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Mission Statement

To help all people know, believe and follow Jesus Christ

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church!

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long-time member, we welcome you to worship this morning! If you are visiting, we look forward to meeting you and hope you will join us again, soon. **We would appreciate your signing our guestbook before you leave.**

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Some Helpful Information

Please Feel Free To Sit At Anytime During The Worship Service: During the worship services at Peace Lutheran there are many times when the people stand. Sometimes the standing can be quite lengthy. We do not want to place any undue burden on anyone worshipping with us. Therefore, please feel free to sit whenever you desire. Thank you and Christ's blessings.

Restrooms – A restroom is located to the right just as you leave the sanctuary and enter the entrance hall. Restrooms for men and women are also located at the top of the stairs in the Parish Hall. Go into the lounge, turn right and continue up the stairs.

Fellowship and Refreshments – Immediately following worship, coffee and other refreshments and treats are served in Luther Lounge (the lounge just off the entrance hall). Come relax with us and enjoy the company as we will certainly enjoy your company.

Holy Communion – At Peace Lutheran we celebrate Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Holy Communion is a very special meal for the children of God in Christ. All who have been baptized and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and all those who hunger and thirst for Christ's forgiveness and God's strength for living, are invited to join in Holy Communion. **Grape juice** (instead of wine) is available in the individual glasses in the middle of the tray. The wine is red; the grape juice is white. Pastor blesses any of the children who are brought to the communion rail. Any adults who come to the rail and desire a blessing but not communion may cross their arms and pastor will bless them.

Please join us again next week!

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 25, 2019

Introduction

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - O God of all goodness, you welcome us, forgive us and heal us. You seek us out from places where we have hidden from you. You crown us with steadfast love and mercy. Reveal yourself to us in this moment. Let us know your presence so that we may bless you: Bless you, O God! Bless your holy name! Amen. - written by The Rev. Catherine Rolling, and posted on the United Church of Christ's **Worship Ways** website.

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Call to Worship (Please stand)

Pastor: We may be thirsty and parched, like an un-watered garden, so we come into God's presence:

People: The Divine One is a spring of water!

Pastor: We may be weary from worry and work so we come into God's presence:

People: The Holy One offers us Sabbath rest!

Pastor: We may be lost or confused so we come into God's presence:

People: The Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!

Pastor: We may be bent over with struggle or pain, so we come into God's presence:

People: **The Healing One empowers us to stand strong!** - written by The Rev. Catherine Rolling, and posted on the United Church of Christ's **Worship Ways** website.

Pastor: We come into God's presence as children baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Entrance Song - O Day of Rest and Gladness (LBW #251, please remain standing)

- 1 O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm for care and sadness,
most beautiful, most bright:
on you the high and lowly,
through ages joined in tune,
sing, "Holy, holy, holy,"
to the great God triune.
- 2 On you, at earth's creation,
the light first had its birth;
on you, for our salvation,
Christ rose from depths of earth;
on you, our Lord victorious
the Spirit sent from heav'n;
and thus on you, most glorious,
a threefold light was giv'n.
- 3 Today on weary nations
the heav'nly manna falls;
to holy convocations
the silver trumpet calls,
where gospel light is glowing
with pure and radiant beams
and living water flowing
with soul-refreshing streams.

- 4 New graces ever gaining
from this our day of rest,
we reach the rest remaining
to spirits of the blest.
To Holy Ghost be praises,
to Father, and to Son;
the church its voice upraises
to you, blest Three in One.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt.

Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism. Please remain standing)

Pastor: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin. - Silence is kept for reflection. - God of mercy,

All: we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

People: Amen.

We share the Peace of the Lord at this time.

Hymn Of Praise - This is the feast ..." (Please remain standing)

Refrain

This is the feast_____ of vic - to - ry for our God, Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose
 2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, And
 3. Sing - ing, all the peo - ple of God, And
 4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry and might Be to
 For the Lamb who was slain Has be -

To Refrain

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
 gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

Final Refrain

This is the feast_____ of vic - to - ry for our God, Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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First Reading - Isaiah 58:9b-14 (Please be seated)

The Lord promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Second Reading - Hebrews 12:18-29 (Please remain seated)

Using images of Moses from the Old Testament, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet

once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Gospel - Luke 13:10-17

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Song - Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (Tune: LBW #499, please be seated)

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

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Message

Jesus Doing Work On The Sabbath.
Luke 13:10-17

Song Of Response - Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes

(LBW #338. Please remain seated)

- 1 Peace, to soothe our bitter woes,
God in Christ on us bestows;
Jesus bought our peace with God
with his holy, precious blood;
peace in him for sinners found
is the gospel's joyful sound.

2 Peace within the church still dwells
in our welcomes and farewells;
and through God's baptismal pow'r
peace surrounds our dying hour.
Peace be with you, full and free,
now and through eternity.

