagons/strollers or ride on our hayrack wagon if needed.

Let's join together and spread information about our church and preschool to members of our community! Please sign up at: [peacemankato.com/parade](http://peacemankato.com/parade)

## CAMP INDIANHEAD BUS

If you are interested in your child riding the bus to camp, please email James Merseth at [jt.merseth@gmail.com](mailto:jt.merseth@gmail.com)

## ELS APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE

Wednesday, June 23, 7-9pm

Thursday, June 24, all day

[www.blc.edu/apologetics2021](http://www.blc.edu/apologetics2021)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Jesus Loves Me LC - call 507-345-7707

MVL Bus - [rayv@palmerbusservice.com](mailto:rayv@palmerbusservice.com)

Bethany Lutheran College - [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu)

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