



# **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!**

# **Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

## **August 4, 2019**

### **Introduction**

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.  
Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

**Prayer Before Worship** - Loving and forgiving God, be present with us now, as we offer praise and thanksgiving for the abundance we have received through your grace. You have gathered us in, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, to be your people. Like a loving parent, you have sustained our needs—sharing your love with us, satisfying our thirst, and filling our hunger with good things. Help us, Lord, to heed your call, that we might find deliverance through Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. - J. Wayne Pratt, Ministry Matters Website

**Pre-Service Music** (A time for reflection)

**Ring of The Bell**

**Welcome**

**Opening Sentences** (Please stand)

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

**Pastor:** Enter God's place with thanksgiving.

**People:** **The Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.**

**Pastor:** Give thanks to God and bless His name.

**People:** **The Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.**

Pastor: Come into God's presence with singing.

**People: The Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.**

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**People: The Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever and His faithfulness to all generations.**

## **Opening Song - Son of God, Eternal Savior** (LBW #364, please remain standing)

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race,  
you our head, who, throned in glory,  
for your own will ever plead:  
fill us with your love and pity,  
heal our wrong, and help our need.
- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,  
so may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted;  
freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver,  
yours the wealth of land and sea;  
we but stewards of your bounty  
held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love and Prince of peace;  
hush the storm of strife and passion,  
bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling,  
by your silent hours of pain,  
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
stem our selfish greed of gain.

- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior,  
source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us  
hallows all our human race:  
by your praying, by your willing  
that your people should be one,  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:  
here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

## **Psalm – Psalm 49:1-12** (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

**People: both low and high, rich and poor together.**

Pastor: My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

**People: I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**

Pastor: Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,

**People: those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?**

Pastor: Truly, no ransom avails for one's life, there is no price one can give to God for it.

**People: For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice,**

Pastor: that one should live on forever and never see the grave.

**People: When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.**

Pastor: Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own.

**People: Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.**

(We share the Peace of the Lord with one another)

## **Song - All People That on Earth Do Dwell** (LBW #245. Please be seated)

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;  
come ye before him and rejoice.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make.  
We are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.
- 3 Oh, enter then his gates with praise;  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.
- 4 For why? The Lord our God is good:  
His mercy is forever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.
- 5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
from us and from the angel host  
be praise and glory evermore.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594

## **First Reading - Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23** (Please remain seated)

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . . <sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. . . . <sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they

will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

## **Second Reading - Colossians 3:1-11** (Please remain seated)

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. <sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

## **Gospel - Luke 12:13-21** (Please remain seated)

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build

larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

**Song - Take My Life, That I May Be** (LBW #406. Please remain seated.)

- 1 Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it thine,  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own,  
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.



## Message

### A Radical Reorientation Of Our Values Luke 12:13-21

## Song Of Response - Where Charity and Love Prevail

(Tune: LBW #234, please remain seated)

- 1 Where charity and love prevail,  
there God is ever found;  
brought here together by Christ's love,  
by love we thus are bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear,  
God's charity we learn;  
let us with heart and mind and soul  
now love God in return.
- 3 Let us recall that in our midst  
dwells Christ, God's holy Son;  
as members of each body joined,  
in him we are made one.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;  
let all contentions cease.  
Be God's the glory that we seek;  
be his our only peace.
- 5 Let us forgive each other's faults  
as we our own confess,  
that we may love each other well  
in Christian gentleness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th. cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997, alt.; Text © 1960 World Library Publications. 3708 River Rd., Suite 400, Franklin Park, IL 60131. All rights reserved.

## 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:**        Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation. - A brief silence. - Your people struggle with the weariness and toil of living in a broken world. Work through your church to restore justice and mercy, and send rest and comfort to all who are bowed down. Trusting in God, our abundant provider, let us pray.

**People:**        **Have mercy, O God.**

**Pastor:**        Your creation longs for generous care. Give growth to the fields, strength to farmers, ranchers, and laborers who toil in summer's heat, and wisdom to us to respect earth's bounty. Trusting in God, our loving creator, let us pray.

