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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.**

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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!

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 27, 2017

Introduction

In Isaiah the people are bid to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world, but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Loving God, call us together as your people; transform us with your love. Transform our hearts, that we may love generously. Transform our eyes, that we may see your grace. Transform our hands, that we may serve others. Transform our spirits, that we may be the body of Christ, gathered to worship and sent out to serve. Amen. - Mary Petrina Boyd, Ministry Matters Website

Pre-Service Music

Ringin' Of The Bell

Welcome

✠ Preparation ✠

Opening Hymn - Dearest Jesus At Your Word (Stanzas 1-3, LBW #248. Please stand)

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| 1. Dearest Jesus, at your word
we have come again to hear you;
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glowing faith be near you
as the promises here given
draw us wholly up to heaven. | 2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded
till your Spirit breaks the night,
filling us with light unclouded.
All good thoughts and all good living
come but by your gracious giving. |
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(Stanza 3, next page)

3. Radiance of God's glory bright,
Light of light from God proceeding,
Jesus, send your blessed light;
help our hearing, speaking, heeding,
that our prayers and songs may please you,
as with grateful hearts we praise you.

Call To Worship (Psalm 138:2, 6; Romans 12:2, please remain standing)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

Pastor: I bow down toward Your holy temple
People: **and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your Word.**

Pastor: For though the Lord is high,
People: **He regards the lowly, but the haughty He knows from afar.**

Pastor: Do not be conformed to this world,
People: **but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.**

Confession And Announcement Of Forgiveness

(Isaiah 51:1–2, 4, 6, adapted. Please remain standing)

Pastor: The Lord, who is the rock of our salvation, invites His people to listen.
“Listen to Me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord.”

People: **We confess that we have not listened to the Lord. We have instead listened to what our itching ears want to hear and have shut our ears to the truth of Your Word.**

Pastor: The Lord invites His people to look. “Look to the rock from which you were hewn . . . to Abraham and Sarah.”

People: **We confess that we have not always looked to the Lord for our provision, hope, and guidance. We have looked for and to other things of this world that have led us astray, through which our worship and prayers have faltered.**

Pastor: The Lord invites His people to “Give attention to Me, My people, and give ear to Me, My nation.”

People: **We confess that we have become distracted in our earthly pilgrimage. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: “Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be dismayed.” ... 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. And in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, the rock on whom our confession is made, our hope is built, and our eternal victory won, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

(We greet each other with the “Peace of the Lord”).

Hymn Of Praise - Dearest Jesus At Your Word

(Stanzas 4, LBW #248. Please remain standing)

4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
praise to you and adoration!
Grant us what we need the most:
your blest gospel’s consolation,
while we here on earth await you,
till in heav’n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-1684, sts. 1-3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, adapt.

✠ Word ✠

First Reading - Isaiah 51:1-6 (Please be seated)

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

Lay Minister: ¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual (Psalm 34:9, 19. Please remain seated)

Lay Minister: Fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing!

People: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Second Reading - Romans 11:33 - 12:8 (Please remain seated)

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 this age, 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.

Lay Reader: ³³O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵“Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?” ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen. 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 the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

Verse (Ephesians 2:19b–20. Please stand)

Pastor: Alleluia. You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

People: built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone. Alleluia.

Gospel - 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: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said,

People: **"Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."**

Pastor: He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered,

People: **"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."**

Pastor: And 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. And 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. I 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." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn Of The Day - Built on the Rock (LBW #365, please be seated)

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| 1. Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling--
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting. | 2. Not in our temples made with hands
God, the Almighty, is dwelling;
high in the heav'ns his temple stands,
all earthly temples excelling.
Yet he who dwells in heav'n above
deigns to abide with us in love,
making our bodies his temple. |
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3. We are God's house of living stones,
built for his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation.
Were two or three to seek his face,
he in their midst would show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.

4. Yet in this house, an earthly frame,
Jesus the children is blessing;
hither we come to praise his name,
faith in our Savior confessing.
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,
making with us his covenant,
granting his children the kingdom.

