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Mission Statement

To help all people know, believe and follow Jesus Christ

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church!

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long-time member, we welcome you to worship this morning! If you are visiting, we look forward to meeting you and hope you will join us again, soon. We would appreciate your signing our guestbook before you leave.

Some Helpful Information

Please Feel Free To Sit At Anytime During The Worship Service: During the worship services at Peace Lutheran there are many times when the people stand. Sometimes the standing can be quite lengthy. We do not want to place any undue burden on anyone worshipping with us. Therefore, please feel free to sit whenever you desire. Thank you and Christ's blessings.

Restrooms – A restroom is located to the right just as you leave the sanctuary and enter the entrance hall. Restrooms for men and women are also located at the top of the stairs in the Parish Hall. Go into the lounge, turn right and continue up the stairs.

Fellowship and Refreshments – Immediately following worship, coffee and other refreshments and treats are served in Luther Lounge (the lounge just off the entrance hall). Come relax with us and enjoy the company as we will certainly enjoy your company.

Holy Communion — At Peace Lutheran we celebrate Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Holy Communion is a very special meal for the children of God in Christ. All who have been baptized and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and all those who hunger and thirst for Christ's forgiveness and God's strength for living, are invited to join in Holy Communion. **Grape juice** (instead of wine) is available in the individual glasses in the middle of the tray. The wine is red; the grape juice is white. Pastor blesses any of the children who are brought to the communion rail. Any adults who come to the rail and desire a blessing but not communion may cross their arms and pastor will bless them.

Please join us again next week!

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost August 13, 2017

As We Gather

As Christians, we inhabit two 'kingdoms'. One kingdom is earthly. It is the nation in which we live. As citizens of this nation, we give thanks for the blessings we have. While we certainly do not worship our nation, we appropriately honor and give thanks to God for this land in which we can freely worship the one true God. As Christians, we are also citizens of a 'heavenly' kingdom. We are members of this kingdom through our baptism. The price has been paid by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, that we may have freedom from sin, eternal death, and the devil. Today we hear the Spirit-inspired words of the apostle Paul from Galatians and learn more about what real freedom is, guidance for lives lived in that freedom, and the fruit freely given to us through the Holy Spirit.

Prayer Before Worship - Eternal One, you are always with us. Help us to discover your presence and experience your grace in the midst of our grumbling. Move us to name your presence when life doesn't go as we had hoped or planned. Amen — From <u>Bread for the Day 2017: Daily Bible Readings and Prayers</u> (Sundays and Seasons) (Kindle Locations 3891-3892). Fortress Press. Kindle Edition.

Pre-Service Music

Ringing Of The Bell

Welcome

Call To Worship (Galatians 5:1, 16, please stand)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the

■ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: For freedom Christ has set us free;

People: stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of

slavery.

Pastor: Walk by the Spirit,

People: and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Confession And Announcement of Forgiveness (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray and confess our sins to God. - Silence for reflection. - Lord

God, You have given us freedom and called us to follow Your only Son, to learn from Him, to live and grow in Him, and to tell others of

Him.

People: But we have been distracted by the responsibilities, the

busyness, and the temptations of daily life in this world as we sin against You and one another in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and left undone, not loving You with our whole heart, and not loving others as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your

holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its

passions and desires. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \maltese Son and of the Holy Spirit. For freedom Christ has set us free! May He who began this good work in you bring it to

completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

(We greet one another with the peace of the Lord)

A Song Of Christian Charity - Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

(LBW #424, please remain standing)

- 1 Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price, never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice; and with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand to the unthankful and the evil with your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you gladly, freely, of your own.
 With the sunshine of your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by you, at length believe that more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.
- Wondrous honor you have given to our humblest charity in your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to me."
 Can it be, O gracious Master, that you deign for alms to sue, saying by your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
- 4 Yes, the sorrow and the suff'rings which on ev'ry hand we view channels are for gifts and off'rings due by solemn right to you; right of which we may not rob you, debt we may not choose but pay, lest that face of love and pity turn from us another day.
- 5 Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price, never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice. Give us faith to trust you boldly, hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of all your graces, with your love our love renew.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-1889, alt.

