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¹⁷ But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself! ¹⁸ Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name! ¹ Psalm 80:17-18

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“As the king goes, so goes the nation.” ² As our authorities rule and reign over us, they make decisions, both good and bad, that impact our standing with other nations of the world, as well as our lives here in America. They are not perfect. They are sinners, the same as we are. When they do things that we do not like or enjoy, what are we to do?

It would be easy for us to complain. It is what our sinful nature loves to do. When things are not going our way, or when we are not getting what we desire, we can easily fall into the sin of pride. We often break the Fourth Commandment in our thoughts and words by despising those in authority over us. We think that we could do a better job if we were in their position. We would have found the easier solution, we would have forced two nations to get along, we would have already made a peace deal, or made a better choice between two horrible choices.

The reality is that we should not complain. We should realize that we do not have all the information that is available to them. We do not know all the facts. Because they sin, we do not put our trust in them. Instead, we rightly lift them up in prayer, as the Psalmist does, praying that God would uphold them and work through them for our good and wellbeing. That He would uphold them and preserve those who are godly authorities and so stave off disaster. As we pray in the Lord’s Prayer, that Thy will be done. Just as God worked through Joseph to save Egypt and the nations, even though they did not know the true God, that God would likewise work through those whom He has appointed over us for our good.

Ultimately, this is done in and through the Beloved Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As the Beloved Son of the Father, Jesus’ was strengthened to do the work He was given to do. Angels came and ministered to Him after His temptation, as well as in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus was strengthened to bear our sins, and the wrath of God over them, even in the face of death. He dies in our place, covering our sins with His precious blood. Jesus is risen from the dead, ascended to the right hand of the Father. There, Jesus is ruling and reigning for your good over creation, the church, and the saints in His nearer presence, so that above all, His will is done, the kingdom of Satan is toppled, and the Gospel is spread. Jesus does all this for you. So that you are strengthened in your faith here, awaiting with joy the life to come when He comes again in power and glory.

Your Servant in Christ,
Rev. Joshua Reinke

¹ [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2025), Ps 80:17–18.

² John F. Brug, [*Psalms 73–150*](#), 2nd ed., The People’s Bible (Milwaukee, WI: Northwestern Pub. House, 1989), 41.

THANKS

Everyone who donated and helped in any way with the rummage sale.
All of the people who have offered to serve the Lord as officers for Peace Lutheran Church.
Tristin Reinke, Gloria Creek and Val Martin for playing the organ during our worship services.
Elsie Huss for changing the banners and paraments.
Everyone on the Prayer Chain for their time and prayers.
All of the men who volunteer to usher.
Bob Fletcher for cleaning the church.
Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.

This list is not inclusive. Please accept our apologies if we have missed giving you credit for serving the Lord in any fashion. We know that the Lord knows your service to Him.



June Anniversaries

June 5 – Bailey and Brenna Johnson

June 15 – Tyler and Natalie Gill

Baptismal Anniversaries

June	1	Dennis Nivens
	9	Joshua Baumer
	11	Jennifer Lewis
	12	Linda Aguiar
	14	Angela Fletcher
	16	Alicia Short
	18	Phyllis Schaaf
	20	Toni Nivens

Ushers for June

June 7	-----	Mitch and Taylor Martin
June 14	-----	Arnie Gidlow
	-----	Patrick Tenold
June 21	-----	Cole McPartlin
	-----	Dennis Nivens
June 28	-----	Tyler Denning
	-----	Greg Franczyk



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

Ben Aagaard – 13 year old with health issues
Marylan Dallum – health issues - Fort Benton
Jody Decker – health issues - Fort Benton
Michael Drummond – Lupus
Rev. Mark Grunst of Billings who has Lewy Body disease
Rev. Erich Kaelberer – ALS
Bruce Kempf – health issues
Ann Nimmick – memory issues
Becky Schlund - MS
Steven Schlund - Parkinsons

Offering Counters needed!

We need people to help count the offering each Sunday in **July**. If you have never counted before and would like to be trained, or if you know how to count and can volunteer sometime, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway or contact Chairman Greg Franczyk.

Remember to bring your **baby bottles** from Echoz back to the church on or before
Sunday, June 21, Father's Day.

Thank you for your continued support of this wonderful program!

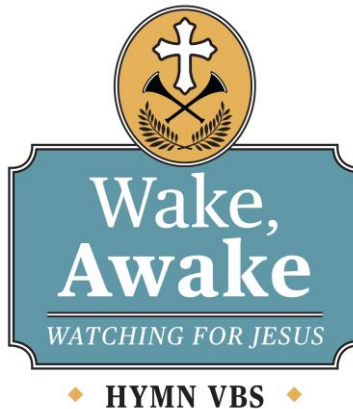
LWML

- ♥ **Our planning meeting will be Saturday, July 11 at 11:00 a.m.** All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and participate in the planning of the coming year's activities and servant event projects. Many new and exciting ideas will be talked about and planned!
- ♥ **Newly elected officers** are President Val Martin, Vice President Toni Nivens, Secretary Cheri Magnuson, Treasurers Linda Aguiar and Elsie Huss. **Thank you to all of these ladies for volunteering to be leaders in LWML!**

Office Hours for Holiday

The church office will be OPEN Monday through Wednesday, June 29, 30 and July 1 from 9 AM to 1 PM and **CLOSED** on **Thursday, July 2 for the holiday.**

Fuddruckers' Burgers for Benefits fundraiser for Wee Disciples is the **third Tuesday of each month** from 5 to 9 PM. (The next fundraising evening is on June 16.) No coupon necessary! Just mention Wee Disciples and they will donate 20% of the total ticket to Wee Disciples. **You can use dine-in or takeout.** Thank you for supporting Wee Disciples!