**People:**        **Have mercy, O God.**

**Pastor:**        Your world reflects your image in billions of unique ways. Touch every life—low and high, rich and poor—and sway every heart toward your merciful will. Trusting in God, our Sovereign, let us pray.

**People:**        **Have mercy, O God.**

**Pastor:**        Your people in this congregation praise you and pray for your almighty help. Comfort those who suffer from anxiety, depression, or stress. Provide for those in need. Trusting in God, our purpose and goal, let us pray.

**People:**        **Have mercy, O God.**

Pastor: Your communities near and far lack basic resources. Supply work, food, and health care for all who are in need. Bring relief to those who are overworked. Trusting in God, our help, let us pray.

**People: Have mercy, O God.**

**Additional prayers:**

Pastor: Let us pray

**People: Have mercy, O God.**

Pastor: Your saints who have died now rest in your merciful care. Comfort us in faith and love as we continue our labor on earth. Trusting in God, who gives life to the dead, let us pray.

**People: Have mercy, O God.**

Pastor: All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

**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 Hymn - God of Grace and God of Glory** (LBW #415. Please remain standing)

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo! The hosts of evil round us  
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days,
- 3 Cure your children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
let we miss your kingdom's goal.

- 4 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

## 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>John and Ana Hilda Mosher</b>
<b>Counter:</b>	<b>Beverly Erbel</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>Rick Kenney</b>
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	<b>Beverly Erbel</b>

## Activities This Week:

<b>Sunday – August 4</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday – August 6</b>	9:30am -12: 30 pm <b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Stage Door (PH) <b>National Night Out</b>
<b>Wednesday – August 7</b>	6:00 pm 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Stage Door (PH) Dr. Buhles (N)
<b>Friday – August 8</b>	<b>6:00-8:00 pm</b>	<b>Creekside Fridays</b>
<b>Saturday – August 10</b>	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
<b>Sunday – August 11</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:

**Tuesday - Sharon Sides**

**Calvin Rosevear**

**Happy Anniversary** – Blessings to those celebrating anniversaries this week:

**Wednesday - Jim & Sharon Sides**

**Wednesday - Brad & Jeannie Sides**

**Saturday - Eric & Elizabeth Risberg**

**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.

**National Night Out** – Join us Tuesday for “National Night Out” at Fireside. The Even begins around 5:30 p.m.

**Creekside Friday** – The last Creekside Friday begins this Friday at 6:00 at the Brown Cabin. Peace Lutheran has their own table. The band this week is “Dead Again”.

**2019 Target Back to School Shopping Spree - Volunteers Needed!**

Dear Faithful Friend & Volunteer,

I am writing to let you know of our upcoming 2019 Target Back to School Shopping Spree.

*We need 150 volunteers for this great event! We hope to see you this year!*

## **Event Details – San Rafael Target**

**What:** 2019 Target Back-to-School Shopping Spree  
**Where:** Target of San Rafael (Children of Marin City) - 125 Shoreline Pkwy, San Rafael, CA 94901  
**When:** August 10, 2019 – 6:00am to 8:30am  
**Why:** To help Marin County's less fortunate children secure new clothes and proper school supplies for the upcoming school year.  
**How:** With your generous help through volunteerism!

**To Register as a volunteer for the Target of San Rafael (for children from Marin City) BTS event:**

<https://volunteer.usawest.org/OpportunityDetail.aspx?ID=4097>

**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 4 – August 10, 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 5**

Psalm 127  
Ecclesiastes 2:1-17  
Colossians 3:18-4:1

### **Tuesday – August 6**

Psalm 127  
Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:8  
Colossians 2:4-6

### **Wednesday – August 7**

Psalm 127  
Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, 13-14  
Luke 12:22-31

### **Thursday – August 8**

Psalm 33:12-22  
Job 21:1-16  
Romans 9:1-9

### **Friday – August 9**

Psalm 33:12-22  
Ecclesiastes 6:1-6  
Acts 7:1-8

### **Saturday – August 10**

Psalm 33:12-22  
Genesis 11:27-32  
Matthew 6:19-24

## **Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**

### **9th Sunday After Pentecost**

Genesis 15:1-6  
Psalm 33:12-22  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40