Psalm 85 – A Prayer For National Peace (Please remain standing)

Pastor: LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of

Jacob.

People: You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their

sin.

Pastor: You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

People: Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your

indignation toward us.

Pastor: Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all

generations?

People: Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in

you?

Pastor: Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

People: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak

peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in

their hearts

Pastor: Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory

may dwell in our land.

People: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and

peace will kiss each other.

Pastor: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will

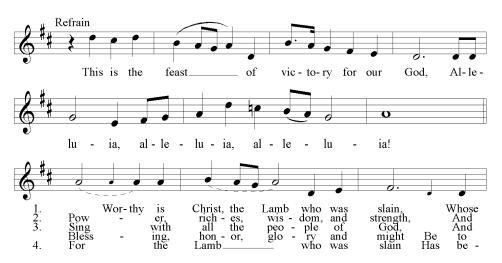
look down from the sky.

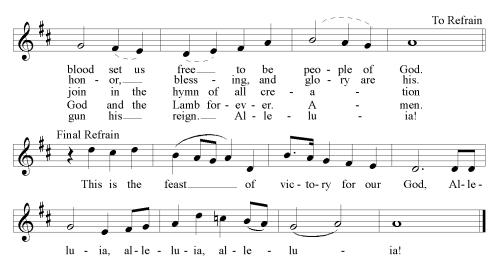
People: The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its

increase.

Pastor: Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

Hymn Of Praise - This is the feast ... (Please remain standing)





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Greeting And Prayer Of The Day (Please remain standing)

Lay Minister: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Lay Minister: Almighty God, all thoughts of truth and peace come from you. Kindle

in the hearts of all your children the love of peace, and guide with your wisdom the leaders of the nations, so that your kingdom will go forth in peace and the earth will be filled with the knowledge of your

love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

First Reading - Romans 13:1–10 (Please be seated)

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you

will receive its approval; ⁴ for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority^[a] does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience. ⁶ For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is due them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due. ⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Second Reading - Galatians 5:1, 13–25 (Please remain seated)

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ... ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 lf, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. 16 Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand)

Pastor: Alleluia. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy;

People: let all the peoples praise you, O God. Alleluia. (Ps. 67:4, 5)

Holy Gospel - Mark 12:13-17 (Please remain standing)

¹³ Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. ¹⁴ And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? ¹⁵ Should we pay them, or should we not?" But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it." ¹⁶ And they brought one. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." ¹⁷ Jesus said to them, "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were utterly amazed at him.

Hymn Of The Day – God Of Our Fathers (LBW #567, please be seated)

- 1 God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies: our grateful songs before your throne arise.
- Your love divine has led us in the past; in this free land by you our lot is cast; oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay; your word our law, your paths our chosen way.
- 3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, make your strong arm our ever sure defense. Your true religion in our hearts increase; your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
- 4 Refresh your people on their toilsome way; lead us from night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace until at last we meet before your face.

Text: Daniel C. Roberts, 1841-1907, alt.

Message

Christian Spirituality Two Kingdoms – Church and State

Confession of Faith - Nicene Creed (Spoken together. Please stand)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN

Prayer Of The Church

Pastor:

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God, You sent Your Son that we may be set free from the power of sin and eternal death. We give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith and for those whose lives were taken in service to their country, that we may freely worship You and call upon Your name in thanksgiving and in time of need.

Hymn - O God, Our Help in Ages Past (Stanzas 1-2; LBW #320, please remain standing)

- O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
- Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Pastor:

Gracious Lord, You have blessed this land with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and You continue to provide our daily bread in what we need for this body and life. Continue to bless this nation, state, and community. Preserve our liberties, and enable our leaders to govern with wisdom and justice. Give us willing hearts to observe laws of order and to work together for the common good of others. Guard us from calamities and disaster, and continue to call many to true freedom in You both now and for eternity to come through Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Hymn - O God, Our Help in Ages Past (Stanzas 3-4; LBW #320, please remain standing)

- 3. Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame, from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.
- 4. A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone, short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Pastor:

Merciful Father, You are our help in ages past and our hope for years to come. We humbly ask You to be the help for those now in need facing physical trials, uncertainty, and grief. Grant them trust and faith in Your promises to come. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times, do not let our trust in You fail.

