

# JESUS CHRIST

THE SAME

Yesterday Today  
FOREVER

HEBREWS 13:8

## St. John's Lutheran Church & Valley Bible Academy (K-8)

1107 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Clarkston, WA

10:00 am Sunday School, 10:15 am Bible Class, 11:00 am Service

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## Peace Lutheran Church

13946 1st Ave, Orofino, ID

7:30 am Bible Class, 8:00 am Worship Service

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15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 124 (front of the hymnal p. 153)

The Hymns: 20, 123, 357:1-2,5-6, 283

*Prayer: Lord God, heavenly Father, We beseech You, graciously abide among us with Your blessing, and keep us from covetousness and the cares of this life, that we may seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness, and in all things needful for body and soul, provide Your ever-present help; through Jesus Christ, Amen.*

### Opening Prayer

### Opening Hymn 20

### 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.



**C:** Who made heaven and earth.

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



**C:** 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 has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your 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:** How lovely are Your worship places, O Lord of all:

**C:** I yearn for, yes, I faint with longing for the courts of the Lord.

**P:** Blessed are those who dwell in Your house:

**C:** They are always praising You.

**P:** The Lord will give grace and glory:

**C:** No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

### 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)*



I 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.



A - men.

### THE BIBLE READINGS

*God speaks to us.*

#### The Old Testament Reading:

Psalms 16 Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust. 2 O my soul, you have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You." 3 As for the saints who are on the earth, "They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight." 4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god; Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor take up their names on

my lips. 5 O LORD, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot. 6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good inheritance. 7 I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons. 8 I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved. 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. 10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. 11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**PASTOR** Here ends the Old Testament 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: It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord:

**C: And to sing the praises of Your name, O most High.**

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*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.**

**Hymn 123**

## THE SERMON

Hebrews 13:1-8 Let brotherly love continue. 2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels. 3 Remember the prisoners as if chained with them; those who are mistreated; since you yourselves are in the body also. 4 Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. 5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" 7 Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Theme: "SIX WAYS TO LEAD A GODLY LIFE"

I. For your service in the world

II. Through your ever-present and unchanging God

## 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



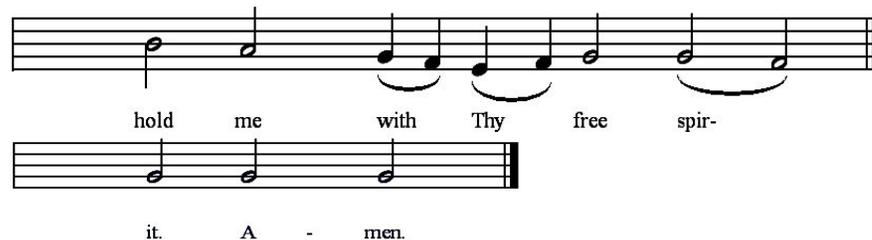
Cast me not a - way from Thy pre - sence, and



take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



Re-store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up-



## THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

*Following your gifts, 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.**

### Hymn 357:1-2, 5-6

*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 283

\*\*\* Silent Prayer \*\*\*

# Announcements

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**The Gospel Reading**

*In these verses we get to hear what our Savior will say to us, His Children, on the Day of Judgment. Until that Day, His Word working in our hearts by faith, enables us to live our lives dedicated to Jesus. We read...*

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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.



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