

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Christian Supplement Worship - Series B

First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15 - NIV84 ¹

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?"

¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me — she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this,

"Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life.

¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Second Lesson: Revelation 20:1-6 - GWN ²

¹ And I saw an Angel coming down from heaven, holding the key to the bottomless pit and a large chain in His hand;

² and He overpowered the dragon — he is the old serpent, which is Devil and Satan — and He bound him for a thousand years,

³ and threw him into the bottomless pit, and shut it and sealed it over him to keep him from deceiving the Gentiles⁴ anymore until the thousand years would end; after these things he must be set free for a little while.

⁴ And I saw thrones, and they sat on them and to them was given authority to judge; and I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God. And they had not worshiped the beast nor his image

and were not branded on their foreheads and on their hands; and they lived and ruled with Christ for a thousand years.

⁵ The rest of the dead did not live until the thousand years came to an end. This is the first resurrection.

⁶ Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them. But they will continue to be priests of God and of Christ. And they will rule with Him for a thousand years.

⁴ — 3 Or "nations"

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35 - NIV84 ¹

²⁰ Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹ When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

²² And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."

²³ So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷ In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house. ²⁸ I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. ²⁹ But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin."

³⁰ He said this because they were saying, "He has an evil spirit."

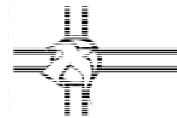
³¹ Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

³³ "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

³⁴ Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!" ³⁵ Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

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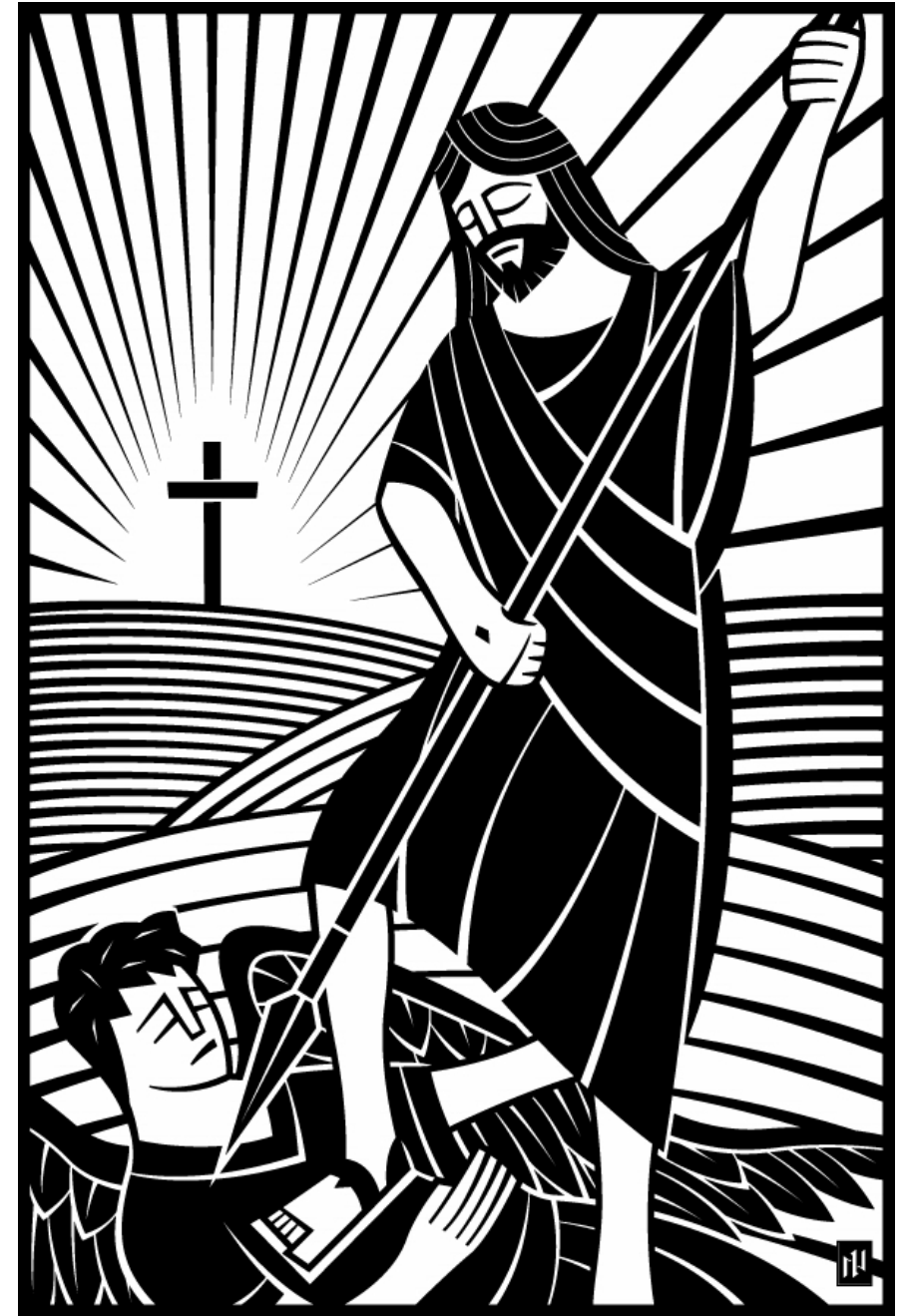
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Proclaiming the Peace of the Risen and Living Jesus