Text: Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860-1943, alt.

Prayers of Intercession (Please stand)

Pastor: Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation. - A brief silence. - Lord of mercy, we cry to you for help, trusting in your compassion for your whole creation. Raise up the baptized to offer Christ's healing and forgiveness to all in distress. Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: We rejoice in your creation: water that nourishes lands and creatures, gardens and fields with a diversity of plants. Bless scientists and artists who show us new ways of understanding the complex beauty around us. Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: We seek the kingdom that cannot be shaken. Come to the rescue of those who are displaced by war, famine, or other disasters. Bless diplomats, peacekeepers, rescue workers, and all who are given aid through their efforts, so that peace and plenty prevail. Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: You provide deliverance and justice for all who are oppressed. Free those in bondage to substances, gambling, or other forms of addiction. Release victims of human trafficking and bring them to safety. Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: You know our needs in this community. Heal the hurts of all bent over with sickness, aging, or suffering. Accompany those who visit homebound members, the hospitalized, and those who are in prison. Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Additional prayers:

Pastor: Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: You raise up witnesses in every generation. As we remember those who have passed into your peace before us, comfort us in the sure hope of your Son's resurrection. Hear us, O God.

People: **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

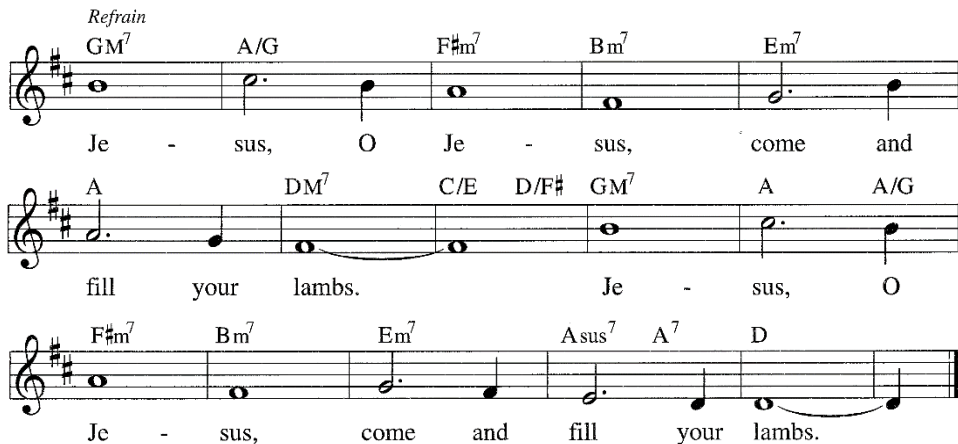
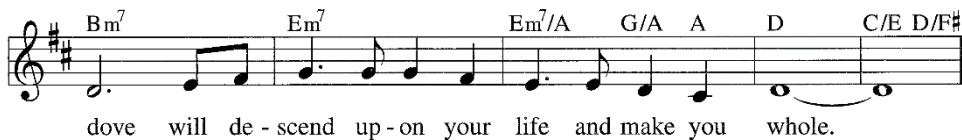
Sharing The Gifts Of God (Please be seated as the offerings are received)

Communion Hymn – Spirit Song (WP #130, please remain standing)

Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you with his Spir - it and his

love, let him fill your heart and sat - is - fy your soul.

Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spir - it like a



2. O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your heads in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. *Refrain*

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Holy Communion

Our Affirmation of Faith (Please stand and confess together)

**We believe in God, who is like a good mother or father,
near to us, and strong to help us.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, in whom we see God:
He is for us the way of truth and life.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, whose life is in us,
giving us new life and healing strength for our spirits.**

**We believe our faith is a confident trust
in the truth and goodness of God.**

**We believe our hope is a power,
to fill the present, and the future with deepest meaning.**

**We believe our love is the means by which this faith
will be made real in our lives.**

The Eucharist (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "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, and when He had given thanks, He 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. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." . . . As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

