WELCOME

PEACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - JANUARY 22, 2023

10:30am

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

Who are the people walking in darkness? By nature it's all of us-we are born and enveloped by the darkness of sin, suffering, and death. However, in our service today God reveals that His Son Jesus came specifically for people just like us. Jesus has overcome the darkness and continues to bring light to the world-shining his love, grace, and forgiveness into our hearts and lives through His Word and Sacraments.

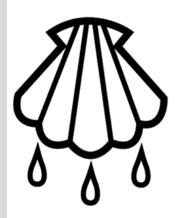
VISITOR INFORMATION

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.



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WE COME BEFORE THE LORD

HYMN

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It | ELH 246:1-2

HOLY BAPTISM¹

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when He said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving His life on the cross. At our baptisms, He clothes us with the robe of His righteousness and gives us a new life by creating faith in Him. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what such baptizing with water means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

Such baptizing with water means that the old Adam in us should, by daily contrition and repentance, be drowned and die with all sins and evil lusts; and that a new man daily come forth and arise, who shall live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

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.

¹ This order, from Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal, incorporates Holy Baptism into congregational worship by combining the Sacrament of Baptism with the Confession of Sins. Martin Luther said that confessing sins and receiving forgiveness is nothing else than a reliving of Baptism. Thus this order provides opportunity not only to baptize but also to recall the lasting blessings of Baptism.

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.

Amen.

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in His promise, you have brought this child to be baptized. Jesus told us: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." It is in Baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, creates faith in Jesus Christ and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

<u>Santiago</u>, receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart † to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

The minister applies water to the one presented for Baptism as he says:

<u>Santiago Joseph Fricke</u>, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

<u>Sally</u>, receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart † to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

The minister applies water to the one presented for Baptism as he says:

Sally Michelle Londgren, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

EXHORTATION TO SPONSORS

Dear sponsors, <u>Sally</u> has been baptized in the name of the triune God. It is your privilege and responsibility to remember her in your prayers, to remind her of her baptism, and, as far as possible, to give your counsel and aid that she may be brought up in the true knowledge of God according to the teachings of the Scriptures as confessed by our Lutheran Church. If you intend gladly and willingly to do this, then answer: Yes, and I ask God to help me.

Yes, and I ask God to help me.

EXHORTATION TO PARENTS AND CONGREGATION

Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us to assist in whatever manner possible so that Santiago and Sally may remain children of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

Yes, and we ask God to help us.

BAPTISM PRAYER

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of Baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptisms as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our lives. Look with special favor on Santiago and Sally and grant them a rich measure of your Spirit that they may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

HYMN

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It | ELH 246:3-5

PRAYER

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we too may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Those in Darkness Have Seen a Great Light | Isaiah 8:19–9:4

When they tell you, "Consult the mediums and the spiritists, who whisper and mutter," shouldn't a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living? ²⁰To the law and to the testimony! If people do not speak according to this word, there will be no dawn for them. ²¹They will pass through the land, distressed and starving, but when this takes place and they are starving, they will be frustrated, and they will curse their king

and their God. They will turn their faces upward, ²²and then they will look down to the ground, but I tell you, they will see only distress, darkness, and the gloom that brings anguish. They will be banished into thick darkness. ^{9:1}Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for the land that was in anguish. In former times, he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will cause it to be glorious, along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, in Galilee of the Gentiles. ²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned. ³You have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy. They rejoice before you like the joy at harvest time, like the celebration when people divide the plunder. ⁴For you have shattered the yoke that burdened them. You have broken the bar on their shoulders and the rod of their oppressor, as you did in the day of Midian.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. For those living in the land of the shadow of death, the light has dawned. Alleluia. Isaiah 9:2

RESPONSE



EPISTLE READING

Walking in the Light | 1 John 2:3-11

This is how we know that we have known him: if we keep his commands. ⁴The one who says, "I know him," but does not keep his commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵If anyone keeps God's word, the love of God is truly made complete in him. This is how we know that we are in him: ⁶The one who says he remains in him should walk as Jesus walked. ⁷Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one that you have had since the beginning. The old command is the message you heard. ⁸At the same time, the command I am writing is new—it is true in Jesus and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. ⁹The one who says he is in the light and yet hates his brother is still in the darkness. ¹⁰The one who loves his brother remains in the light, and nothing causes him to stumble. ¹¹The one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

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 is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall 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 the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe 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.

