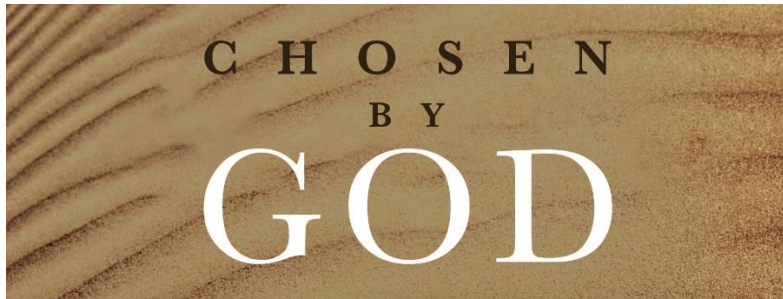


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**August 2, 2020**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
"Chosen By Grace"

*Whoever you are...*  
*Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH...*  
*YOU are WELCOME here!*

**We Gather In The Presence Of God**

### **Welcome and Introduction of Today's Theme**

Pastor: Happiness and contentment are hard to find. Even with our abundance of possessions and opportunity, our hearts remain restless for things new and different, for the promise of something better. Paul reminds us that contentment does not come from having everything we desire, but with faith in the Lord, who is gracious and merciful and supplies all our needs. Today, we hear the terrible news of John the Baptist's martyrdom and a crowd restless with hunger. In the midst of it all, Jesus shows forth grace to rest our fears and satisfy us with all we need. We pray that we learn to trust in the Lord and to find contentment and peace in His grace sufficient for all things.

## Opening Prayer

Pastor: Pastor: Let us pray. ... O blessed Lord, You are hidden in things simple and ordinary, but Your grace is never anything less than miraculous. Grant to us grace that we recognize Your hand of blessing supplying us all that we need for this body and life and for our eternal salvation through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and teach us to receive them with gratitude and peace in our hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

## Opening Song – Open Now Thy Gates Of Beauty

### We Are Renewed In God's Grace

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin. - Silence is kept for reflection.  
- Reconciling God,

All: **we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

Pastor: Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**



# God Speaks Through His Word

## Epistle Reading - Romans 9:1-13

Pastor: <sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ — I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit — <sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen. <sup>6</sup>It is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all Israelites truly belong to Israel, <sup>7</sup>and not all of Abraham's children are his true descendants; but "It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." <sup>8</sup>This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants. <sup>9</sup>For this is what the promise said, "About this time I will return and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>10</sup>Nor is that all; something similar happened to Rebecca when she had conceived children by one husband, our ancestor Isaac. <sup>11</sup>Even before they had been born or had done anything good or bad (so that God's purpose of election might continue, <sup>12</sup>not by works but by his call) she was told, "The elder shall serve the younger." <sup>13</sup>As it is written, "I have loved Jacob, but I have hated Esau." "This is God's Word

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading - Matthew 14:13-21

Pastor: <sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

All: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Message Hymn – Faith Of Our Fathers

Augustine said, "God does not choose us because we believe, but in order that we may believe."

## **Message**

"Chosen By Grace"  
Romans 9:1-13

## **We Bring Our Praises, Prayers And Gifts**

### **Apostles' Creed**

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 to the dead. 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 catholic Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Prayers**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. — Silent Prayer - Hungry and thirsty we come to You, O Lord, and we pray You to supply us with all things needful to this body and life, and to teach us to receive Your gifts with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** With restless hearts we come to You, O Lord, and we pray that by faith we rest our hopes, dreams, anxieties, and needs upon Your everlasting arms and find contentment and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Knowing that You have established Your Church by Your Word and Spirit and endowed her with the Means of Grace, we pray for those who serve us in Your name: for our Denominational President; our District President; and for our pastors and church workers. Raise up those who will follow in their footsteps and serve You faithfully on our behalf. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Knowing that all power is Yours both in heaven and on earth, we thank You for all the blessings bestowed upon us in this nation and for those who govern for the protection of the weak, the punishment of the evildoer, and the encouragement of virtue. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Broken and wounded, we come to You, O Lord, for healing, comfort, and consolation. Hear us on behalf of all those who cry to You in any need that Your gracious will be done and all be preserved in affliction and raised to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Mindful of the poor and those who struggle with daily needs, we ask You, O Lord, to grant us the good fruits of the earth and the fruits of our honest labors to supply what we need and for the poor, the needy, and the unemployed. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Additional Prayers**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Bidden by Your Word, we come as Your baptized people to feast upon the very flesh of Christ in this bread and His blood in this cup. Grant us the Holy Spirit that we receive these holy gifts in faith and manifest the full fruits of repentance in lives of faith and obedience. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

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

**People: Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Benediction**

Pastor: As we close this service today, when the wind and the waves overwhelm us, we remember the words of Jesus, "Don't be afraid. Take courage. I am here." May we go with faith and confidence that God's presence and Spirit is with us wherever we are. Step out on the waters with Jesus, to leave the safety and comfort of our boats, and to walk toward Jesus in faith. ... Stay well – stay healthy-practice social distancing and shelter in place, Wear your mask and most importantly know that you are loved by God, always. ... May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look on you with His favor and grant you His everlasting peace. Amen

**Closing Song** – There's A Wideness In God's Mercy (Tune: What A Friend We Have In Jesus)

## **Announcements**

**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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**Worship Services** – There are three ways to worship at Peace Lutheran Church during this time of Covid.

### **Live Stream**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Zoom**

**Link:**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73855305624?pwd=ZEZpQkZNbEx5VmtUYTBKUnlLQjJkZz09>

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## **Christ's Peace To Those Celebrating Birthdays This week**

**Tuesday - Eric Erickson**

**Thursday - Sharon Sides**

**Thursday - Calvin Rosevear**

## **Christ's Peace To Those Celebrating Anniversaries This week**

**Friday - Jim & Sharon Sides**

**Friday - Brad & Jeannie Sides**

**Communion** – Pastor will be available to share communion each Sunday from 10:15 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Drive to the back door at the kitchen and pastor will serve the people in each car. Then you can dispose of the cups in a can as you leave.

**Carport Fellowship – Sunday, August 30, 10:15 a.m.**

## **Weekly Devotional Helps August 3 – August 8, 2020**

### **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 3**

Psalm 18:1-6  
1 Samuel 17:48-18:9  
Acts 27:9-26

### **Tuesday – August 4**

Psalm 18:1-6  
1 Samuel 18:10-30  
Acts 27:27-44

### **Wednesday – August 5**

Psalm 18:1-6  
1 Samuel 19:1-24  
Acts 28:1-15

### **Thursday – August 6**

Psalm 18:1-6  
1 Samuel 20:1-23  
Acts 28:16-31

### **Friday – August 7**

Psalm 18:1-6  
1 Samuel 20:24-42  
1 Corinthians 1:1-25

### **Saturday – August 8**

Psalm 18:1-6  
1 Samuel 24:1-22  
1 Corinthians :26-2:16

## **Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**

### **Pentecost 10**

**Job 38:4-18**  
**Psalm 18:1-6**  
**Romans 10:5-17**  
**Matthew 14:22-33**

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