5. Through all the passing years, O Lord,
grant that, when church bells are ringing,
many may come to hear God's Word
where he this promise is bringing:
I know my own, my own know me;
you, not the world, my face shall see;
my peace I leave with you. Amen

Text: Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867-1937, adapt. © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

Message

Hard Rock

Isaiah 51:1-6; Matthew 16:13-20

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 (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God, from You and through You and to You are all things. You have built Your Church on the confession of the Gospel and have promised that the gates of hell will not overcome it. To Your Church throughout the world, together and united as one body, grant the faith and courage to confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Wherever the Church is under attack, O Lord,

People: protect and defend her against the assaults of the evil one even to the gates of hell.

Pastor: Wherever people are oppressed or denied their dignity, O Lord,

People: raise up leaders to order society in peace and justice. May all the rulers of the earth acknowledge Your authority in gratitude and praise.

Pastor: Wherever Your people are straying from Your Word and will, O Lord,

People: arm Your servants with Your mighty Gospel, and cause them again to confess You as the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Pastor: Whenever we fail to use the gifts You have placed within us, O Lord,

People: turn our hearts toward repentance and open our eyes to see the gracious opportunities for service that You provide within the Body of Christ.

Pastor: Whenever we allow the distractions of this world to blind us to Your power and glory, O Lord,

People: remind us again of the depth of Your riches, wisdom, and knowledge. Call us again to listen, and look, and pay attention that we may seek You where You and salvation will be found.

Pastor: Wherever people are in mourning or ill health, without food or shelter, or in any other distress, O Lord,
People: visit, relieve, support, and uplift them in Your mercy. Fulfill Your purpose for them.

Pastor: We remember before You especially those near and dear to us. O Lord,
People: hear our prayer, Rock of our salvation.

Pastor: O Lord, we come to this Table at Your gracious invitation to eat and drink the very body and blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith. Grant us repentance and faith to receive these gifts to Your glory and for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Additional Prayers:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, 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.

✠ Sacrament ✠

Communion Hymn - My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

(LBW #294, please remain seated)

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| 1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand. | 2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand. |
| 3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand. | 4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand. |

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

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 Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten 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 beg 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.**

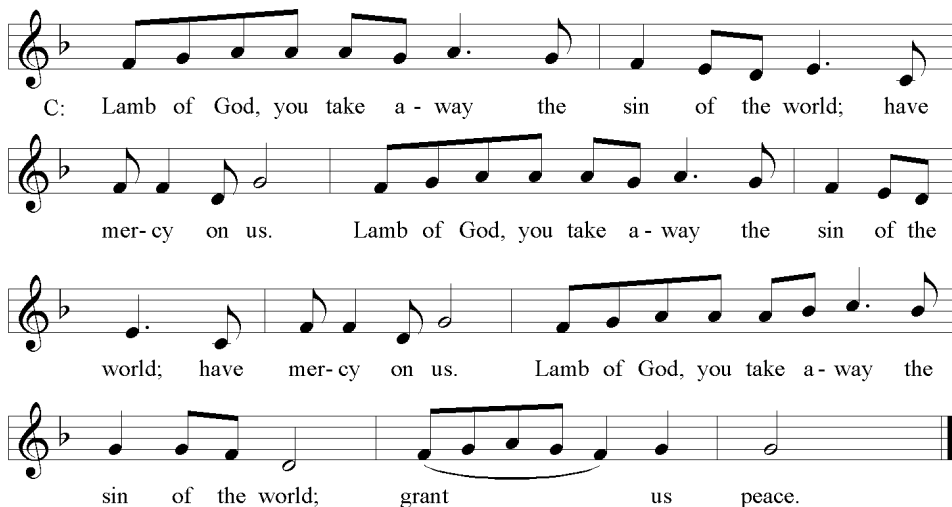
Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." ... In the same way also He took the cup after supper, 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 \times 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: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord's body let us take together.



