

“He spoke the Word to them
as they were able to hear.” Mark 4:33



Welcome!

Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

13946 1st Ave

8:00 am Worship Service

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA

1107 14th Street

10:30 am Worship Service

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4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 10, 2011

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 27 front of hymnal p. 129
The Hymns: 279, 775, 307, 401:1

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, grant us grace to recognize that we are helpless to earn our eternal salvation. Fix our eyes of faith upon Thee at all times as our only Savior. Send us Thy Holy Spirit to strengthen and nourish us in our faith, that we may abound more and more in the desires and thoughts, the words and deeds, which are fruit and evidence of our faith in Thee. Hear us for Thy name's sake. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Congregation sings the First Hymn 279

THE INVOCATION

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
(Hymnal, page 15 – Congregation Stands)*

PASTOR In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGR. (sing) **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

PASTOR Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

CONGR. (sing) **Who made heaven and earth**

PASTOR I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

CONGR. (sing) **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

ALL: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

PASTOR: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called servant of God's Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

CONGR. (sing) Amen. *(congregation is seated)*

THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, most often drawn from the Psalms.

P: I know whom I have believed:

C: And am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him against that Day.

P: There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness:

C: Which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me.

P: I will bless the Lord at all times:

C: His praise shall continue to be in my mouth.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father" (Hymnal, page 16)

CONGR. (sing) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life. (Hymnal page 17 - sing)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

"Glory to God in the highest" (Hymnal page 17 - sing)

Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world. Receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

THE SALUTATION *(Greeting)*

PASTOR The Lord be with you.

CONGR. (sing) And with thy spirit.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR Let us pray.

CONGR. (sing) Amen.

THE BIBLE LESSONS

God speaks to us.

The Old Testament Reading:

Ezekiel 17:22-24 Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will take also one of the highest branches of the high cedar and set it out. I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant it on a high and prominent mountain. 23 "On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it; and it will bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a majestic cedar. Under it will dwell birds of every sort; in the shadow of its branches they will dwell. 24 "And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, have brought down the high tree and exalted the low tree, dried up the green tree and made the dry tree flourish; I, the LORD, have spoken and have done it."

PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: Cast your burden on the Lord:

C: And He shall sustain you.

P: I will call upon God: and the Lord shall save me.

C: He has delivered my soul in peace.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: I will love you, O Lord, my Strength:

C: The Lord is my Rock and my Fortress and my Deliverer. Hallelujah!

CONGR. (sing) **Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

PASTOR The New Testament Reading is from 2 Corinthians chapter 5 beginning there in the 1st verse.

CONGR. (sing) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

New Testament Reading:

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, 3 if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. 4 For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. 5 Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. 6 So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. 9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

PASTOR Here ends the New Testament Reading.

CONGR. (sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

The Congregation stands for:

THE NICENE CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 22)

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake 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.

At St. John's:

WILLA J. HOLZHEIMER - MEMORIAL

Today we commemorate Christ's victory for our sister in Christ, Willa Holzheimer. The LORD in His mercy called this servant to her eternal reward on Tuesday, July 5th. As per the family's wishes, cremation has taken place. Today we remember God's mercy to our sister in Christ, and encourage each other in God's promises.

A Message from God's Word:

John 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

Theme: "NEVER SAY DIE"

- I. Jesus never quit
- II. Faith doesn't either

Congregation sings Hymn 775

THE SERMON

Mark 4:26-34 (Jesus) said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, 27 "and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. 28 "For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head. 29 "But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." 30 Then He said, "To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? 31 "It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; 32 "but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade." 33 And with many such parables He spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it. 34 But without a parable He did not speak to them. And when they were alone, He explained all things to His disciples.

Theme: "THY STRONG WORD"

- I. We see the planting; He sees the harvest (26-29)
- II. We see the small seed; He sees the mature plant (30-32)

THE OFFERTORY

*In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.
(Hymnal, pages 22-23) (sing)*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation**

And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 441:1-2:

**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!**

PRAYERS - (Pastor)

Congregation sings Hymn 307

The Communion Liturgy continues with

THE PREFACE/ PROPER PREFACE

Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration. (Hymnal p. 24-25) Please stand.

PASTOR: The Lord be with you.

CONGR: (sing) **And with thy spirit.**

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts.

CONGR: (sing) **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

PASTOR: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

CONGR: (sing) **It is meet and right so to do.**

PASTOR: It is truly meet, right, and spiritually beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

Latin: "Holy." We join our voices to the angels who sing, "Holy, Holy, Holy" round about His throne and we welcome Him with the Palm Sunday multitude who sang, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!" (Hymnal, page 26)

CONG: (sing) **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.
Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He
that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.