HYMN

Thou, Whose Almighty Word | ELH 202

SERMON

Jesus is the Light Shining the Darkness | Matthew 4:12–23



When Jesus heard that John was put in prison, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. ¹⁴He did this to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: ¹⁵Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, along the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, ¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and on those dwelling in the region and the shadow of death a light has dawned. ¹⁷From that time, Jesus began to preach: "Repent, because the kingdom of heaven is near." ¹⁸As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the sea, since they were fishermen. ¹⁹He said to them, "Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ²⁰They immediately left their nets and followed him. ²¹Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. Jesus called them.

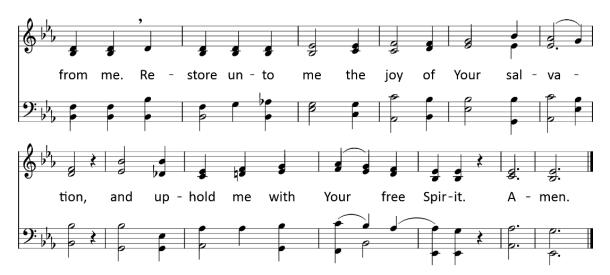
²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness among the people.



WE GIVE THANKS







PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

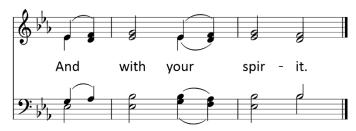
OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT

Visitors, please speak with one of our pastors before receiving the Sacrament with us. We welcome members of the ELS and WELS to join us at the Lord's Table.

PREFACE

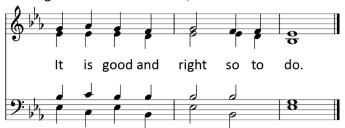
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

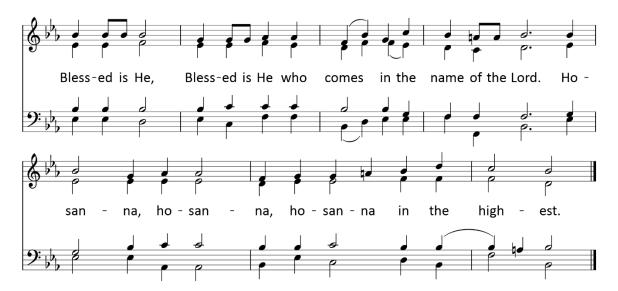


PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, and now we praise You that You sent us Your only-begotten Son and that in Him, being found in fashion as a Man, You manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)





LORD'S PRAYER (PASTOR)

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.



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is

the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

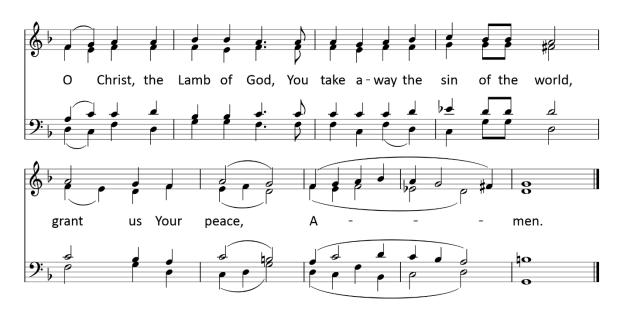
PAX DOMINI (PEACE OF THE LORD)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)



