

# Strive to enter through the Narrow Gate



## Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

13946 1st Ave  
8:00 am Worship Service  
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## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA

1107 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
10:30 am Service  
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## 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 2, 2012

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 96 (front of the hymnal p. 144)

The Hymns: 757, 396, 279, 417:6

*Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, living Savior, we beseech You, abide with us on our journey through this wicked world; for we are in constant need of Your comfort and instruction. Open our hearts that we may gladly hear Your Word, and enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit that we may understand what the Scriptures teach concerning You and Your work of redemption. Strengthen our faith, guide us daily by Your Word, and finally receive us into Your heavenly kingdom. Hear us for Your own sake, Amen.*

### Opening Prayer

### Opening Hymn 757

### The Invocation

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

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

### Congregation sings:



A - men.

### 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.



Who made heaven and earth.

**Pastor** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



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.



A - men. (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, often from the Psalms.*

P: Have respect, O Lord, to Your covenant:

C: **Oh, do not let the oppressed return ashamed!**

P: Arise, O God, plead Your own cause;

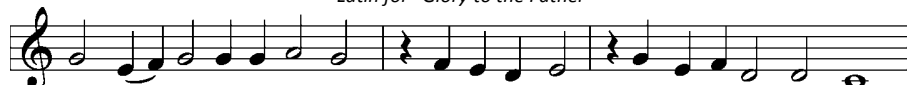
C: **Do not forget the voice of Your enemies;**

P: O God, why have You cast us off forever?

C: **Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?**

### THE GLORIA PATRI

*Latin for "Glory to the Father"*



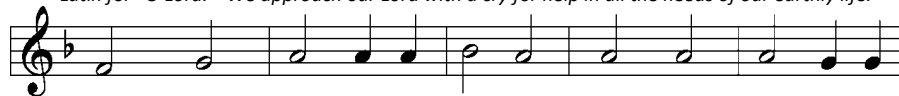
**Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;**



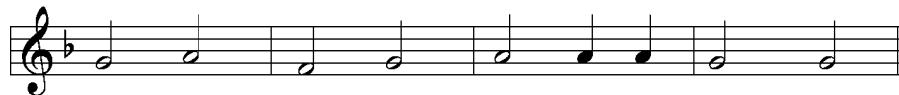
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### THE KYRIE

*Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.*



**Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -**



**on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.**

### THE GLORIA

*A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 – all sing)*



l God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You



sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,



by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;



Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly,



ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"

### THE SALUTATION (Greeting)

**PASTOR** The Lord be with you.



**And with thy spir - it.**

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

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

PASTOR Let us pray.



## THE BIBLE READINGS

God speaks to us.

### The Old Testament Bible Reading:

Isaiah 66:18-23 "For I know their works and their thoughts. It shall be that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see My glory. 19 "I will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations: to Tarshish and Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles. 20 "Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to the LORD out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem," says the LORD, "as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. 21 "And I will also take some of them for priests and Levites," says the LORD. 22 "For as the new heavens and the new earth Which I will make shall remain before Me," says the LORD, "So shall your descendants and your name remain. 23 And it shall come to pass That from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the LORD.

PASTOR Here ends the Old Testament Bible 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: Have respect, O Lord, to Your covenant:

C: **Oh, do not let the oppressed return ashamed!**

P: Arise, O God, plead Your own cause;

C: **Do not forget the voice of Your enemies; Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

P: O LORD, God of my salvation,



PASTOR The New Testament Bible Reading comes from Hebrews chapter 12, beginning there in the 18<sup>th</sup> verse.

