



Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

13946 1st Ave

8:00 am Worship Service; 7:30 am Bible Study

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA

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11:00 am Service; 10:00 am Sunday School; 10:15 am Bible Class

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18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 61 front of hymnal p. 136

The Hymns: 439, 438, 788:1, 430:1-4, 644

Prayer: Lord God, heavenly Father, forgive us our sins, and grant us always true repentance. Teach us by Your Holy Spirit to be good stewards of our time, talents, bodies, souls and treasure. May we seek only Your glory in all things. We ask this in the name of our Savior, the Lord Jesus. Amen.

Opening Prayer

First Hymn **439**

THE INVOCATION

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
(Hymnal, page 5 – 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.

PASTOR Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTOR Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
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 we do with Introit - the Lord's own Word, most often from the Psalms.

P: Righteous are You, O Lord:
C: And upright are Your judgments.
P: Deal with Your servant:
C: According to Your mercy.
P: Blessed are the undefiled in the way:
C: Who walk in the way of the Lord.

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father" (Hymnal, page 6)

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 7 - sing)

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA

A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 - sing)

God, we praise You! God, we bless You!
God, we name You sovereign Lord!
Mighty King whom angels worship,
Father by Your Church adored:
All creation shows Your glory;
Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne
Singing "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"

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:

Amos 6:1-7 Woe to you who are at ease in Zion, And trust in Mount Samaria, Notable persons in the chief nation, To whom the house of Israel comes! 2 Go over to Calneh and see; And from there go to Hamath the great; Then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory? 3 Woe to you who put far off the day of doom, Who cause the seat of violence to come near; 4 Who lie on beds of ivory, Stretch out on your couches, Eat lambs from the flock And calves from the midst of the stall; 5 Who sing idly to the sound of stringed instruments, And invent for yourselves musical instruments like David; 6 Who drink wine from bowls, And anoint yourselves with the best ointments, But are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph. 7 Therefore they shall now go captive as the first of the captives, And those who recline at banquets shall be removed.

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: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord:
C: And the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.
P: By the Word of the Lord were the heavens made:
C: And all the host of the them by the breath of His mouth. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
P: The right hand of the Lord is exalted:
C: The right hand of the Lord does valiantly. Hallelujah!

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

PASTOR The New Testament Reading is from Matthew chapter 16, beginning there in the 13th verse.

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

The New Testament Reading:

1 Timothy 6:11-16 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate, 14 that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing, 15 which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

PASTOR Here ends the New Testament Reading.

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

Congregation stands for:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting.

Amen.

Congregation sings Hymn **438**

THE SERMON

Luke 16:1-13 He also said to His disciples: "There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. 2 "So he

called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.' 3 "Then the steward said within himself, 'What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. 4 'I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.' 5 "So he called every one of his master's debtors to him, and said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 "And he said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' So he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' 7 "Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' So he said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' 8 "So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. 9 "And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. 10 "He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. 11 "Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? 12 "And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? 13 "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

Theme: "MONEY: A CHRISTIAN'S TOOL"

I: Be shrewd in the use of money (1-9)

II: Be faithful in the use of money (10-13)

THE OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.
(Hymnal, pages 12-13) (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 788:1:

**Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true.
That our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.**

THE GENERAL PRAYER (Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (All)

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.

Congregation sings Hymn **430:1-4**

Congregation stands for:

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of 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.**

The Closing Hymn **644**

*** SILENT PRAYER ***

Announcements

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

SHARE THE PROMISE! We hope you can join us in our weekly Bible Study. "SHARE THE PROMISE WITH YOUR CHILDREN" is a study from God's Word on "How to Lay the Foundation for a Strong Christian Home." This would be a great time to invite your friends to your church!

THANK YOU We appreciate the laymen who are conducting the services today while the pastor is guest preaching for a Mission Festival at Trinity Lutheran church in Spokane. Thank you!!

MISSION FESTIVAL NEXT SUNDAY Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer, the new Pastor of Trinity Lutheran in Spokane will be our guest preacher. A potluck meal will be served following the service at St. John's.

ST. JOHN'S REMINDERS:

Church Cleaning: There is a list for you to sign if you are able to serve your LORD by cleaning the church.

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

Pre-service Goodies: If you are able to bring goodies of some kind for people to eat while they are visiting from 10:45 till 11:00 (after Bible Class and Sunday School) please sign on the sheet in Kitchen.

CLC NEWS >> Peace with God Lutheran, Onalaska WI, has called the Rev. Richard Kanzenbach to be their pastor, forming a dual parish with Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI (76 miles apart). <>The CLC Call Committee has called Mr. David Rodebaugh, a member of Messiah Milwaukee, to fill the vacancy at Immanuel Lutheran College of Prof. Michael Buck retiring May, 2012. <> On Sunday, Oct 23 at 9:30 am Gift of God Lutheran Church of Mapleton, ND, will celebrate their 10th Anniversary in a Mission Festival service with Prof. Steve Sippert as the guest speaker.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses." 1 Tim 6:12

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OT Reading for 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 6:1-7

In these verses the Lord warns those who put on an appearance of faithfulness to the true God while their real devotion is to themselves and their own wealth. Whether they believe it or not, Judgment Day will take them captive. We read...

NT Reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

In contrast to chasing after worldly goals, you and I are here encouraged to pursue God-pleasing - and God-given - fruits of faith. And you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. We read...

(Men: For the general prayer following the sermon, I recommend you use the prayer found on page 107 of the red prayer book. Feel free to edit. --Pastor)