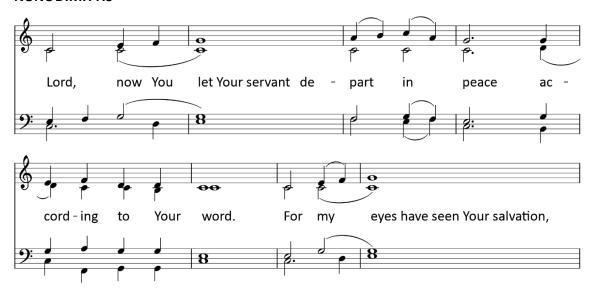


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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

There Is a Safe and Secret Place | ELH 218 Jesus Shall Reign Wher'er the Sun | ELH 193

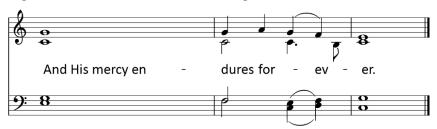
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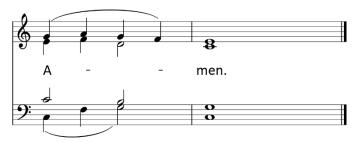


PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



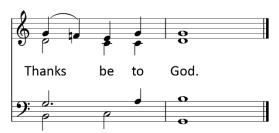
SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.



BENEDICAMUS

Let us bless the Lord.



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

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me | ELH 210

WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE

Organist Communion Assistants

Ushers

Crystal Foslien Joel Kom & Jeff Huber Greg Vandermause & Josh Ringen Tim Paulsen, Rob Paulsen Tim Hartwig, Caleb Hartwig Group 1

Refreshments

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Divine Service w/HC 8:15am
Bible Story Time 9:25am
Sunday School 9:30am
Bible Class 9:30am
Divine Service w/HC 10:30am
Tubing @ Mt Kato 5:00pm

TUESDAY

Solid Grounds 9:00am

WEDNESDAY

Confirmation Class 4:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm

FRIDAY

Men's Bible Study 6:30am

SATURDAY

Volunteers, New2You 9:00am

NEWS & NOTES

For more detailed information concerning our news & notes, visit peacemankato.com/news

BAPTIZED TODAY

Baptized at the 10:30 service are Sally Michelle Londgren, daughter of Peter & Thalia Londgren, & Santiago Joseph Fricke, son of Iris Aline Estevez Alvarez and Lucas Fricke. Sally's sponsors are Benjamin and Ashley Faugstad. May God keep them in their baptismal grace all their lives.

PEACE YOUTH BROOMBALL

FEB 5 | 2:00pm

Peace youth are invited to a broomball showdown at Spring Lake Park hockey rinks. Grades 9 – 12 play at 2:00pm. Grades 7 & 8 play at 3:00pm. For more information, email Pastor Wiechmann.

COACH NEEDED

MVL is looking for a baseball head coach for this spring. This is a paying position. Contact Craig Morgan at cmorgan@mvlhs.org

REGISTRATION FOR CAMP INDIANHEAD 2023

Camp Director, Josh Mayer, has announced that registration for Camp Indianhead opens February 1st. More details on the poster at the office or kitchen.

SNOW TUBING@ MT. KATO—REGISTRANTS: TIME CHANGE!

Mount Kato has changed the time of the day's event to 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Registrants meet by the ticket booth at Mount Kato at 4:50pm with your signed waiver. Waivers can be found here: peacemankato.com/waiver. Mount Kato indicated there was a second booking. Please contact Joni.Moldstad@blc.edu with any questions.

BLC JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Bethany Lutheran College is looking to hire 3 directors, an Admissions Counselor and a Custodian. Go to blc.edu/jobs for more details.

JESUS' LAMBS AT PEACE PRE-K

2-, 3- or 5-day sessions Ages 3-5 Director: Joslyn Moldstad 507-385-7752 peacemankato.com/preschool

MOUNT OLIVE SCHOOL ENROLLING

Enrollment is OPEN for the 2023-2024 school year at Mount Olive. Spaces are limited. Enroll through FACTS Family Portal or contact Mr. Springer with questions.

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