Welcome
to
Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

To the friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to our first time guests we extend it most sincerely; and to those seeking a church home, we offer fellowship with the risen living Redeemer, membership in His Church, and citizenship in His eternal kingdom. Our message is as old as the Word of God to man and as new as the new life it brings: *Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to give eternal life to people everywhere.*

Christ's Love,
Our Calling.

Dear Visitors:

- **The bookmark** in this service folder will guide you through our service.
- If you **need assistance** in worship, ask an usher. We offer worship partners.
- Before you leave today, **please sign our guest book**. It is located in the Narthex.

Personal sound enhancement receivers are available to help the hearing impaired. An usher will be happy to assist you.

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We welcome all people to our services, those who are fully united with us in Christ's teachings as well as those who do not yet share our confession of the Faith. However, it is a sad consequence of the divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to all Christians to receive Communion with us. Our Lord teaches (1 Cor. 10:17 and elsewhere) that Communion is an action of the celebrating community that declares their oneness in the Faith, life, and worship. Communing with Christians not in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS] or our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS], would imply a oneness that does not truly exist, but for which we pray. Our pastor will gladly talk with you about establishing communion fellowship here at Peace.

Suggestions for Pre-service meditation

Meditate on the readings (on the back of the bulletin cover) keeping in mind *Today's Theme* and the comments on the lessons written below. Then do the same with the words of the *Psalm of the Day* and the words of the *hymns*. Both are listed on the worship *bookmark*.

The Theme of Today's Service

Jesus came to bring us into God's family. Satan works to keep us out.

Prayer of the Day

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lord speaks to us in his word:

The First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15

Sin changed everything. Dismissing the Father's "Don't eat. . .or you will die" means they abandoned his family to belong to Satan's reign of death, denial, terror, torment, trickery. God came to reclaim.

The Psalm: Psalm 51a

God's people live exhaling with a repentance that longs for and breathes in his life-giving mercy.

The Second Lesson: Revelation 20:1-6

The Satan-Crusher is pictured as an angel who has Satan under complete control for the sake of the saints. The 1,000 years is the complete New Testament era. Then the resurrection ushers in eternity.

The Verse of the Day: 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.

The Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

Pedigree, position, expertise, nor education makes you part of God's family. We're family in Christ. We live to listen to his word, trusting its promises, and gladly obeying his good and gracious will.

The Sermon: Revelation 20:1-6

Baptized, don't give up your throne with Christ!