Distribution

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)

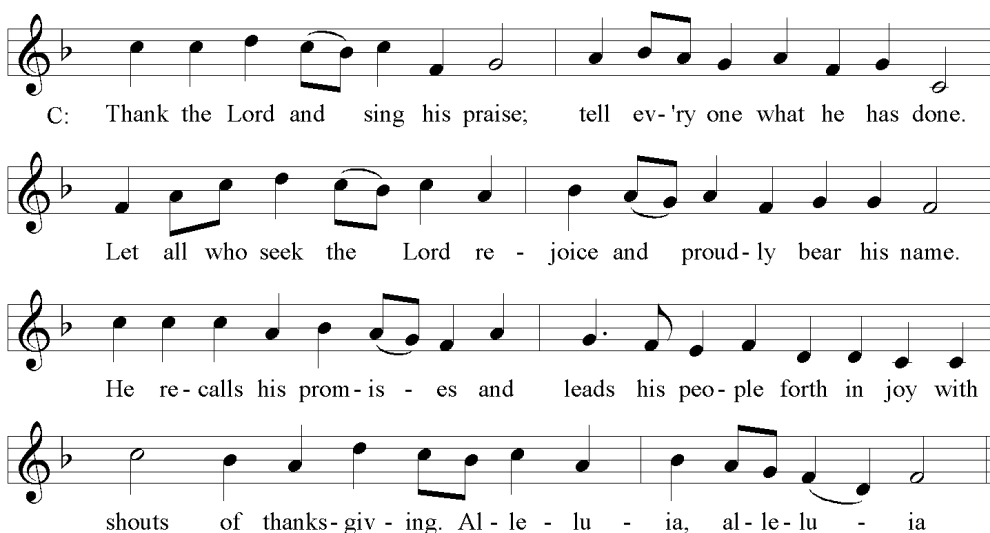
Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.

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)



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks- giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia

Post-Communion Thanksgiving (Please remain standing)

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You and to serve 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 (Isaiah 51:6, adapted. Please remain standing)

Pastor: May our Lord who shows and reveals Himself as the God of comfort bless you and keep you. May the Lord who has sought us out and adopted us as His redeemed children make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord who has promised, "My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be dismayed," look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn - The Church's One Foundation (LBW #369, please remain standing)

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| 1. The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died. | 2. Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued. |
| 3. Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song. | 4. Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest. |
| 5. Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face. | |

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Announcements

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Organist:	Beth Huber
Lay Minister:	Cynthia Smith
Altar Guild:	
Coffee Hour:	Dorlane Krausse and Loreen Schneeberger
Ushers:	Vicki McGowan and John Moorhead
Lay Reader:	Rusty Rush
Counters:	Vicki McGowan and Beverly Erbel

Activities This Week:

Sunday – August 27	9:30am	Service of the Word and Sacrament
Tuesday – August 29	9:30-12:30am	Stage Door (PH)
Wednesday – August 30	6pm	Stage Door (PH)
Saturday – September 2	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – September 3	9:30am	Service of the Word

Announcements For August 27, 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:

Friday – Janet Reese

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.

Facebook - Like us on Facebook at Peace Lutheran Church Mill Valley or @peacelutheranmill

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 27-September 2, 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 28

Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32
1 Samuel 7:3-13
Romans 2:1-11

Tuesday – August 29

Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32
Deuteronomy 32:18-20, 28-39
Romans 11:33-36

Wednesday – August 30

Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32
Isaiah 28:14-22
Matthew 26:6-13

Thursday – August 31

Psalm 26:1-8
Jeremiah 14:13-18
Ephesians 5:1-6

Friday – September 1

Psalm 26:1-8
Jeremiah 15:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:7-12

Saturday – September 2

Psalm 26:1-8
Jeremiah 15:10-14
Matthew 8:14-17

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Commemorations

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.

September 2 - Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, died 1872: Grundtvig was, with Søren Kierkegaard, one of the two great Danish theologians of the nineteenth century. As a pastor, he battled the prevalent idea that Christianity was more a philosophy than divine revelation. He wrote over a thousand hymns.

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