THE 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;

CONG: (sing) **For Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory forever and ever, Amen.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time

PASTOR: 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. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way 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 for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always

CONGR: (sing) **Amen.**

THE AGNUS DEI

Latin: "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to think only of that Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross. (Hymnal, page 28)

CONGR: (sing)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

Those who are members here at St. John's or Peace Lutheran Churches or are members of a sister church in the CLC and have announced their intention to partake of the Lord's Supper may now come forward to receive the Sacrament at the direction of the ushers.

A special note to our visitors: The Bible tells us to be "perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Holy Communion is therefore both a communing with God and a public statement that those communing together believe the same thing. For this reason we ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation first schedule a meeting with the pastor before communing. We hold this position in loving obedience to the Word of God, not in judgment of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

*Latin: "Now Dismiss." Simeon's words after seeing the Christ Child. (Luke 2:29-32)
(Hymnal, page 29)*

CONGR: (sing) ***Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

PASTOR: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

CONGR: (sing) ***And His mercy endureth forever.***

PASTOR: (Prayer)

CONGR: (sing) **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

PASTOR:

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.

CONGR: (sing) **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Congregation sings the Closing Hymn 401:1

**** Silent Prayer ****



Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WITH THE LORD Two of the members of St. John's were called to their eternal reward this past week. Willa Holzheimer met her Savior on Tuesday, July 5th. A memorial service will take place during today's service at St. John's. Art Pochardt met his Savior on Thursday July 7th. His victory service will be celebrated this Tuesday at 10:00 am at St. John's followed by a graveside service at Normal Hill Cemetery in Lewiston. A light lunch will be served at the church. **"In your unfailing love You will lead the people You have redeemed. In Your strength You will guide them to Your holy dwelling." Exodus 15:13**

CONGRATULATIONS! Yesterday Pastor Naumann officiated at the wedding of David and Carol Becker who were united in the bonds of holy matrimony at the home of Sean Parker. May the LORD bless their lives together as one in Christ. **Proverbs 18:22 "He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD."**

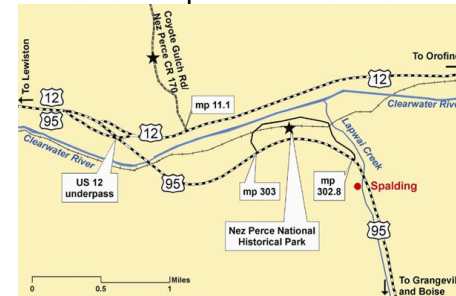
ON HOLD: PALOUSE BIBLE STUDY – The room we were renting in Moscow has been let out to a full-time business. We will not meet this week. We hope to find a permanent meeting place soon.

THIS FRIDAY – SATURDAY – SUNDAY!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FAMILY CAMPOUT See the insert!

NEXT SUNDAY: JOINT OUTDOOR CHURCH AND PICNIC –

Location: Spalding Park. Service at 10:30 followed by a potluck picnic. Need a ride? Just ask pastor!



ST. JOHN'S REMINDERS:

Altar Flowers: There is a list for those who wish to bring flowers for the altar on any given Sunday.

Church Cleaning: If you are able to help with the weekly cleaning of the church, please see the cleaning list and sign-up sheets.

CLC NEWS <> Today Grace Lutheran Church of Valentine, NE celebrates their 50th Anniversary. <>Today Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane Valley, WA, will welcome former Pastor Doug Libby as Guest Speaker, in their 9 a.m., festival worship service as the congregation observes 60 Years of God's Grace. This is the first of two special services which will be held this year. Friends and former members of the congregation are invited to attend. A fellowship church picnic and games for young and older will follow the service at 11 a.m., on the church grounds. <>The Rev. Nathan Pfeiffer, Hecla SD. has the call to Trinity Lutheran of Spokane. <> Last week, 10 CLC Mission Helpers arrived safely in Nepal. You can read online about the work our Lord has given the Mission Helper teams to spread the Good News of Christ crucified.

<http://2011mhtnepal.blogspot.com/> The blog can also be found at: <http://lutheranmissions.org/> under "Missionary Journals"

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WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. Heb. 10:24-25

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The Old Testament Reading for 4th Sunday after Pentecost Ezekiel 17:22-24

In the picture language trees the LORD through the prophet Ezekiel gives us a description of the reign of our Savior Jesus Christ. We read...

The New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

Our faith allows us to live our lives looking to what lies ahead – eternal life with our Savior Jesus Christ. Through God's Word we know that these earthly bodies are temporary, its like we're camping out, confidently waiting to go to our real home with the LORD. We read...