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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.

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!

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost November 10, 2019

Introduction

We worship on the first day of the week because our Savior was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Redeeming God, come and heal our lives this day. Open our hearts to receive your words of hope and joy that we may become faithful servants of yours in this world which you have loaned to us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen. – Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters Website

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringing The Bell

Welcome

Opening Sentences (Based on Exodus 3:6–8, 14–15. Please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit, **People:** the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,

Pastor: who has surely seen the affliction of His people,

People: who has come down to deliver them,

Pastor: whose name is I AM WHO I AM,

People: who is to be remembered throughout all generations.

Entrance Song - I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

(Stanzas 1-4, LBW #352. Please remain standing)

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives, my ever-living head!
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave; he lives eternally to save; he lives exalted, throned above; he lives to rule his church in love.
- 3 He lives to grant me rich supply; he lives to guide me with his eye; he lives to comfort me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 4 He lives to silence all my fears; he lives to wipe away my tears; he lives to calm my troubled heart; he lives all blessings to impart.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

Confession And Absolution (Please remain standing)

Pastor: When God called out to Moses from the burning bush, Moses hid his

face, for he was afraid to look at God.

People: We, having sinned against God in our thoughts, words, and

deeds, cannot come into God's presence as we are, helpless in

our fallen sinful condition. Forgive us, almighty Creator.

Pastor: When God promised Moses that he would serve Him on Mount

Horeb, Moses asked to know the name of God.

People: And we, who bear the name of God from our Baptism, have

failed to reflect His grace, love, and mercy in our daily living.

Forgive us, gracious Savior.

Pastor: When God told him to go to Pharaoh, Moses could only say, "Who

am I that I should go?"

People: We have put our personal desires ahead of God and the people

around us. Forgive us, strengthening Spirit.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

Pastor: God promised Moses that he and the Israelites, freed from slavery in

Egypt, would worship on that mountain. Because of Jesus, we have been freed from our sins. God now graciously invites us to worship Him here in time and hereafter in eternity. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(We share with one another the peace of the Lord)

Song Of Response - I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

(Stanzas 5-8, LBW #352. Please be seated)

- 5 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

First Reading - Exodus 3:1-15 (Please remain seated)

Moses experienced the call of God when God appeared to him in a bush that burned but was not consumed. When Moses expressed his unworthiness, God promised to be with him. When Moses objected that people would demand to know God's name, God revealed his personal name, Yahweh (I AM WHO I AM), or the LORD. Israel discovered God's true identity when God took them out of Egypt.

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." 4When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." 13But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" 14God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.' " 15God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Gradual (Romans 7:14b; Psalm 84:5. Please remain seated)

Lay Minister: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

People: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood

of the Lamb.

Lay Minister: Blessed are those whose strength is in You, **People:** in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Second Reading - 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 (Please remain seated)

Paul writes to encourage the church at Thessalonica in a time of confusion and opposition. Here, the confusion concerned the return of Christ. Paul writes to those who were allowing their concern over Jesus' imminent return to divert them from the central teachings of the gospel.

¹As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. 3Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. 5Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? ¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Verse (Luke 20:38. Please stand)

Pastor: Alleluia. He is not God of the dead, but of the living,

People: for all live to Him. Alleluia.

Gospel - Luke 20:27-38 (Please remain standing)

The Sadducees, who do not believe in the resurrection of the dead, try to trap Jesus. They formulate the convoluted case of a serial widow who marries a succession of seven brothers. Jesus responds by teaching about God, to whom all are alive and in whom all relationships are fulfilled.

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." ³⁴Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

Theme Song - The Day of Resurrection! (Tune: LBW #251. Please be seated)

1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the passover of gladness, the passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

- 2 Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and list'ning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the glad refrain.
- 3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin, the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein. Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend; for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!
- 4 All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son, all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!

 Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne, and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Message

A Lesson In Resurrection Exodus 3:1-15

Confession Of Faith - Apostles Creed (Please stand and confess together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in the faith and for all people

in their various circumstances. – Silent prayer - Eternal Lord, You sent Moses to Pharaoh, giving him Your name and promising to go with him. Now You send us out into the world with Your name upon us from our Baptism and Your gracious presence going with us. Use us, we pray, and work through us to accomplish Your gracious will.

Confident that You accompany us,

People: we praise the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You saw the afflictions of Your people in Egypt.

Look on all who are oppressed by harsh governments, denied their human rights by corrupt courts, or cast aside by uncaring cultures. Visit, relieve, strengthen, and free them to worship You in peace and

joy. Knowing Your answers are better than our prayers,

People: we praise the name of the Lord.

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, You knew the sufferings of the Israelites in Moses' day.

