



**Oh, The
Depth
Of the
Riches
And
Wisdom
And
Knowledge
Of God**

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

1107 14th Street

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

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17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 9, 2011

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

The Hymns: 540, 514, 656, 767:1

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 **540**

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: Be merciful to me, O Lord:

C: For I cry to You every day.

P: For You, Lord, are good and ready to forgive:

C: And plentiful in mercy to all who call upon You.

P: Bow down Your ear, O Lord, and hear me:

C: For I am poor and have great needs.

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:

Exodus 6:2-8 And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the LORD. 3 "I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name LORD I was not known to them. 4 "I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers. 5 "And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant. 6 "Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. 7 'I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8 'And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a heritage: I am the LORD.'"

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: The heathen shall fear the name of the Lord:

C: And all the kings of the earth Your glory.

P: When the Lord shall build up Zion:

C: He shall appear in His glory. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice:

C: Let the multitude of the isles be glad of it. 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!**

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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 **514**

THE SERMON

Romans 11:33-36 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! 34 "For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?" 35 "Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" 36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

Theme: GOD'S ETERNAL RESERVES (33)

- I. Stop questioning Him (34-35)
- II. Keep admiring Him (36)

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 **656**

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 (*standing*) **767:1**

**** 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!

ASLEEP IN JESUS CHRIST A week ago the LORD in His wisdom and mercy called home Donna Lowary's mother, Louise Leendertsen, to her eternal crown of glory. The celebration of Christ's victory for her was held in Pullman last Wednesday afternoon. We keep the family in our thoughts and prayers.

"Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:23

THIS WEEK The Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference meets at Redemption Lutheran Church in Lynnwood, WA. Tue – Thu. Papers: 1. Recap and Discussion - D. Lau's Synopsis of CLC Material on Men and Women's Roles – Bob List 2. Treasuring the Word – a simplified pamphlet explaining the biblical teaching of Church Fellowship for a handout: - Del Maas. 3. Review and discussion of Koehler's paper, "Legalism Among Us" - Dave Reim. 4. Review of Walther's Law and Gospel, Thesis XVII: - Doug Priestap. Old Testament Exegesis: Paul Naumann (exegete's choice) New Testament Exegesis: Nathan Pfeiffer (exegete's choice) Conference Chaplain: Dave Naumann, Communion Speaker: Steven Karp.

MISSION FESTIVAL OCTOBER 23 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:

Ladies Aid Meeting Today Following service in the fellowship hall.

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.

JUST IN! The Christmas card catalog has arrived. We will be able to receive a special shipping price (\$5.00) if we can order 25 boxes (of any kind – not just Christmas cards) by October 17th. Now is the time to stock up – **Christmas cards are limited**- please request a 1st and 2nd choice for them. Thank you. Any questions, See Sue M. **Cutoff date for ordering – Sunday, October 9th**

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

"Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out." Romans 11:33

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The Old Testament Reading for 17th After Pentecost

Exodus 6:2-8

Though we sometimes complain and question Him, with loving reassurance, God teaches us in his Word that He has redeemed us with mighty acts. As slaves in Egypt, Moses and the children of Israel complained and questioned, but God reassures with his promises. We read...

The New Testament Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

We can't always understand what God does, but we can by grace believe and confess what He has done through Jesus Christ – paid our sins and guaranteed our salvation. We read..