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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!

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

August 6, 2017

Introduction

Jesus' summary of the law in today's gospel echoes our first reading from Leviticus. We are called not only to love God with heart, soul, and mind, but also to love our neighbor as ourselves. In the confession of sins, we acknowledge that we have not loved God, neighbor, and self; yet we gather to hear the word of forgiveness and to be strengthened by the word to be signs of God's love and mercy in the world. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Let us pray that our love of God may become real and tangible in our love of our neighbor. God, you display your almighty power in loving us without regret. In the human heart of Jesus your Son you have shown us how far love can go. Give us a love that is forgiving, generous and gentle like his, that we may recognize and welcome him in our brothers and sisters. And may our hearts reach out first to the poorest and the least lovable, with the gratuitous love you have given us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. — from Liturgies Alive, Models of Celebration.

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 1. Please stand)

Pastor: As loved children of God, let us begin in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Pastor: Come, let us delight in the law of the Lord.
 People: **Our joy is found in the love of God and neighbor.**

Pastor: Come, let us be nourished by the Living Water.
 People: **Together, we will worship the One who enables us to thrive.** ~
 written by Amy Loving, and posted on The Worship Closet website.

Entrance Song - Love Divine All Loves Excelling (ELW #631, please remain standing)



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-'ry
 3 Come, Al-might-y, to de-liv-er; let us all thy
 4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy
 trou-bled breast; let us all in thee in-her-it; let us
 life re-ceive; sud-den-ly re-turn, and nev-er, nev-er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect -

faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,
 find thy prom-ised rest. Take a-way the love of sin-ning;
 more thy tem-ples leave. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing,
 ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,

pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with
 Al-pha and O-me-ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a-bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.
 its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 with-out ceas-ing, glo-ry in thy per-fect love.
 crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707/1788. Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887. Used as Public domain

Prayer of Confession and Intercession

(based on Matthew 22: 34-40, please remain standing)

Pastor: Merciful Jesus, you said that: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.'

People: **For when our hearts have been focused on the vanities of this life and we have loved you less than we love the things of this world, forgive us Lord.** (silent confession).

Pastor: You said as well, Gracious One, that: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your soul.'

People: **For when we have pursued a selfish happiness instead of seeking to please you by diligently heeding your commandments and your laws, forgive us Lord.** (silent confession).

Pastor: You said, as well, O Christ, that: 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your mind and all your strength.'

People: **For when we have concentrated on our burdens and worries and have failed to seek your wisdom and to turn to you for your strength and support, forgive us Lord.** (silent confession).

Pastor: You have said as well, O God, that 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.'

People: **For when we have failed to love our brothers and sisters; particularly when we have neglected the poor and the strangers among us and for when we have treated others as less than ourselves, forgive us Lord.** (silent confession).

Pastor: Lord God, Christ Jesus, Holy Spirit, we thank you for your mercy and your love. You make new all who turn to you.

People: **We bless you and thank you for your faithfulness to your people and for your care for the world.**

Pastor: Today we pray not only that we might be a people who love as you have shown us how to love. We pray as well for the people and the nations around us, that they may know you and your healing and saving power in their lives and render you thanks and praise. We hold before you, O God, and ask your blessing upon each person

and each situation that you bring now to our hearts and to our lips and our ears....Lord, hear our prayer.

People: **And in your love answer.**

Pastor: Holy and Compassionate God: We thank you for hearing us, and for answering us. Give us eyes to see you in our midst, ears to hear your words of challenge and of encouragement, hearts to welcome you, and hands and feet to serve you and walk humbly with you, trusting in your great mercy and power as it has been shown to us in and through Christ Jesus, your Son and our Lord, our brother, and our friend.

People: **Amen.** — Copyright © Rev. Richard J. Fairchild, and posted on his Kir-Shalom website.

(We greet one another with the peace of the Lord)

Song Of Praise - Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

(Tune: LBW #345, please remain standing)

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| 1 Love consecrates the humblest act
and haloes mercy's deeds;
it sheds a benediction sweet
and hallows human needs. | 2 When in the shadow of the cross
Christ knelt and washed the feet
of his disciples, he gave us
a sign of love complete. |
| 3 Love serves and willing stoops to serve;
what Christ in love so true
has freely done for one and all,
let us now gladly do! | |

Text: Silas B. McManus, 1845-1917

First Reading - Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 (Please be seated)

The holiness code in Leviticus urges people to be holy because God is holy. Holiness is lived out in partiality for and consideration of the poor and the weak. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves. God's people exercise justice and love in their dealings with one another.

¹The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. ¹⁵You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your

neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Second Reading - Romans 12:9-21 (Please be seated)

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel - Matthew 22:34-40 (Please stand)

Put on the spot by the Pharisees, Jesus displays wisdom by summarizing the law of God in just two commandments.

