

BENJAMIN

8:30 AM ~ AUGUST 12, 2018

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" [LW 272, v. 1-3]

OPENING LITURGY [p. 158]

RESPONSE "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" [LW 272, v. 4-5]

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 33:24-29 [NIV]

²⁴About Asher he said: "Most blessed of sons is Asher; let him be favored by his brothers, and let him bathe his feet in oil. ²⁵The bolts of your gates will be iron and bronze, and your strength will equal your days. ²⁶"There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, who rides across the heavens to help you and on the clouds in his majesty.

²⁷The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemies before you, saying, 'Destroy them!' ²⁸So Israel will live in safety; Jacob will dwell secure in a land of grain and new wine, where the heavens drop dew.

²⁹Blessed are you, Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord? He is your shield and helper and your glorious sword. Your enemies will cower before you, and you will tread on their heights."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE "Alleluia" [p. 164]

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 2:22-24, 36-40 [NIV]

²²When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"),

²⁴and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons."

³⁶There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷and then was a widow until she was eighty-four.

She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

- P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C:** Thanks be to God!

APOSTLES' CREED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

SERMON "ASHER"

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:
 •Praise and Thanksgiving: Mark and Jerri Burken-celebrated 40 years of marriage August 11.

•Wisdom and Courage: Red Apple School/AIM and MOSAIC Ministries.

THE LORD'S PRAYER The Family Prayer of the People of God

THE LORD'S SUPPER

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"Rhosymedre"

Organ

Ralph Vaughan Williams

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea" [LW 359]

BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" [LW 272, v. 6-7]

POSTLUDE "Offertoire sur les Grande Jeux"

Francios Couperin

SERMON: *Rev. Steve Wiechman* LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton* GUEST ORGANIST: *Susan Fuchs*

ADULTS

- Intergenerational Sunday School Fall Kick-Off | Sunday, August 19 | FH | 9:45am
- Mid-Year Contributions Statements are now available upon request. To request your statement, contact Glenna Seter in the Church Office (<u>Glenna@PeaceChurch.org</u>).
- Adult Choir Registration Now Open
 - Rehearsals resume Wednesday, August 15 | 7-8:30pm | Sanctuary
 - \circ Sign-up online today and be a part of this amazing group
- Financial Peace University | Beginning Saturday, September 15
 - This is a 9-week course | Fellowship Hall | Sessions begin at Noon
 - o Register Online: First-time participants \$119 | Graduates are free
 - Contact Person: Michael Higdon (mhigdontexas@gmail.com)

YOUNG ADULT

• Young Adult BBQ | Today - Sunday, August 12 | 5-8pm | @ the Harms' residence

YOUTH

- HS Lock-In (& Rangers Game) | Friday, August 17 | 5:30pm-8am | Register Online
 Cost: \$25 Deadline to Register: August 14
- Confirmation 2018-19 | Deadline to Register: August 19
 - o Informational Meeting | August 22 | 7-8pm | Youth Rec
 - Beginning Date | September 12 | 7-8:30pm | Youth Rec

MEN

• Men's Night – Fish Fry | Tuesday, August 21 | 6-7:30pm | FH | Register Online

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