Vacation Bible School dates are set for **June 15-21, 2026 from 9 AM to 1:15 PM.**

"Wake, Awake: Watching for Jesus"

Monday's lesson is titled "Awake, Jerusalem, Arise!" based on Matthew 21:9
Tuesday's lesson is titled "The Bridegroom Comes, Awake!" based on 1 John 1:9
Wednesday's lesson is titled "Your Lamps with Gladness Take!" based on Matthew 25:13
Thursday's lesson is titled "She Wakes, She Rises from Her Gloom" based on Mark 5:41
Friday's lesson is titled "Sing Hymns of Praise and Joy to Thee!" based on Rev. 7:12

Each day at Wake, Awake begins with **Opening Worship**, where children, leaders, and helpers sing, hear God's Word, and pray together. Children then head off to a **Bible Lesson**, where they learn a Bible narrative that relates to themes of the hymn; a **Catechism Lesson** that shares a teaching from **Luther's Small Catechism**; and a **Hymn Lesson**, where they explore the biblical themes of the hymn text and sing together. Children also enjoy **Snacks, Games**, and a **Craft** before coming together again for **Closing Worship**.

This is the first year we will be providing lunch for the children before they head home. Registration forms are in the church office. Bring your child or grandchild to learn more about Jesus through daily prayer, music, lessons, and crafts. Come and join us!! If you would like to help in any way, please contact Pastor or Tristin Reinke.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 5 (7 June 2026) Hosea 5:15–6:6 Romans 4:13–25 Matthew 9:9–13

Jesus Calls Sinners to Repentance and Newness of Life in Accordance with His Mercy

In calling Matthew the tax collector to follow Him, Jesus demonstrates that He has come “not to call the righteous, but sinners” (Matt. 9:9, 13). As a good physician, He comes not to confirm them in their sins, but to heal them with His grace, calling them to repentance, faith and newness of life (Matt. 9:12). He puts them to death by the preaching of His Law, in order to raise them with His Gospel, to live before Him in the righteousness of His resurrection (Hos. 6:1–2, 5). It is in this way that God “gives life to the dead,” that is, through faith in Jesus, “who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification” (Rom. 4:17, 24–25). Thus, sinners from all nations are called to share the same faith as Abraham, the father of all who trust in Jesus (Rom. 4:16–18). And as our Lord in mercy thus welcomes us poor sinners to recline at the table in His house, so does He “desire steadfast love and not sacrifice” (Matt. 9:10, 13; Hos. 6:6), that we should have mercy on our neighbors and forgive their sins against us for Jesus’ sake.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 6 (14 June 2026) Exodus 19:2–8 Romans 5:6–15 Matthew 9:35—10:8 (9–20)

The Lord Our God Saves Us in Love and Cares for Us by the Ministry of His Gospel

The holy Triune God “shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,” ungodly and at enmity with Him, “Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8). The incarnate Son has justified us by His blood and reconciled us to His God and Father (Rom. 5:9–10). Whereas sin and death originated with Adam, forgiveness and life abound for all his children through “that one man Jesus Christ” (Rom. 5:12–17). As the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, so does He bring us to Himself by the Gospel and make of us “a kingdom of priests and a holy nation” (Ex. 19:6) by our Baptism into Christ. For “all that the LORD has spoken” (Ex. 19:8), Christ has done for us. As He has gone up to God by His cross and resurrection, so does He bring us to the Father in Himself (Ex. 19:3–4). Nor does He leave us “harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd” (Matt. 9:36), but He sends men with authority “to heal every disease and every affliction” by His forgiveness of sins (Matt. 10:1). In their proclamation, “the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matt. 10:7).

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 7 (21 June 2026) Jeremiah 20:7–13, Romans 6:12–23, Matthew 10:5a, 21–33

Delivered from Sin and Death, You Now Live before God in the Righteousness of Christ

The outcome of sin is death, “but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 6:23). He has set you free from the slavery of sin and has brought you “from death to life” (Rom. 6:13). No longer are you under the condemnation of the Law, but you live “under grace” (Rom. 6:14). Such is your courage in the face of “those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul” (Matt. 10:28). For though “you will be hated by all” and maligned by the world for the name of Christ (Matt. 10:22, 25), you abide in the care of your Father in heaven, who numbers “even the hairs of your head” and values you more “than many sparrows” (Matt. 10:30–31). By the Word of Christ, you have become like Him, your Teacher and Master in whom you endure to the end, and “will be saved” (Matt. 10:22, 25). For He is with you “as a dread warrior,” who has overcome your enemies (Jer. 20:11). By the righteousness of faith, He delivers your heart, mind, body and life “from the hand of evildoers,” and He brings you into the land of the living (Jer. 20:12–13).

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 8 (28 June 2026) Jeremiah 28:5–9 Romans 7:1–13 Matthew 10:34–42

The Lord Jesus Brings Division on Earth for the Sake of Peace with God in Heaven

False prophets preach what their hearers want to hear, promising peace even when the Lord has spoken “war, famine, and pestilence” (Jer. 28:8). But if “the LORD has truly sent the prophet,” he speaks what the Lord has spoken, and “the word of that prophet comes to pass” (Jer. 28:9). The preaching of God’s Law is hard, because it confronts sin, brings it to light and makes it worse, “sinful beyond measure,” thereby “producing death” in the sinner (Rom. 7:13). But through our Baptism into Christ, “we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive” (Rom. 7:6). Now we belong “to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God” (Rom. 7:4). Belonging to Him puts us at odds with the world and divides us from all earthly ties, not only from our human family, but each person from his own life. For Christ does not come “to bring peace, but a sword” (Matt. 10:34). Yet, whoever takes up his cross to follow Christ, and “loses his life” for Christ’s sake, finds new life in Him (Matt. 10:38–39).