

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

July 27, 2025, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Christian Magnell

WELCOME AND GREETING

HYMN

*“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Father God, we begin this morning in worship and praise!

**Help us to listen to your word and treasure it in our hearts.**

Make us attentive to who you are and who you’re calling us to be.

**Give us a vision for our future as individuals, families, and communities.**

That means taking a moment to consider how we’ve fallen short this week. *(time for reflection)*

Let’s pray together:

**Lord, we confess that we fall short and sin. We are imperfect. We ignore the needs of our neighbors and fail to have pity on the weak and needy. We know you ask the opposite. Forgive our sins, restore our hearts, and teach us to listen to you.**

Remember the Good News: in Jesus we have forgiveness and new life. We have been forgiven by his death and given life through his resurrection.

**Thanks be to God!**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S SERMON

HYMN

*“Death was Arrested”*

READING: Psalm 72

*We pray for our leadership and we seek God’s justice in our world.*

1 Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son! 2 May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice! 3 Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness! 4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor! 5 May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations! 6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth! 7 In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more! 8 May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth! 9 May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust! 10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts! 11 May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him! 12 For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper. 13 He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives of the needy. 14 From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight. 15 Long

may he live; may gold of Sheba be given to him! May prayer be made for him continually, and blessings invoked for him all the day! 16 May there be abundance of grain in the land; on the tops of the mountains may it wave; may its fruit be like Lebanon; and may people blossom in the cities like the grass of the field! 17 May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed! 18 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. 19 Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen! 20 The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.

HYMN

*“Graves into Gardens”*

SERMON – Summer in the Psalms – Psalm 72

PRAYER AT RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION *“Agnus Dei”*

PRAYER & BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

And now may the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace!

**Amen!**

CLOSING SONG *“God Be with You Til We Meet Again”*

DISMISSAL

Let's go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

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### **Psalm 72 – Devotional Thought:**

Do you ever look around our world and think – about something in particular - “that’s not fair.” Maybe it’s something close to home or something you see on TV. Either way, we see things all the time which cause us to think “that’s not fair.”

This is the concept of “justice.” It is a re-current theme throughout Scripture, especially the Old Testament. In today’s reading, Psalm 72, the author asks for “justice” for the King. Specifically, he writes: “Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!” This

Psalm is attributed to Solomon (“of Solomon”) but at the end of it, it describes this being the end of David’s writings, leading some people to think David wrote it about his son Solomon, and his prayer that Solomon would seek and live out God’s justice.

Whether it's Solomon's prayer, or the prayer of a father (David) for his son (Solomon), this is an idea for which we should pray for ourselves, our communities, and our leaders at all levels of government. But added to that: our concepts of justice must be Biblical. Just because we think something is unfair or not right doesn't make it so. We ought to ask: What does Scripture teach me about this, and how do I live out Scriptural teachings and Scriptural justice in my life? Pray for yourself and all of those around you!

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