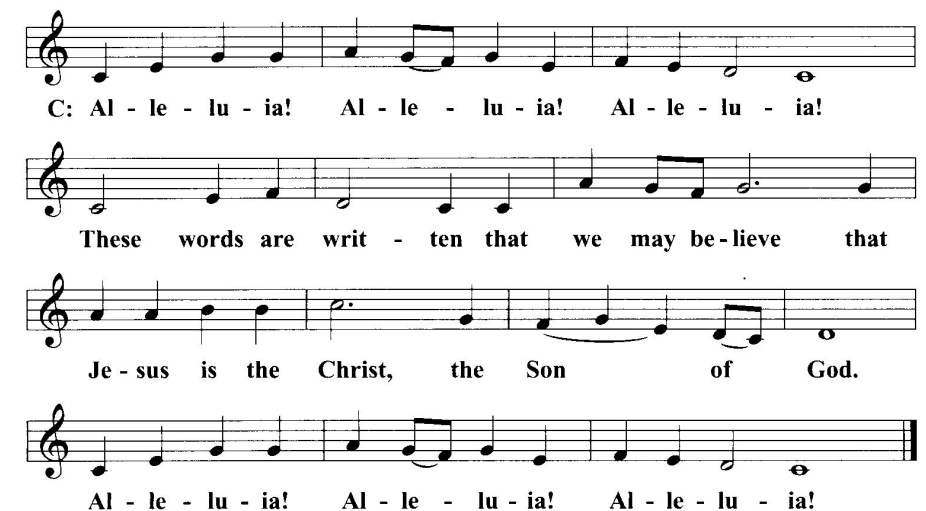


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PASTOR: Here ends the New Testament Bible Reading.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



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 396**

#### **THE SERMON**

Luke 13:22-30 And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. 23 Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" And He said to them, 24 "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. 25 "When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,' 26 "then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.' 27 "But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.' 28 "There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. 29 "They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God. 30 "And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last."

Theme: "THE ONLY ENTRANCE INTO GOD'S KINGDOM"

I. What happens when you go through Jesus

II. What happens when you don't go through Jesus

#### **THE OFFERTORY**

*In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart O God, and re-

new a right spir - it with - in me  
Cast me not a - way from Thy pre - sence, and  
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up -  
hold me with Thy free spir -  
it. A - men.

#### **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.**

**PRAYERS** - (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 279**

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.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

### **The Closing Hymn 417:6**

\*\*\* SILENT PRAYER \*\*\*

## **A n n o u n c e m e n t s**

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

**WELCOME EVERYONE!** Especially any visitors who may be with us. We are glad you are here and invite you to join us again soon in our worship of the One true God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. If you'd like to become a member, we offer a free "Information Course" in which the Pastor will meet with you at your convenience to study and discuss the Bible's teachings. Just ask!

### **FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY** September 9

Peace: 7:30 am Bible Class followed by Worship Service at 8:00 am  
St. John's 10:00 am Sunday School, 10:15 Bible Class, 11:00 Worship Service

**October 1-4;** Coordinating Council meets in Eau Claire, WI

**October 9-11;** Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference at Trinity Lutheran Spokane

**GET YOUR COPY** of the Fall edition of "St. John's Goings On" put together by Michol Ann Jensen. We thank her for her excellent work!

**A NOTE OF THANKS** "I would like to tell you thank you for all the prayers and well wishes while I was sick. A special thank you to the ladies at St. John's for the lovely flowers given to me. Thank the Lord, I am healing well and on my feet again." --Andy Busse

**NEXT WEEK BIBLE CLASS** This year we will be reviewing the two great teachings of the Bible – The Law and the Gospel. We will do so by following a study guide entitled "Teaching Law and Gospel" by William E. Fischer. Copies will be available for your use, and if you'd like to purchase one they are \$6.

### **ST. JOHN'S REMINDERS:**

**Today** Monthly potluck dinner following service.

**Next Sunday** Ladies Aid meets after church. All ladies of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend!

**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.

**India Student:** On the back table is the collection box for contributions to help support one of the students in seminary.

**ILHS Student Aid Fund:** Monies designated/given to this fund will go to support St. John's and/or Peace students who wish to attend Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI.

**CLC NEWS** The Rev. Paul Krause of Faith Lutheran Church in Markesan, WI, has the call from the CLC Mission Board to serve as a Foreign Missionary.

## **WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE**

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." Matthew 7:13-14

## THE BIBLE READINGS

### The Old Testament Reading for the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Isaiah 66:18-23* In this last chapter of the book, the prophet Isaiah points to the glory of the New Testament Church, gathered out of all nations. It's the glory of God's Kingdom which we have already entered through Jesus Christ by faith. Soon comes our final delivery when we will always be praising the LORD. We read...

"For I know their works and their thoughts. It shall be that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see My glory. 19 "I will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations: to Tarshish and Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles. 20 "Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to the LORD out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem," says the LORD, "as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. 21 "And I will also take some of them for priests and Levites," says the LORD. 22 "For as the new heavens and the new earth Which I will make shall remain before Me," says the LORD, "So shall your descendants and your name remain. 23 And it shall come to pass That from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the LORD.

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C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!