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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!

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

October 22, 2017

Introduction

God's people in exile in Babylon doubted God's plan for them, but Isaiah gave them hope when he was inspired to write the Lord's address to King Cyrus. God would use even this secular ruler for the good of His people. And, indeed, they were able to return to the Promised Land through an edict of Cyrus. Knowing that

God is so resolute in His determination to use even nonreligious intentions for His purpose and holy will, we can live in peace. We can trust Him for our physical and spiritual needs. Whenever we doubt God's care, then the end of the story, God's victory over all things, is our comfort for time and eternity. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Majestic God, help us to feel and see your presence in our lives. Enable us to listen clearly to your words of hope and comfort. Encourage us to go into your world serving others and bringing your message of mercy and healing. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN. — Nancy C. Townley from Ministry Matter Website

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Gathering Song - Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (LBW #526, please stand)

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Pastor: Blessed be the ✠ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power. - Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. - Gracious heavenly Father,

People: **we confess that our faith wavers at times. We allow things of this world to produce uncertainty and fear within us. Although we believe in Your victory at the end of time, we fail to trust You to protect us and relieve our anxieties each day. Forgive us, strengthen our faith in Your almighty power and unconditional love, and turn us again toward Your will. Grant us to serve You in peace and joy. Amen.**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ with the Father and the Holy Spirit is Lord over all, who rules in power over temporal and eternal powers. Yet He came to earth as one of us, lived under earthly authorities, died to pay for all our sins, and rose victorious. 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 greet each other with the peace of the Lord)

Song 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 with all the peo - ple of God, And
 4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry and might Be
 For the Lamb who was slain Has to 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 45:1-7 (Please be seated)

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (Please be seated)

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul is giving pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic pagan environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Gospel - Matthew 22:15-22 (Please be seated)

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Song - As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams (Tune: LBW #477, please be seated)

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| 1. As pants the hart for cooling streams
when heated in the chase,
so longs my soul, O God, for you
and your refreshing grace. | 2. For you, my God, the living God,
my thirsty spirit pines;
oh, when shall I behold your face,
O Majesty divine? |
| 3. One trouble calls another on
and gathers overhead,
falls splashing down, till round my soul
a rising sea is spread. | 4. Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Hope still, and you shall sing
the praise of him who is your God,
your health's eternal spring. |
| 5. For now I trust in God for strength,
I trust him to employ
his love for me and change my sighs
to thankful hymns of joy. | |

Text: Nahum Tate, 1652-1715; Nicholas Brady, 1659-1726, alt.

Message

A Man Named Cyrus
Isaiah 45:1-7

Song - Word Of God, Come Down To Earth (ELW #510, please remain seated)

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -

heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove

faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to

we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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Prayers Of The People Of God (Please stand)

Pastor: Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation. - A brief silence. - Trusting in God, we pray for the church. Fill all worshipers with your Holy Spirit. Grant them generous hearts to share God's splendor revealed to them in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for creation: for the power of sun, wind, and water, for the riches buried in rock and soil, for the magnificence of life in forms too many to number. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for the nations: for leaders of governments, for fair commerce between nations, for treasurers, boards of directors, and all who justly distribute monetary resources. Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for the poor and outcast, for those who cannot afford food, medicine, clothing, and shelter, for the communities and agencies who serve the needy and advocate on their behalf. Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Trusting in God's healing power, we pray for this congregation: for the unemployed and overworked, for all who are burdened by debt, for the sick and those in particular need. Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Additional prayers

Pastor: We give thanks for the saints of every time and place. By your Spirit, grant us sure confidence in the everlasting glory you promise. Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.
People: Amen.

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

Offering Prayer (Please remain seated)

Lay Minister: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.
People: Amen.

Song - O Word of God Incarnate (LBW #231, please be seated)

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| 1. O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age. | 2. The church from you, dear Master,
received the gift divine;
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that, all life's voyage through,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands
still guides, O Christ, to you. |
| 3. Oh, make your church, dear Savior,
a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations
your true light, as of old;
oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see you face to face. | |

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

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

The Words Of Our Lord (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:

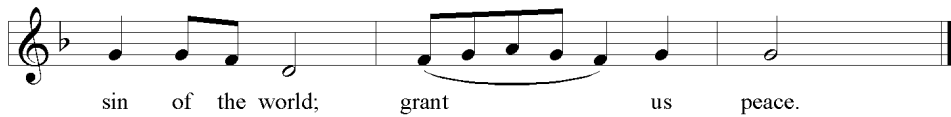
People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine 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.**

Lamb Of God (Please remain standing)

C: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



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 seate)

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 (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray. ... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have again assured us of sins forgiven and Your constant presence. Strengthen us for whatever each day holds so that we may live together in joy and share Your endless love; 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 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)

Lay Minister: Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loves you

People: Thanks be to God!