Hymn - O God, Our Help in Ages Past (Stanzas 5-6; LBW #320, please remain standing)

- Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

(Additional prayers)

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting

in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Sharing The Gifts Of God (Please be seated as the offerings are received)

Offering Prayer (Please remain seated)

Lay Minister: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every

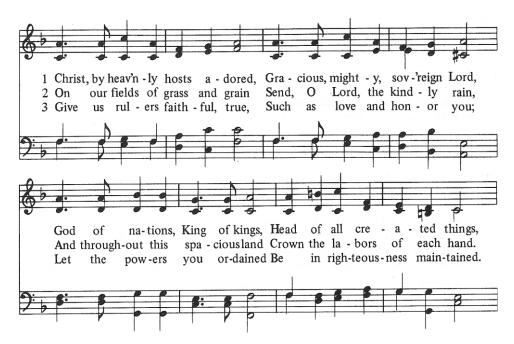
living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We

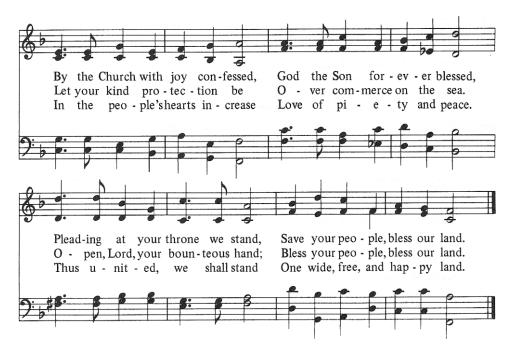
pray this through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Communion Hymn - Christ, by Heavenly Hosts Adored

(LW #499, please remain seated)





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Order Of Holy Communion (Please stand)

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

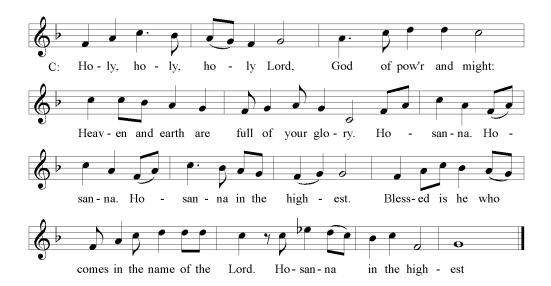
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor:

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should in all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, who through Jesus has set us free from the slavery and prisons of our sin and has granted to us life in You now and eternal life to come through His perfect life, His sacrificial death, and His glorious victorious resurrection, that we join with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, evermore praising You and saying:



Pastor:

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we ask You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:

Amen.

Pastor:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My & body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." ... In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My & blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." ... As often as

we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body

and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your

kingdom and teach us to pray:

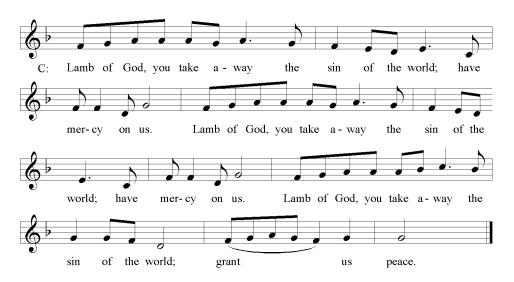
People: Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name, Thy

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.

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.



Distribution (Please be seated)

Approach the altar at the usher's direction. Communion is received kneeling—the bread in your outstretched open hands, the wine in a small cup. Place empty cups in the tray carried by the acolyte or lay minister. If you wish only a blessing, just fold your hands together over your heart.

Prayer before Communion (Prayed privately before going to the altar)

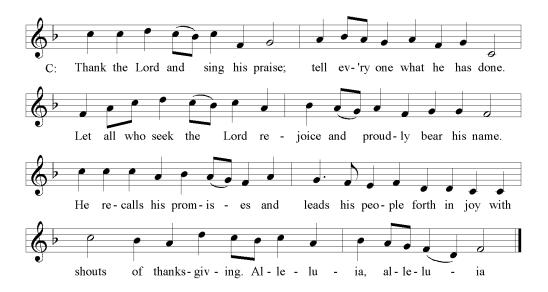
Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer After Communion (Prayed privately after returning to your seated)

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing (Please stand)

Post Communion Canticle (Please remain standing)



Prayer (Please remain standing)

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us

through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction (Please remain standing)

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on

you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and

give you peace.

