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“⁸ but you shall cling to the Lord your God just as you have done to this day.”
Joshua 23:8

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have you ever had the experience of fighting against cling film when trying to put away leftovers? No matter what you try to do, it always seems to cling to itself no matter how much you may try to separate it. It is wonderful for doing its job of protecting and preserving food, but it is certainly tough to get it to unstick.

That tight clinginess, protection, and preserving parallels what Joshua tells the people of Israel in one of his last speeches to them. He tells them to cling to the Lord. To hold fast to Him as they did that day after the Lord gave them rest from all of their enemies. It was the Lord throughout the conquest of Canaan that was at work through His people, giving them the Land, and giving them rest.

The question remains though, how? How did Israel cling to the Lord? How do we cling to the Lord today? We certainly depend upon Him for protection and for the preservation of our faith. We cannot defeat the enemies of our sin, Satan, or death upon our own. Just as the people of Israel had to depend upon the Lord who fought on their behalf, we must depend entirely on the Lord fighting for us through Jesus Christ, especially His death and resurrection from the dead. By dying, Jesus destroyed sin, death, and the power of Satan. By rising again from the dead, Jesus gives to us newness of life.

We cling to Him, like cling film clings to itself, by being in the Word that the Lord has blessed and given to us. We hold fast to His Word and commands when we gather together in Worship, when we pray and do daily devotions either alone or with our families. When we strive to obey His commands, we show that we cling to Him still in faith. We do this, not because we earn anything from it. Good works are simply the outpouring of the faith that we have been given. They flow from faith the same way fruit flows from a tree, or grapes from a vine.

As much as we may not like that cling film clings to itself, it certainly does make a beautiful picture of how we cling to the Lord and His Word throughout our lives.

Your servant in Christ,
Rev. Joshua Reinke

¹ [*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version*](#) (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Jos 23:8.

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Everyone who cleaned, watered and cared for the flower beds all summer.
Everyone who came and fixed, repaired, replaced, and took care of the Lord's house during the summer months.
Everyone who attends Family Night and helps with food preparation and clean up.
Tristin Reinke, Gloria Creek and Val Martin for playing the organ and piano during our worship services.
Everyone on the Prayer Chain for their time and prayers.
Everyone who has donated treats for our fellowship time.
All of the men who volunteer to usher.
Bob Fletcher for cleaning the church.
All of the ladies who stay after and clean the kitchen after Bible study.
Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.
Elsie Huss for changing the banners and the paraments on the altar.

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.

Ladies Friday Bible Study

Yellow leaves on the trees and crisp autumn nights mean it's time to button up the garden for the 2025 season. Another beautiful growing season comes to an end. Hunters and skiers are quivering to have their seasons arrive.

The Assisted Living Ministry goes through all seasons. Friends from Trinity and Peace will gather to lead hymn singing with a devotion at Highgate Senior Living at 1:30pm on Friday, October 24th. Before going to Highgate there will be a no host lunch at The Montana Club, 907 Smelter Avenue Northeast. Join them for good food and fellowship.

On Monday, October 20th at 1:30pm Pastor Reinke will lead a worship service at Highgate. Carol Thurston, Ken Meske, and others will be delighted to have you join them!

LWML

- ♥ **LWML Sunday will be October 5.** LWML has an updated display on the bulletin board with some historic facts and information about where the Mites go and some of the projects and events that we have sponsored locally, nationally and around the world. Thank you to **Linda Aguiar** for organizing the display. During the LWML themed worship service at 10:00 AM, a **Noisy Offering** will be taken and funds will go to mites. The flowers on the altar are in honor of LWML Sunday.
- ♥ **Our next meeting is November 8 – Saturday at 11:00 AM.** Our guest speaker is Carly Tuss from The Angel Center. During the month of October, we will be collecting socks and other items for them. Be watching for their wish list!



October Anniversaries

Oct. 10	Kevin and Kristen Jacobsen
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Oct. 12	Ernest and Alana Keitzman
Oct. 15	Bill and Elsie Huss
Oct. 25	Henry and Val Schnackenberg

Baptismal Anniversaries

October	1	Lyle Onstad
	2	Gloria Creek
	3	Molly Whitesitt
	16	Ly Doscher
	16	Leila Doscher
	22	Sapphira Reinke
	25	Logan Rubino
	28	Ruth Denning

October ushers:

5 – Arnie Gidlow and Cole McPartlin
 12 – Pat Lewis and Jayden McPartlin
 19 – Mitch and Taylor Martin
 26 – Ernest Keitzman and Jeff Blomgren



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health

Ben Aagaard – 12 year old with liver cancer
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
Marge Johnsten, cancer
Connie Juden
Rev. Erich Kaelberer – ALS
Bruce Kempf – health issues
Eloise Morehead – health issues
Becky Schlund - MS
Steven Schlund – Parkinsons

Offering Counters Needed

We are looking for people to help count the offering for the month of November. You may sign up for one week or the entire month. The sign up is posted on the bulletin board. For more information, please contact Greg Franczyk.

