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12th Sunday After Pentecost

“Transformation”

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: Acknowledging Jesus as the Christ is central to our confession of faith as individual Christians and vital in our worship as the gathered people of God. In our use of that divine title, we echo the words of the angel who spoke to the shepherds in the field outside of Bethlehem with the Gospel message, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11). We are blessed in knowing that Jesus, the Christ, is not only God in person in human form but that He is God for us. St. Patrick poetically spoke his confession with the words "Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me." As we confess Jesus as the Christ this day, we are joining with saints and angels as well as with the sisters and brothers that surround us gathered for worship!

Opening Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. - Copyright © 2020 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS009220.

People: **Amen.**

Song Of Invocation - O Holy Spirit, Root of Life (WOV #688)

O Holy Spirit, root of life,
creator, cleanser of all things:
anoint our wounds, awaken us
with lustrous movement of your wings.

Eternal Vigor, Saving One,
you free us by your living Word,
becoming flesh to wear our pain,
and all creation is restored.

O holy Wisdom, soaring power,
encompass us with wings unfurled,
and carry us, encircling all
above, below, and through the world.

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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,

People: **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. - Copyright © 2020 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS009220.

People: **Amen.**

God Speaks Through His Word

First Reading - Romans 12:1-8

In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

Pastor: ¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. This is God's Word

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading - Matthew 16:13-20

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

Pastor: ¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Message Song – Restore in Us, O God

Restore in us, O God,
the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove.

O Spirit, wake in us
the wonder of your power;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives
like springtime bud and flower.

Bring us, O Christ, to share
the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life
that death cannot destroy.

Three personed God, fulfill
the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends,
may see you face to face.

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Message

Transformation
Romans 12:1-8

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: Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. - A brief silence. - Lord our rock, you are our foundation in Jesus Christ, your Son, whom we confess as the living God. Prepare your church for its mission in bearing witness to Christ, both here at home and throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You call forth praises from the far reaches of the universe to the smallest of creatures. Join our songs to theirs, that a spirit of praise and thanksgiving will arouse us to cherish this wondrous home you give us. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord. Direct the leaders of countries, legislators and magistrates, mayors and councils, to walk in your ways. Help leaders regard those in need with mercy and fulfill your loving purposes in the governance of peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us, deliver us, and fulfill your purpose for us. According to your steadfast love, grant healing and wholeness to those who are bereaved, in trouble or adversity, or sick and in need of care. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You call us into this community in which we, though many, are one in Christ. May we recognize in ourselves and in one another the unique gifts you have given us for the building up of the church for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Additional Prayers

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You are the everlasting Rock from which we were hewn, and you restore your people to joy and gladness. In blessed memory and hope, we thank you for the lives of our beloved dead. Bring us with them to our heavenly home. Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through 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: May the Lord bless you and raise you up as His ambassadors to carry the Gospel wherever you go. Wherever, whenever, and however the Lord calls You, answer and follow Him wholeheartedly. May the Spirit give you strength. ... Stay well – stay healthy - practice social distancing, 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.

People: Amen

Closing Song - Rise, O Children of Salvation

Rise, O children of salvation,
all who cleave to Christ the head!
Wake, awake, O mighty nation,
lest the foe on Zion tread;
he draws nigh and would defy
all the hosts of God Most High.

When his servants stand before him,
each receiving his reward;
when his saints in light adore him,
giving glory to the Lord;
"Victory!" our song shall be,
like the thunder of the sea.

Text: Justus Falckner, 1672-1723; tr. Emma F. Bevan, 1827-1909, alt.

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>

Meeting ID: 738 5530 5624

Passcode: plcmarin

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(available beginning 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning)

Non-Facebook Users

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Just go to the front page, scroll to the bottom, and click on the video. It is that easy!

Christ's Peace To Those Celebrating Birthdays This week

Today - Julia Hellman
Wednesday - Kathy Doyle

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 23 – August 29, 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 24

Psalm 26:1-8
1 Kings 5:1-8
2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17

Tuesday – August 25

Psalm 26:1-8
1 Kings 7:51-8:21
2 Corinthians 3:1-18

Wednesday – August 26

Psalm 26:1-8
 1 Kings 8:22-30, 46-63
 2 Corinthians 4:1-18

Thursday – August 27

Psalm 26:1-8
 1 Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-13
 2 Corinthians 5:1-21

Friday – August 28

Psalm 26:1-8
 1 Kings 11:1-26
 2 Corinthians 6:1-18

Saturday – August 29

Psalm 26:1-8
 1 Kings 11:42-12:19
 2 Corinthians 7:1-16

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**Proper 17**

Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm 26:1-8
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Commemorations

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.

August 28 - Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, died 430: Augustine was one of the greatest theologians of the Western church. A native of North Africa, he recovered from a debauched young adulthood through the influence of his mother, Monica, and Bishop Ambrose of Milan. Besides writing influential theological books, he served as bishop of Hippo, in present-day Algeria.

August 28 - Moses the Black, monk, martyr, died around 400: Converted from life as a thief and a robber to Christianity, Moses was an Ethiopian who became a desert monk at Skete. The change in his heart and life had a profound impact on his native country. He was murdered when Berber bandits attacked his monastery.

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