



# **Peace Lutheran Church**

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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.

**Please join us again next week!**

# Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

## August 18, 2019

### Introduction

The image of the vineyard becomes a metaphor for the people of God—human, flawed, willful, and contrary. Then, as now, we may find ourselves resentful of our need for God’s strong, nurturing, and judging hand. We cry out in pain, feeling abandoned. Yet, when we ask for help, God is there. Hebrews’ “great cloud of witnesses” directs us to look to Jesus as our example, our hope and our redeemer. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

**Prayer Before Worship** - Lord of the vineyard, we ask for your presence and your guidance. In your holy wisdom, tend the vines of our hearts. Teach us your righteousness, that our lives may flower with justice. We come as wild grapes, yearning to grow fruitful in your love. Show us the way, through Jesus your Son, to discern your will, hear your word, and grow in your ways, as we deepen the roots of our faith. Amen. - By Sara Dunning Lambert. Ministry Matters Website.

### Pre-Service Music

### Ring the Bell

### Welcome

**Call to Worship** (Isaiah 5, Psalm 80, Hebrews 11, Luke 12. Please stand)

**Pastor:** God of the ages, we sing your praises in the vineyards of our lives.

**People:** **Tend the garden of our love.**

**Pastor:** Where we have become ragged and wild, prune us in the way we should grow.

**People:** **Nurture the soil of our hope.**

Pastor: Let your hand be upon us, leading us to Jesus, the perfecter of our faith. Heal the roots of our faith. Bring us rain in drought, shade in scorching heat, and protection in the wilderness.

**People: Protect the growth of our spirit. Amen.**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **Entrance Song - O Blessed Spring** (Tune: LBW #520. Please remain standing)

- 1 O blessed spring, where word and sign  
embrace us into Christ the Vine:  
here Christ enjoins each one to be  
a branch of this life-giving Tree.
- 2 Through summer heat of youthful years,  
uncertain faith, rebellious tears,  
sustained by Christ's infusing rain,  
the boughs will shout for joy again.
- 3 When autumn cools and youth is cold,  
when limbs their heavy harvest hold,  
then through us, warm, the Christ will move  
with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.
- 4 As winter comes, as winters must,  
we breathe our last, return to dust;  
still held in Christ, our souls take wing  
and trust the promise of the spring.
- 5 Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree,  
be praised for this blest mystery:  
that word and water thus revive  
and join us to your Tree of Life.

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**Psalm – Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19** (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

**People: before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your  
might, and come to save us!**

Pastor: You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and  
planted it.

**People: You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the  
land.**

Pastor: The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with  
its branches;

**People: it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.**

Pastor: Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along  
the way pluck its fruit?

**People: The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field  
feed on it.**

Pastor: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have  
regard for this vine,

**People: the stock that your right hand planted.**

Pastor: They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish  
at the rebuke of your countenance.

**People: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one  
whom you made strong for yourself.**

Pastor: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call  
on your name.

**People: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we  
may be saved.**

(We Share the Peace of the Lord)

## **Song Of Response – Sing to the Lord of Harvest** (Tune: LBW #389. Please be seated)

- 1 Sing to the Lord of harvest,  
sing songs of love and praise;  
with joyful hearts and voices  
your alleluias raise.  
By him the rolling seasons  
in fruitful order move;  
sing to the Lord of harvest  
a joyous song of love.
- 2 God makes the clouds drop fatness,  
the deserts bloom and spring,  
the hills leap up in gladness,  
the valleys laugh and sing.  
God fills them with his fullness,  
all things with large increase;  
he crowns the year with goodness,  
with plenty and with peace.
- 3 Bring to this sacred altar  
the gifts his goodness gave,  
the golden sheaves of harvest,  
the souls Christ died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before him  
when at his feet you fall,  
and with your lives adore him  
who gave his life for all.

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## **First Reading - Isaiah 5:1-7** (Please remain seated)

The prophet sings about a beautiful vineyard, carefully planted and cultivated, that nevertheless yields wild grapes. The owner therefore determines to destroy the vineyard, which represents the sinful people of Israel and Judah.

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine

vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. <sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

## **Second Reading - Hebrews 11:29-12:2** (Please remain seated)

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. <sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. . . . <sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

## **Gospel - Luke 12:49-56** (Please remain seated)

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." <sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

## **Theme Song - As Sunshine to a Garden** (Tune: LBW #304, please remain seated)

As sunshine to a garden,  
your love revives my soul:  
warm light for withered branches,  
again to make me whole.  
As water to a garden,  
life giving to dry ground,  
your word is rain upon me,  
each little drop, profound.