Song - Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast (LBW #234, please remain standing)

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| 1. Almighty God, your word is cast
like seed into the ground;
now let the dew of heav'n descend
and righteous fruits abound. | 2. Let not the sly satanic foe
this holy seed remove,
but give it root in ev'ry heart
to bring forth fruits of love. |
| 3. Let not the world's deceitful cares
the rising plant destroy,
but let it yield a hundredfold
the fruits of peace and joy. | 4. So when the precious seed is sown,
your quick'ning grace bestow,
that all whose souls the truth receive
its saving pow'r may know. |

Text: John Cawood, 1775-1852, alt.

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Organist:	Janet Reese
Altar Guild:	Vicki McGowan, Janice Hellman
Coffee Hour:	Vicki McGowan and Betty Erickson
Lay Minister:	Gary Glover
Usher:	Keith and Jackie Stoneking
Lay Reader:	Bev Erbel

Activities This Week:

Sunday – October 22	9:30am	Service of the Word and Sacrament
Tuesday – October 24	9:30-12:30am 4:15-5:45	Stage Door (PH) Kids Music Class(LL)
Wednesday – October 25	10:30 a. m. 4:15-5:45 6pm	Worship Committee Kids Music Class(LL) Stage Door (PH)
Saturday – October 28	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm 11:00 – 1:00	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH) SF Chinese Academy(N)
Sunday – October 29	9:30am	Service of the Word

Announcements For October 22, 2017

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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Birthdays – Those celebrating birthdays this week are:

Tuesday - Marion Ball; Bob Atkins; Rick Swanson

Thursday - Jane Green

Friday - Doug Sides

Refreshments - will be served in Luther Lounge and surrounding areas following worship today. Guests and members stay and meet one another again or for the first time.

Reformation 500 Hymn Festival - Members of Peace Lutheran along with friends and neighbors are invited to be part of a Reformation 500 Hymn Festival hosted by St. Mark's Lutheran Church in San Francisco starting at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 28th. Attendees will sing beloved hymns of the Reformation, lead by organists from the San Francisco chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

In addition, a festival choir and orchestra, with singers and instrumentalists from around the Bay Area, will present J.S. Bach's Reformation Festival Cantata, *Gott der Herr ist Sonn und Schild*, BWV 79, featuring "Now Thank We All Our God," and Johannes Brahms' motet *Es ist das Heil uns kommen her* under the baton of guest conductor, Eric Choate.

Following the music, all are invited to join St. Mark's Oktoberfest, with activities for children, German food, beer and dancing with music provided by Deutscher Musikverein. There is a \$10 suggested donation for the Oktoberfest.

I look forward to seeing you and your members at what promises to be a joyous day of music, praise, food and fun.

Dr. Timothy Zerlang
Director of Music - St. Mark's Lutheran Church

California Fires – LCMS Disaster Response leaders will visit northern California Oct. 23-25 to meet with officials of the Synod's California-Nevada-Hawaii (CNH) District as well as with parish pastors based in areas affected by the catastrophic wildfires. Working in collaboration with the district, Disaster Response will assist in conducting an early assessment and devising an action plan to help meet immediate needs in the stricken communities. LCMS President Matthew C. Harrison has been in contact with CNH District President Robert Newton, while LCMS Disaster Response leaders have been in touch with the district's disaster response coordinator. Below are a few ways you can help:

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

- **Call** **888-930-4438**
- **Text:** **LCMS California Fires to 41444**
- **Online:** **www.lcms.org/calfires**

Rotary

I include this because two years ago, Rotary District 5130 set up a fire relief fund for people affected by the Lake County Fires (Not Only Rotarians). This last week they announced it has expanded its fire relief efforts to now include the Napa, Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino County Fire victims.

For more information on the fund or to donate online, go to **www.larca5130.org**. Questions can be sent to **larca5130@gmail.com**

You can also mail a check payable to:

“LARCA Fire Relief”

PO Box 2921

Clearlake CA 95422

501c3 Non-Profit # 46-1149482

Thrivent

You can make a contribution on Thrivent.com to assist wildfire victims. Thrivent will match personal donations made through Thrivent.com to the organizations listed below.

To donate, on the website simply click the name of the organization to which you wish to personally donate. Thrivent Financial will pay the processing fees associated with personal donations.

National - Convoy of Hope, Springfield, MO

California

American Red Cross, Sacramento, CA

Habitat for Humanity of Sonoma County, Santa Rosa, CA

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Weekly Devotional Helps

October 22 - October 28, 2017

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 – October 23

Psalm 98
Daniel 3:1-18
Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20

Tuesday – October 24

Psalm 98
Daniel 3:19-30
Revelation 18:21-24

Wednesday – October 25

Psalm 98
Daniel 6:1-28
Matthew 17:22-27

Thursday – October 26

Psalm 46
Numbers 5:5-10
Titus 1:5-16

Friday – October 27

Psalm 46
Deuteronomy 9:25-10:5
Titus 2:7-8, 11-15

Saturday – October 28

Psalm 46
Proverbs 24:23-34
John 5:39-47

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

Commemorations

October 23 - James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62: One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

October 26 - Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters: These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

October 28 - Simon and Jude, Apostles: We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

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