People: Amen.

Lay Minister: For freedom Christ has set us free! Walk by the Spirit, and go in

peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Hymn - Christ, the Life of All the Living (LBW #97, please remain standing)

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe, Christ, yourself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe: through your suff'ring, death, and merit life eternal I inherit. Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.
- You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently, even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me; for you chose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented. Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.

3 Then, for all that bought my pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore, for the anguish in the garden, I will thank you evermore; thank you for the groaning, sighing, for the bleeding and the dying, for that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.

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Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor: Ricky Adams
Organist: Beth Huber
Lay Minister: Gary Glover

Altar Guild: Vicki McGowan and Dorlane Krausse

Coffee Hour: Vicki McGowan

Ushers: Keith and Jackie Stoneking

Lay Reader: Art Strassburger

Counters: Rick Kinney and Vicki McGowan

Activities This Week:

Sunday – August 13	9:30am	Service of the Word and Sacrament
Tuesday – August 15	9:30-12:30am 9:30 a.m.	Stage Door (PH) German Story Time (N)
Wednesday – August 16	6pm 6:30 p.m.	Stage Door (PH) Council (LL)
Saturday – August 19	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – August 20	9:30am	Service of the Word

Announcements For August 6, 2017

Information About Peace Lutheran Church - If you desire to know more about Peace Lutheran Church such as teachings; affiliations, membership or other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adams.

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Flowers – Flowers this week are given to the glory of God by Jeanine Hillebrandt in memory of her husband, Art..

Birthdays – Those celebrating birthdays this week are:

Today - Brad Sides Friday - Mary Ann Griller

Refreshments - will be served in Luther Lounge and surrounding areas following worship today. Guests and members stay and meet one another again or for the first time.

Baby Shower – TODAY after worship (11:00 a.m.) the women of Peace Lutheran Church and their friends are invited to a Baby Shower for Dahlia Stein and Dawn Wronski who are both due in September. Come join the fun

Summer of Love (Christian Style) – On Saturday, August 26, Peace Lutheran Church, Resurrection Lutheran Church of Terra Linda and Trinity Lutheran of San Rafael will get together for their own 'Summer of Love' Celebration. Festivities are from Noon until 3:00 p.m. They will include Food, music and even a message. All are asked to bring a side dish to share. The celebration will be at Trinity in San Rafael (333 Woodland Avenue)

PLC Council Meeting – We have a Council meeting this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

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Sunday Bulletins - for Peace Lutheran church are available online for use during the worship service. The link is http://bulletin.plcmarin.org

Weekly Devotional Helps August 13-August 19, 2017

Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Prayer For The Sick

By your power, great God, our Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave new hope to the hopeless. Though we cannot command or possess your power, we pray for those who want to be healed. Mend their wounds, soothe fevered brows, and make broken people whole again. Help us to welcome every healing as a sign that, though death is against us, you are for us, and have promised renewed and risen life in Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings Through The Week

Monday – August 14

Psalm 18:1-19 Genesis 7:11-8:5 2 Peter 2:4-10

Wednesday - August 16

Psalm 18:1-19 1 Kings 18:41-46 Matthew 16:1-4

Tuesday - August 15

Psalm 18:1-19 Genesis 19:1-29 Romans 9:14-29

Thursday - August 17

Psalm 67 Isaiah 45:20-25 Revelation 15:1-4 Friday – August 18

Psalm 67 Isaiah 63:15-19 Acts 14:19-28 Saturday - August 19

Psalm 67 Isaiah 56:1-5 Matthew 14:34-36

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Commemorations

August 13 - Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901; renewers of society: Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.

August 14 - Maximilian Kolbe, died 1941; Kaj Munk, died 1944; martyrs: Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest arrested by the Nazis and confined in Auschwitz. Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources, and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man. A Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright, Munk strongly denounced the Nazis who occupied Denmark in the Second World War. His sermons and articles helped to show the anti-Christian nature of the movement.

August 15 - Mary, Mother of Our Lord: The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.

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