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Song - Great God, Your Love Has Called Us (Tune: LBW #294, please be seated)

- 1 Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.
- 2 We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined
yet seeking hope for humankind.
- 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own
not through some merit, right, or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.
- 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
- 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Message

Christian Spirituality
Vocation – Vessels of God's Love

Song Of Response - O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

(ELW #722, please remain seated)



- 1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
- 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
- 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
- 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

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Sharing The Gifts Of The Lord (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: Relying on Your mercy, which tirelessly seeks the lost and the least and transforms the lives of sinners, we bring our prayers before You, our merciful and almighty Lord. ... You give the gift of adopting us into the family of the faithful of this and every generation. Enable the Church in this and every place to be a blessing to the communities in which we live. Empower pastors to preach the Word with power, teachers to teach the Word with wisdom, and all believers to serve our neighbors in love. Bless the Church on earth that walking together our voices give a clear, spirited, and compassionate witness to the gifts of God in Christ to this hungry world. We give thanks for adopting us as Your sons and daughters as we cry,

People: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You give abundant promises to calm us in the midst of anxiety and trouble. Guide all who govern to do so with reverence, impartiality, and compassion. Watch over our military personnel in harm's way, and make Your comforting presence known to their families. Protect innocent people in war-torn nations. Preserve us from acts of terrorism. Reconcile us with our enemies. We give thanks for Your hope-sustaining promises as we cry,

People: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You give the gift of Your presence when our faith wanes and our hope is nearly lost. Comfort all who are experiencing anxiety, all who are sick, all who are dying, and all who are mourning. Help them to see that even in the midst of suffering, You are there, and You will never leave nor forsake those in trouble. We give thanks for Your glorious presence among us as we cry,

People: **O Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You give the gift of Your Word to guide us—the Word that brings us down a notch when we are prideful and lifts us up when we are faltering. We pray today for those in need who have requested our prayer.

Additional prayers.

Pastor: We give thanks for Your life-giving Word as we cry,

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: You give the food that sustains both our bodies and souls. Bless the labor of all who set their hands to useful tasks—farmers and business owners, construction workers and accountants, homemakers and retail workers, factory workers and executives. Calm the hearts of the unemployed and underemployed. Grant that our land will produce an abundant harvest of goods and services that will bless many. Guide our stewardship of the gifts You entrust to us. We give thanks for Your gracious provision as we cry,

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: You give the example of ancestors in the faith, all those who have gone before us in the faith and have now died and abide in Your tender arms. We thank You for their life and witness, and how Your grace was shown in some way through them as we cry,

People: O Lord, hear our prayer.

Pastor: You give the invitation to bring everything to You in prayer. We entrust these prayers to You, relying on the promise and trusting in Your gracious and merciful disposition toward us through 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.

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 Song - I Love To Tell The Story (ELW #661, please remain standing)



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911; Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849-1936. Used as Public domain

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Organist:	Janet Reese
Coffee Hour:	Don and Beverly Erbel
Ushers:	Peter Pardini
Lay Reader:	Cynthia Smith
Counters:	Don and Beverly Erbel

Activities This Week:

Sunday – August 6	9:30am	Service of the Word
Tuesday – August 8	9:30-12:30am 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Stage Door (PH) Fireside Brown Bag Ladies Bible Class
Wednesday – August 9	6pm	Stage Door (PH)
Friday – August 11	6pm – 8pm	Creekside Fridays (Brown Cabin)
Saturday – August 12	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
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:

Today - Sharon Sides and Calvin Rosevear
Friday - Elizabeth Erickson

Anniversaries – Those celebrating anniversaries this week are:

Monday - Jim & Sharon Sides

Monday - Brad & Jeannie Sides

Thursday - Eric & Elizabeth Risberg

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.

Fireside Brown Bag - We are making 51 bags this Tuesday, August 8 at 10:30 a.m. in Luther Lounge. Those that we assist truly are thankful for what we do for them. God's blessings!

Creekside Fridays – The last Creekside Friday of the year is this Friday, August 11 at 6:00. The band will be 'Juke Joint'. Peace Lutheran Church has its own table. There is food and drinks for sale, a jumpee for the kids and face painting. Come join the fun!

Baby Shower – On August 13 after worship (11:00 a.m.) the women of Peace Lutheran Church and their friends are invited to a Baby Shower for Dahlia Stein and Dawn Wronski who are both due in September. Come join the fun

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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Weekly Devotional Helps

August 6-August 12, 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 7

Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29
Deuteronomy 8:1-10
Romans 1:8-15

Tuesday – August 8

Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29
Deuteronomy 26:1-15
Acts 7:37-47

Wednesday – August 9

Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29
Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35
Matthew 15:32-39

Thursday – August 10

Psalm 85:8-13
1 Kings 18:1-16
Acts 17:10-15

Friday – August 11

Psalm 85:8-13

1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40

Acts 18:24-28

Saturday – August 12

Psalm 85:8-13

1 Kings 18:41-46

Matthew 16:1-4

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalm 85:8-13

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

Commemorations

August 8 - Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), died 1221: Dominic was a Spanish priest who saw the wealth of the clergy as a stumbling block for the church, so he formed a movement, the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans) devoted to itinerant preaching and living in poverty.

August 10 - Lawrence, deacon, martyr, died 258: As one of the seven deacons of the church at Rome, Lawrence was responsible for the church's financial matters and for the care of the poor. Asked by the emperor to gather the church's treasure, he presented a collection of orphans, lepers, and the like. The enraged emperor had him put to death.

August 11: Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253: A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.

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