As food is to a garden  
all life needs to be fed,  
you nourish all around me  
and grant me daily bread.  
Lord, I will be your garden  
that you can tend each day,  
so fruit grown from the garden  
may feed someone, some way.



## Message

Four Gardens  
Isaiah 5:1-7

### **Song Of Response** - Now the Green Blade Rises (LBW #148. Please remain seated)

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hatred slain,  
thinking that he would never wake again;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
your touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;  
love is come again like wheat arising green.

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### **Sharing The Gifts Of God** (Please remain seated as the offerings are received)

### **Confession Of Faith - Apostles Creed** (Please stand and confess together)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of**

**the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **Prayer of the Church** (Please remain standing)

**Pastor:** Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs. — Silent prayer - For faith to act in love and service to people, as we follow Jesus through the seasons and changes of life, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For peace in the midst of conflict rather than freedom from conflict, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For kind pastors who speak the peace Jesus embodied through the Law and the Gospel, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For all who hold positions of public trust in this and every land that all people may live in peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For the healing of the sick and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

### **Additional prayers:**

**Pastor:** Let us pray to the Lord

**People:** **Lord, have mercy**

**Pastor:** For life eternal under God's reign with all the saints in light, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer** (We pray together. Please remain standing)

**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.**

## **The Prayer For Peace** (Please remain standing)

**Pastor:** Let us pray. . .O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,

**People:** **give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness;**

**Pastor:** 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:** Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit Bless each of you.

**People:** **Amen**

## **Dismissal** (Please remain standing)

**Pastor:** Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Closing Song - On What Has Now Been Sown** (LBW #261. Please remain standing)

- 1 On what has now been sown  
your blessing, Lord, bestow;  
the pow'r is yours alone  
to make it sprout and grow.  
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise,  
and yours alone shall be the praise!
- 2 To you our wants are known,  
from you are all our pow'rs;  
accept what is your own  
and pardon what is ours.  
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive  
and to your word a blessing give.
- 3 Oh, grant that each of us,  
now met before you here,  
may meet together thus  
when you and yours appear,  
and follow you to heav'n, our home.  
E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.

## **Announcements**

## **Recessional**

## Serving The Lord With Gladness

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Ricky Adams</b>
<b>Pianist:</b>	<b>Janet Reese</b>
<b>Coffee:</b>	<b>Beverly and Don Erbel</b>
<b>Counter:</b>	<b>Vicki McGowan</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Beverly and Don Erbel</b>
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	<b>Janet Reese</b>

## Activities This Week:

<b>Sunday – August 11</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday – August 13</b>	9:30am -12: 30 pm	Stage Door (PH)
<b>Wednesday – August 14</b>	6:00 pm	Stage Door (PH)
<b>Saturday – August 17</b>	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
<b>Sunday – August 18</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Service of the Word And Sacrament</b>

**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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**Happy Birthday** – Blessings to those celebrating birthdays this week:

**Today - Mary Ann Griller**  
**Friday - Julia Hellman**  
**Yasser Brenes**

**Flowers** – Flowers today are given to the glory of God

**Servers** – Every Sunday there are several people that help serve during the worship service and coffee hour. Peace Lutheran needs your help. We need people to prepare Coffee hour and serve during that time. We need Ushers. We need lay readers who read the second lesson during worship. Please consider these needs and sign up to serve in the way you choose. Thank you.

**Flowers** – If you would like to donate flowers for worship in memory of a person or observing a personal event, please contact pastor via email at [pastor@plcmarin.org](mailto:pastor@plcmarin.org)

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# **Weekly Devotional Helps**

## **August 18 – August 24, 2019**

### **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 19**

Psalm 32  
Jeremiah 23:30-40  
1 John 4:1-6

### **Tuesday – August 20**

Psalm 32  
Jeremiah 25:15-29  
Acts 7:44-53

### **Wednesday – August 21**

Psalm 32  
Jeremiah 25:30-38  
Luke 19:45-48

### **Thursday – August 22**

Psalm 103:1-8  
Numbers 15:32-41  
Hebrews 12:3-17

**Friday – August 23**

Psalm 103:1-8  
2 Chronicles 8:12-15  
Acts 17:1-9

**Saturday – August 24**

Psalm 103:1-8  
Nehemiah 13:15-22  
Luke 6:1-5

**Scripture Readings For Next Sunday****11th Sunday After Pentecost**

**Isaiah 58:9b-14**  
**Psalm 103:1-8**  
**Hebrews 12:18-29**  
**Luke 13:10-17**

**Commemorations**

**August 20 - Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153:** Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today.

**August 24 - Bartholomew, Apostle:** Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.

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