✦ Youth Group Fundraiser ✦

For Sale:

12-Month Calendars — \$10

Magnetic Note Pads — \$5

Small Purse Calendars — \$5

Would you be willing to help brighten someone's day?

We are collecting donations to provide calendars and note pads for shut-ins in our congregation. Your support will not only give them something useful but also share hope and encouragement.

🙏 Thank you for supporting our youth and caring for others!

Fall Voters Meeting

The Fall Voters meeting for members of Peace Lutheran will be on **Sunday October 19 at 12 noon**. If you are not currently a voting member, please contact Chairman Greg Franczyk so it can be voted on at the meeting. We will be discussing the budget for next year and many other important issues about our church. Plan now to be there!

Special Offering

The Board of Elders agreed to take a special offering starting today and for the next 2 weeks for the congregations in Plentywood, Wolf Pint and Glasgow. See the insert for more details. Checks can be made out to Peace Lutheran and we will write one check to the Montana District.

Trunk or Treat

Date: Friday, October 31, 2025
Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Location: Peace Lutheran Parking Lot
Planning: 50 Kids
 Please sign up on the bulletin board.



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 22C)

(5 October 2025) Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4 2 Timothy 1:1–14 Luke 17:1–10

We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight, in the Peace of Christ's Forgiveness

We are surrounded by “destruction and violence” (Hab. 1:3) because the Law “is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth” (Hab. 1:4). In fact, the Law cannot rescue us from our enemies; it is our fiercest enemy of all. Therefore, not by sight, experience or feeling, nor by works, “the righteous shall live by his faith” (Hab. 2:4). “Temptations to sin are sure to come” (Luke 17:1), but as often as we sin, the Lord rebukes us, turns us to repentance and forgives us. We pray that He would thus “increase our faith” (Luke 17:5). And indeed, He does! Though we are His “unworthy servants” (Luke 17:10), He prepares His Supper for us, dresses us properly and gives us His body and blood to eat and drink. He appoints pastors for us, “by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 1:1). For the Gospel brings “life and immortality to light” (2 Tim. 1:10). This we believe. Therefore, “follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard,” by which He guards you “in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 1:13).

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 23C)

(12 October 2025) Ruth 1:1–19a 2 Timothy 2:1–13 Luke 17:11–19

Faith Returns Thanks to God and Worships Him in the Person of Christ Jesus

Jesus comes in mercy and, by His Word, heals you in body and soul. “Go and show yourselves to the priests,” for you are cleansed (Luke 17:14), and you are granted access to the Lord's temple. It is “at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks” (Luke 17:16), that you worship God, for Christ Jesus is your great High Priest; His body is the true temple. In Him, you “find rest, each of you in the house of her husband” (Ruth 1:9), for the Lord has “visited his people and given them food” (Ruth 1:6). The person of Jesus Christ lodges Himself in holy food — bread and wine for believers to eat and drink. You lodge where Jesus lodges; His Father is your God, His people are your people. Death cannot part you from Him because His death and resurrection are eternally yours through Holy Baptism. “Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead” (2 Tim. 2:8). As surely as death could not hold Him, so surely “the word of God is not bound” (2 Tim. 2:9). His Gospel is entrusted “to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also” (2 Tim. 2:2), so that you “may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 2:10). Such is the confession of faith for all the saints, who believe, teach and confess the one Lord and Savior — Jesus Christ.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 24C)

(19 October 2025) Genesis 32:22–30 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5 Luke 18:1–8

Faith Clings to the Word and Promises of God and Perseveres in Prayer

“Left alone,” Jacob wrestled through the night with the Lord, “until the breaking of the day” (Gen. 32:24). Though “Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him” (Gen. 32:25), he would not let go until the Lord blessed him. At times, we, too, strive with God; He strives with us and blesses us by grace. So Jesus teaches us “always to pray and not lose heart” (Luke 18:1). Jesus speaks of “a judge who neither feared God nor respected man” and of a widow “who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary’” (Luke 18:2–3). Because of her persistence, the judge agreed to “give her justice” (Luke 18:5). Our Lord dispenses justice generously and swiftly, giving “justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night” (Luke 18:7). He does so according to the Gospel. Therefore, His ministers are to persevere faithfully in their vocation, in what they “have learned and have firmly believed” (2 Tim. 3:14). On the basis of “the sacred writings” (2 Tim. 3:15), they are to “preach the word” at all times and not lose heart (2 Tim. 4:2).

REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)

(26 October 2025)

Revelation 14:6–7

Romans 3:19–28

Matthew 11:12–19 or John 8:31–36

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His kingdom and “remain in the house forever” (John 8:35). For He is “a friend of tax collectors and sinners” (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel “to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people” (Rev. 14:6), “the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law” (Rom. 3:21), “that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus” (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, “whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith” (Rom. 3:25), “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:32).