Listen to all who are struggling with illnesses of body, mind, or spirit, and guide those who seek to meet their various needs. Anticipating the contentment and health that await them in Your gracious plans,

People: we praise the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, hear the prayers of all displaced from their homes or

seeking asylum in foreign lands, and protect all who work for order within societies and peace across borders. Confident that You can

bring good out of every circumstance,

People: we praise the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Lord of the nations, Pharaoh did not know You in Moses' day, and

today whole nations have not heard our Savior's name. Open doors of opportunity for lay and clergy leaders so that the Gospel may be proclaimed. Trusting that growth will come to the Church by Your will,

People: we praise the name of the Lord.

Additional prayers:

Pastor: Lord in your mercy. **People: Hear our prayer**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, Your people have awaited Your return since Your

ascension. During this time when lawlessness and rebellion are rampant in this fallen world, give us comfort and hope, protection and encouragement. Looking forward to joining those who have gone

before and now live in Your presence,

People: we praise the name of the Lord, now and forever. Amen.

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

Communion Song - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

(Tune: LBW #391. Please remain seated)

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.

- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

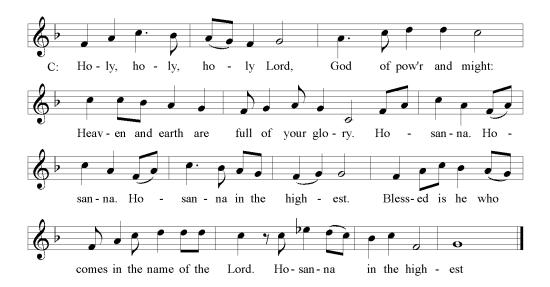
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in

all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who out of love for His fallen creation humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has called us as His instruments, promised to accompany us each day, and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Pastor:

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. During His life in time and space, He was obedient in our stead and died for our sins, thereby destroying death and assuring us that eternal life awaits us in the resurrection. We give thanks for His redemption and ask that by Your Holy Spirit we faithfully receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

People: Amen.

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 $\stackrel{\blacksquare}{}$ 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 $\stackrel{\blacksquare}{}$ 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:

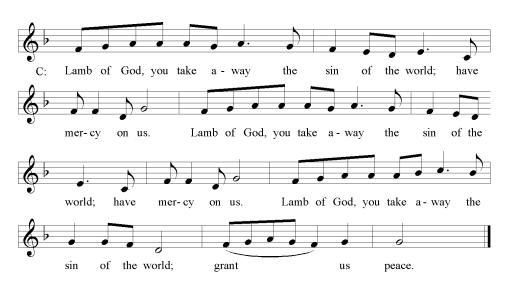
O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. 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 carried by the acolyte or lay minister. 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 seat)

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)

Post-Communion Thanksgiving (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray. . . . Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given

us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's

body and blood.

People: Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage

that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom,

which has no end;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with

You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction (Please remain standing)

Pastor: The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the great I AM—the Father,

the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: Amen.

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Closing Song - Savior, Again to Your Dear Name (LBW #262. Please remain standing)

- Savior, again to your dear name we raise with one accord our parting hymn of praise; once more we bless you ere our worship cease, then, lowly bending, wait your word of peace.
- 2 Grant us your peace upon our homeward way; with you began, with you shall end the day; guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, that in this house have called upon your name.
- 3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the coming night; for us transform its darkness into light. Keep us from harm and danger till the dawn; your evening presence promise to your own.
- 4 Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life, our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife; then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease, call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826-1893, alt.

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Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor: Ricky Adams
Pianist: Janet Reese
Altar Guild: Vicki McGowan

Coffee: Don and Beverly Erbel

Counter: Vicki McGowan Lay Reader: Beverly Erbel

Activities This Week:

Sunday – November 10	9:30 am	Service of the Word and Sacrament
Tuesday – November 12	9:30am -12: 30 pm 10:30 a.m.	Stage Door (PH) Brown Bag Dinner (LL)
Wednesday – November 13	2:45-6:15 pm 6:00 pm	Patricia Miner (S) Stage Door (PH)
Saturday – November 16	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – November 17	9:30 am After worship	Service of the Word Council

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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Flowers – Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

Birthdays – Blessings to those celebrating birthdays this week!

Today – Marta Valiente

Anniversary– Blessings to those celebrating anniversaries this week!

Monday - Don and Beverly Erbel

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.

2020 Calendars - Please consider bringing in all the extra 2020 calendars you receive so we can give them to our friends at Fireside in December.

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

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Weekly Devotional Helps November 10 – November 16, 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 – November 11

Psalm 123 Job 20:1-11 2 Peter 1:16-20

Wednesday - November 13

Psalm 123 Job 25:1-26:14 John 5:19-29

Tuesday - November 12

Psalm 123 Job 21:1, 17-34 2 John 1-13

Thursday - November 14

Psalm 98 1 Samuel 28:3-19 Romans 1:18-25 Friday – November 15

Psalm 98 2 Samuel 21:1-14 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12 Saturday – November 16

Psalm 98 Ezekiel 10:1-19 Luke 17:20-37

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19

Commemorations

November 11 - Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397: Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

November 11 - Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855: Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

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