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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!

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 20, 2017

Introduction

Today, I close the theme of Christian Spirituality. Tomorrow's Solar eclipse serves as a simplistic analogy for Christian Spirituality. As dark as our world may seem, the light still shines in that darkness. Scripture tells us, "We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light." (Matthew 4:16) We see this light most profoundly in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to to be God's light to a dark world. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today and enjoy the eclipse.

Prayer Before Worship - Lord, be with us today as we come to you from all life's circumstances. Give us courage and strength and fill us with your love and grace that we may serve you effectively and fully. Amen. – Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters Website

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 119:105, please stand)

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Your word is a lamp to my feet

People: and a light to my path.

Entrance Hymn - God, Whose Almighty Word (LBW #400, please remain standing)

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| <p>1 God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!</p> <p>2 Lord, who once came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind:
oh, now to humankind
let there be light!</p> | <p>3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!</p> <p>4 Holy and blessed three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might!
Boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth, far and wide,
let there be light!</p> |
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Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

Psalm – Psalm 27:1–9 (Please remain standing)

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

People: **The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Pastor: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

People: **The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Pastor: One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

People: **The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Pastor: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!
“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, LORD, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in
anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not
forsake me, O God of my salvation!

People: **The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

(We share the peace of the Lord with each other)

Hymn Of Praise - Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

(ELW #843, please be seated)



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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First Reading - Isaiah 9:1-4 (Please remain seated)

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced defeat, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them. The people in the northern parts of Israel have experienced “gloom” and “darkness” because of the destruction wrought by Assyrian military forces. To these people, the prophet announces the shining of a great light of salvation.

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Second Reading - 1 Peter 2:2-10 (Please remain seated)

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the light of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Verse (Please stand)

Pastor: Alleluia! The light shines in the darkness

People: **and the darkness did not overcome it. Alleluia!** (John 1:5)

The Gospel - Matthew 4:12-17 (Please remain standing)

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims that the Light has dawned on those living in darkness.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Theme Hymn – Joyous Light Of Heavenly Glory (ELW #561, please be seated)



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev-'ry danc - ing star of

face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us

ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -

round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it

God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

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Message

Christian Spirituality The Light Shines In The Darkness

Song – This Little Light Of Mine (ELW #677, please remain seated)

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,



Text: African American Spiritual; Music: THIS JOY, African American Spiritual

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 catholic 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 for God's people around the world and all who call out to Him in their various needs.- Silence for prayer - Sovereign God, when people anywhere are in conflict, are driven by hate, or are living in countries with cruel taskmasters or brutal regimes, surround them with Your love. Use us to bring word of Your compassionate embrace so that they may endure until relief is realized. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we pray for all who face this day in sadness or grief, are facing sudden crisis or long-term ill, or are mourning the loss of a loved one. Restore joy to them through those who care about them—professionals, family, and friends—all who know the joy of Your gracious presence. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, open doors of opportunity for people of peace so that nations will not raise up sword against one another, societies may be ordered for the good of all, and Your kingdom of grace may be extended without persecution. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Father in heaven, give patience to all who make, administer, and adjudicate the laws of the nations. Grant them willing ears and calm hearts to make decisions that will benefit the lives of all their citizens. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, whose kindness knows no end, bring to repentance all who have turned from Your way. Use people of faith to bring Your Word to them that they may hear anew the precious Gospel of Your Son. Grant to us the wisdom to know when to speak and what to say. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Enlivening Spirit, Jesus revealed His person and ministry during His time on earth. Now shine Your goodness through us who worship here and those who gather around Your Word and Sacraments worldwide so that we may be seen as His adopted brothers and sisters. Strengthen us to carry on His work at home, at work, or in school to the glory of Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord over all, grant faithfulness in their calling to all who raise and distribute food, all who guard and protect their neighborhoods and nations, all who tend the sick and wounded, and all who build homes and manage businesses. May their efforts benefit the entire society in which they live. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Loving Lord, help us to act in gentleness toward the forgotten in society, the invisible poor, the forgotten in prison, those about to be born, and those nearing their end of days. Open our eyes to opportunities to serve their needs in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Triune God, guide the leaders of the Church around the world so that they may exercise self-control over their momentary emotions and personal desires, keeping their eyes always fixed on You, the source of life and health and peace, and keeping their ears attentive to Your gracious Word. Lord in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

Additional prayers

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
People: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (Prayed 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.

Blessing (Please remain standing)

Pastor: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.
People: **Amen.**

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn - Shine, Jesus, Shine (ELW #671, please remain standing)

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo - ry;
 blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
 Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;
 send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -
 dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,
 play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,
 set us free, by the truth you now bring us.
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Refrain

Shine on me, shine on me:
 Shine on me, shine on me:

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Announcements

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Organist:	Janet Reese
Coffee Hour:	Mary Ann Griller
Ushers:	Mary Ann Griller
Lay Reader:	Bev Erbel
Counters:	Don and Beverly Erbel

Activities This Week:

Sunday – August 20	9:30am	Service of the Word
Tuesday – August 22	9:30-12:30am	Stage Door (PH)
Wednesday – August 23	6pm	Stage Door (PH)
Saturday – August 26	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm Noon – 3:00 p.m.	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH) Summer of Love Trinity Lutheran San Rafael
Sunday – August 13	9:30am	Service of the Word and Sacrament

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.

Birthdays – Those celebrating birthdays this week are:

Tuesday - Joyce Webb

Wednesday - Julia Hellman

Wednesday - Yasser Brenes

Friday - Kathy Doyle

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.

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)

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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 20-August 26, 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 21

Psalm 87
2 Kings 5:1-14
Acts 15:1-21

Tuesday – August 22

Psalm 87
Isaiah 43:8-13
Romans 11:13-29

Wednesday – August 23

Psalm 87
Isaiah 66:18-23
Matthew 8:1-13

Thursday – August 24

Psalm 138
Ezekiel 28:11-19
1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Friday – August 25

Psalm 138

Ezekiel 31:15-18

2 Corinthians 10:12-18

Saturday – August 26

Psalm 138

Ezekiel 36:33-38

Matthew 16:5-12

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost****Isaiah 51:1-6****Psalm 138****Romans 12:1-8****Matthew 16:13-20****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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