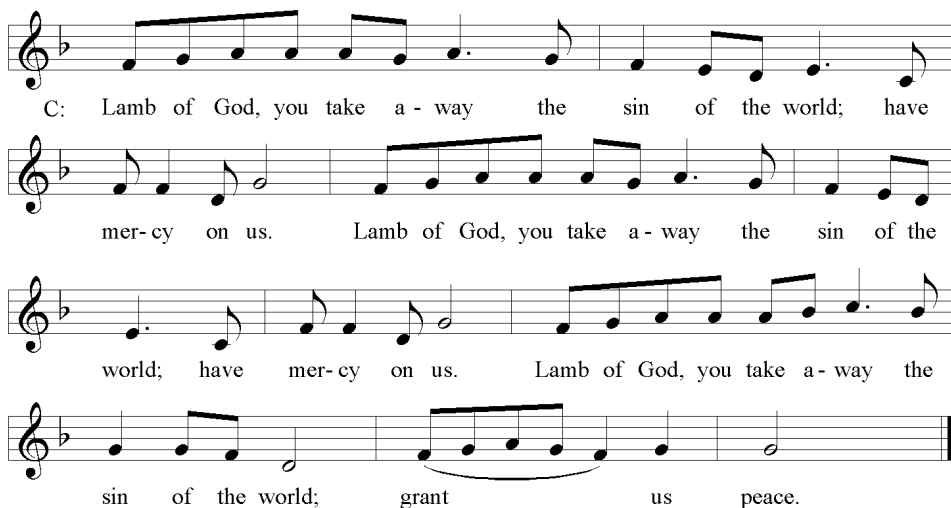
People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: **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.**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**



Distribution (Please be seated)

Approach the altar at the usher's direction. Communion is received kneeling—the bread in your outstretched open hands, the wine in a small cup. Place empty cups in the tray to the side. If you wish only a blessing, just fold your hands together over your heart.

Prayer before Communion (Prayed privately before going to the altar)

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer After Communion (Prayed privately after returning to your seated)

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing (Please stand)

Prayer after Communion (Please remain standing)

Pastor: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Benediction (Please remain standing)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song - On What Has Now Been Sown (LBW #261. Please remain standing)

- 1 On what has now been sown
your blessing, Lord, bestow;
the pow'r is yours alone
to make it sprout and grow.
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise,
and yours alone shall be the praise!
- 2 To you our wants are known,
from you are all our pow'rs;
accept what is your own
and pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive
and to your word a blessing give.
- 3 Oh, grant that each of us,
now met before you here,
may meet together thus
when you and yours appear,
and follow you to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.

Announcements

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Pianist:	Janet Reese
Altar Guild:	Janice Hellman & Vicki McGowan
Coffee:	Laureen Schneeberger and friends
Counter:	Vicki McGowan
Ushers:	MaryAnn Griller & Vicki McGowan
Lay Reader:	MaryAnn Griller

Activities This Week:

Sunday – August 25	9:30 am	Service of the Word And Sacrament
Tuesday – August 27	9:30am -12: 30 pm	Stage Door (PH)
Wednesday – August 28	6:00 pm	Stage Door (PH)
Saturday – August 31	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – September 1	9:30 am	Service of the Word

Information About Peace Lutheran Church - If you desire to know more about Peace Lutheran Church such as teachings; affiliations, membership or other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adams.

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Happy Birthday – Blessings to those celebrating birthdays this week:

Monday - Kathy Doyle

Flowers – Flowers today are given to the glory of God

Thank You – Thank you to Alan Piotter for leading worship while Pastor and Nancy are on Vacation.

Servers – Every Sunday there are several people that help serve during the worship service and coffee hour. Peace Lutheran needs your help. We need people to prepare Coffee hour and serve during that time. We need Ushers. We need lay readers who read the second lesson during worship. Please consider these needs and sign up to serve in the way you choose. Thank you.

Flowers – If you would like to donate flowers for worship in memory of a person or observing a personal event, please contact pastor via email at pastor@plcmarin.org

Sunday Bulletins - for Peace Lutheran church are available online for use during the worship service. The link is <http://bulletin.plcmarin.org>

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Weekly Devotional Helps

August 25 – August 31, 2019

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Prayer For The Sick

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings Through The Week

Monday – August 26

Psalm 109:21-31
Ezekiel 20:1-17
Hebrews 3:7-4:11

Tuesday – August 27

Psalm 109:21-31
Ezekiel 20:18-32
Revelation 3:7-13

Wednesday – August 28

Psalm 109:21-31
Ezekiel 20:33-44
Luke 6:6-11

Thursday – August 29

Psalm 112
Proverbs 15:13-17
1 Peter 3:8-12

Friday – August 30

Psalm 112

Proverbs 18:6-12

1 Peter 4:7-11

Saturday – August 31

Psalm 112

Proverbs 21:1-4, 24-26

Matthew 20:20-28

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**12th Sunday After Pentecost****Proverbs 25:6-7****Psalm 112****Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16****Matthew 11:25-30****Commemorations**

August 28 - Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, died 430: Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. A native of North Africa, he recovered from a debauched young adulthood through the influence of his mother, Monica, and Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Besides writing influential theological books, he served as bishop of Hippo, in present-day Algeria.

August 28 - Moses the Black, monk, martyr, died around 400: Converted from life as a thief and a robber to Christianity, Moses was an Ethiopian who became a desert monk at Skete. The change in his heart and life had a profound impact on his native country. He was murdered when Berber bandits attacked his monastery.

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