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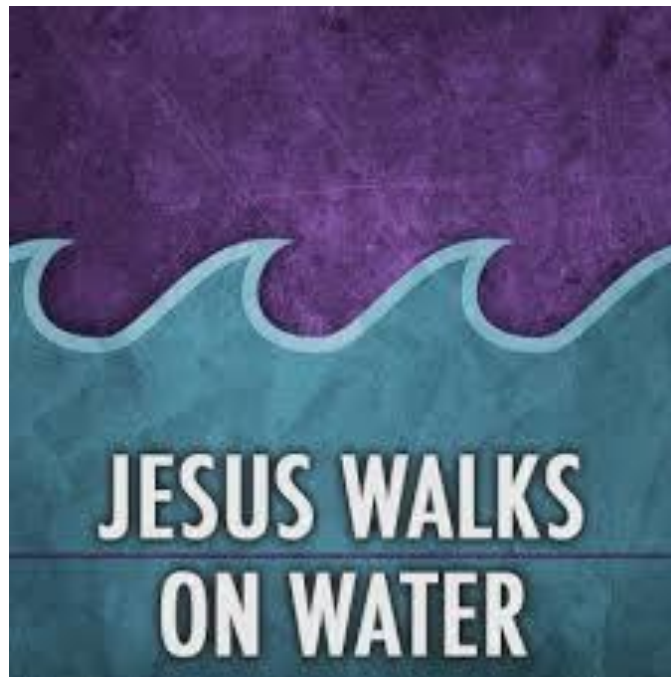
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10th Sunday After Pentecost

**How Beautiful Are The Feet Of Those Who Bring Good News!**

*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:** On a stormy night, the disciples were traveling in a boat ahead of Jesus fighting the waves. Suddenly, Jesus appeared walking on the water toward them and the disciples thought He was a ghost. Jesus called Peter out to walk on the water, but Peter became afraid and began to sink. Saved by the hand of the Savior, Peter, and the others in the boat worshiped Jesus. Our feet may fail us, but Jesus never does.

## **Opening Prayer**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Dear Jesus, we trust You to pull us through the storms of life. We look to You to be the lighthouse in the darkness. We seek You as our anchor in the midst of stormy seas. We listen for Your voice that calls us out to join You on the waters. When we are afraid, we will trust in You because You are faithful and steadfast, just, and full of mercy, worthy of honor and overflowing with abundant grace and love. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit we pray,

**People:** Amen. .



## Opening Song

### In God We Believe

In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r  
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.  
He graciously grants us our years and our days  
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.

In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.  
True God and true man once the cross He endured  
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.  
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.

God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;  
With power and truth the Church now He does bless.  
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then  
Be living in glory forever. Amen.

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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,

**All:** **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.

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

# God Speaks Through His Word

## First Reading - Romans 10:5-17

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

Pastor: <sup>5</sup>Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." <sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" <sup>16</sup>But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. . . . This is God's Word

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading - Matthew 14:22-33

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

Pastor: <sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." <sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said,

"Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." . . . This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

## **Message Hymn**

### **Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word  
the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walked upon the foaming deep,  
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood  
upon the chaos dark and rude,  
and bid its angry tumult cease,  
and give, for wild confusion, peace:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee  
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.



### **Message**

**How Beautiful Are The Feet Of Those Who Bring Good News!**

**Romans 10:5-17**

**Matthew 14:22-33**

**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. - For your whole church throughout the world. Give courage in the midst of storms, so that we see and hear Jesus calling: "Take heart, it is I: do not be afraid." May we follow Christ wherever he leads. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For the well-being of your creation. Protect waterways, forests, lands, and wildlife from exploitation and abuse. Help the human family endeavor to sustain and be sustained by the resources of your hand. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For the nations and their leaders. In you, steadfast love and faithfulness meet, and righteousness and peace kiss. May nations in conflict know the peace that is the fruit of justice, and the justice that is the path to peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For those in need. Everyone who calls upon your name will be saved. Accompany all who are lonely, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, and support those who are frustrated in their search for an affordable place to live. We pray for those suffering this day. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For our congregation. You have gathered us here today as your people and we thank you for this gift. We pray for those who are new to this community, for students and teachers preparing for a new school year, and for those struggling with unexpected hardship. Supply us generously with your grace for our life together. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

### Additional Prayers

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for the saints of the whole church from all times and places, and for the saints in our lives and in our community whom you have gathered to yourself. 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:** As we close this service today, when the wind and the waves overwhelm us, we remember the words of Jesus, "Don't be afraid. Take courage. I am here." May we go with faith and confidence that God's presence and Spirit is with us wherever we are. Step out on the waters with Jesus. Let's leave the safety and comfort of our boats to walk toward Jesus in faith. . . 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**

### **My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

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,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

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,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.



**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

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**Christ's Peace To Those Celebrating Birthdays This week**

**Tuesday - Elizabeth Erickson**

**Thursday - Brad Sides**

**Christ's Peace To Those Celebrating Anniversaries This week**

**Monday - Eric & Elizabeth Risberg**

**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 9 – August 15, 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 10**

Psalm 67  
1 Samuel 25:23-44  
1 Corinthians 4:1-21

#### **Tuesday – August 11**

Psalm 67  
1 Samuel 25:1-25  
1 Corinthians 5:1-13

#### **Wednesday – August 12**

Psalm 67  
1 Samuel 28:3-25  
1 Corinthians 6:1-20

#### **Thursday – August 13**

Psalm 67  
1 Samuel 31:1-13  
1 Corinthians 7:1-24

#### **Friday – August 14**

Psalm 67  
2 Samuel 1:1-27  
1 Corinthians 7:25-40

#### **Saturday – August 15**

Psalm 67  
2 Samuel 5:1-25  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13

## Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

### Proper 15

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Psalm 67

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

Matthew 15:21–28

### Commemorations

**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 14 - Maximilian Kolbe, died 1941; Kaj Munk, died 1944; martyrs:** Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest arrested by the Nazis and confined in Auschwitz. Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources, and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man. A Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright, Munk strongly denounced the Nazis who occupied Denmark in the Second World War. His sermons and articles helped to show the anti-Christian nature of the movement.

**August 15 - Mary, Mother of Our Lord:** The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.

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