



# **Peace Lutheran Church**

**205 Tennessee Valley Road  
Mill Valley, California 94941  
415-388-2065**

**Bulletin – [www.bulletin.plcmarin.org](http://www.bulletin.plcmarin.org)**

**Website – [www.plcmarin.org](http://www.plcmarin.org)**

**E-mail – [office@plcmarin.org](mailto:office@plcmarin.org)**

**Pastor Ricky Adams**

**Pastor's Office - (415) 388-2065**

**E-mail – [pastor@plcmarin.org](mailto:pastor@plcmarin.org)**

## **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**

## **July 15, 2018**

### **Introduction**

When Amos speaks God's Word to Israel, they do not want to hear it. Amos is told to prophesy elsewhere. John the Baptist's message of repentance landed him in Herod's prison and, eventually, in the grave. Speaking God's Word is not always easy. It often meets resistance and sometimes even violence. As you gather with fellow hearers of God's Word, consider how you have been resistant to God's Word. Which portions have you chosen to skip over? Consider how you might better hear and speak God's Word this week. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

**Prayer Before Worship** - O God our Father, we thank you that today you have called us to worship you and learn of you. You alone know our needs. Satisfy them with your unchanging love. In your presence may we find comfort in sorrow, guidance in perplexity, strength to meet temptation, grace to overcome the fascination of disobedience, and courage to face up to the hostility of this rebellious world. Above all, may we meet Jesus and go out from our worship indwelt by his spirit. This prayer we ask to your glory and in his name. Amen. ~ written by Michael Saward.

Posted on **The Jubilate Group** website.

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

**Ringling Of The Bell**

**Welcome**

**Call To Worship** (Ephesians 1:17-18. Please stand.)

**Pastor:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

**People:** Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts,  
 People: **that we may know the hope to which God has called us. Alleluia.**

## Entrance Hymn - Baptized In Water (ELW #456, please remain standing)



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his  
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932. Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune. Text © 1982 Jubilate Hymns, admin. Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-713958.

## Psalm 85:8-13 (Please remain standing)

Pastor: I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

People: **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

Pastor: Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

People: **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

Pastor: The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

People: **Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

(We share the Lord's peace with one another)

## Song Of Praise - Open Our Eyes Lord (WP #113, sing twice, please be seated)

O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see

Je - sus, to reach out and touch

him, and say that we love him.

O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,

Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

Text and Music: Bob Cull. ©1976 Maranatha! Music, admin. The Copyright Company; ©1976 Maranatha! Music, admin. The Copyright Company. Used by permission. CCLI #209714

## First Reading - Amos 7:7-15 (Please be seated)

Amos was not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he was an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicted with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encountered at Bethel.

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; <sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." <sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" <sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." <sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

## Second Reading - Ephesians 1:3-14 (Please remain seated)

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and

will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

## **Gospel - Mark 6:14-29 (Please remain seated)**

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

## Song - There Is A Redeemer (WP #140, please remain seated)

Eb Bb/D Eb Ab/C Bb<sup>7</sup>/D Eb Bb/D Eb Ab/C Bb Eb Bb  
 1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son,  
 Eb Bb/D Eb Ab Eb/G Fm<sup>7</sup> Bb<sup>7</sup> sus Eb Ab/Bb  
 pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes-si - ah, Ho - ly One.  
*Refrain*  
 Eb sus<sup>2</sup> Eb Gm<sup>7</sup> Ab Eb/G Fm Ab/Bb Bb<sup>7</sup> Eb Bb<sup>7</sup> sus Bb<sup>7</sup>  
 Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son and  
 Eb Bb/D Eb Ab/C Eb/Bb Ab Fm<sup>7</sup> Bb<sup>7</sup> sus Bb<sup>7</sup> Eb  
 send - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

2. Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names.

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. *Refrain*

3. When I stand in glory, I will see his face;

There I'll serve my king forever, in that holy place. *Refrain*

Text and music: Keith Green. ©1982 Birdwing Music/Cherry Lane Music Publishing Co., admin. By EMI Christian Music Publishing. Used by Permission. CCLI #209714

## Message

## Straight As A Plumb Line Amos 7:7-15

## Song - Great Is The Lord (WP #53, sing two times, please remain seated)

C Dm G/B C  
 Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just, by his



F/A G F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C C Dm  
 pow-er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is  
 G/B C F/A G  
 faith-ful and true, by his mer-cy he proves he is  
 F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C B $\flat$ /C F/C B $\flat$ /C F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> C  
 love. Great is the Lord, and wor-thy of glo-ry.  
 B $\flat$ /C F/C B $\flat$ /C G/C C B $\flat$ /C F/C B $\flat$ /C  
 Great is the Lord, and wor-thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now  
 D G E Am Dm Gsus G  
 lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the  
 Am Am<sup>7</sup>/G Dm Gsus G C Csus C  
 Lord! Great is the Lord!

Text and Music: Michael W Smith and Deborah D. Smith. © 1982 Meadowgreen Music, admin. EMI Christian Music Publishing. Used by Permission. CCLI #209714

## 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 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:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. — Silence for prayer - For pastors, teachers, missionaries, and all who proclaim God's Word, that God would embolden them to speak His word of repentance and forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For those who have not heard the message of Christ crucified and raised from the dead, that God would raise up faithful witnesses to speak His Word to all who do not believe, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For those who struggle to believe in Christ's unwavering love, that the victory won by the risen Christ would pierce their darkness of doubt and despair, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For all the rulers of the world, that God would turn their hearts to His will of mercy, peace, and justice, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For those who are sick and recovering, that they rely on the steadfast love and faithfulness of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For those who mourn the death of loved ones, that they find hope in the resurrection and return of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who celebrate special occasions and answered prayers, that their joy be a witness to the goodness of God, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Additional prayers

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your promise to hear us.

**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.**

### **Collect For Peace** (Please remain standing)

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: 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; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

**People: Amen**

### **Blessing** (Please remain standing)

Pastor: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, ✕ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.  
People: Thanks be to God.

## Departing Hymn - Borning Cry (ELW #732, please remain standing)



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."

### Last Verse



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

## Serving The Lord With Gladness

|                     |                              |
|---------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Pastor:</b>      | <b>Ricky Adams</b>           |
| <b>Organist:</b>    | <b>Janet Reese</b>           |
| <b>Coffee Hour:</b> | <b>Mary Ann Griller</b>      |
| <b>Counter:</b>     | <b>Don and Beverly Erbel</b> |
| <b>Ushers:</b>      | <b>Jim and Sharon Sides</b>  |
| <b>Lay Reader:</b>  | <b>Sharon Sides</b>          |

## Activities This Week:

|                            |                              |  |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| <b>Sunday – July 15</b>    | <b>9:30am</b>                | <b>Service of the Word</b>                   |
| <b>Tuesday – July 17</b>   | 9:30-12:30pm                 | Stage Door (PH)                              |
| <b>Wednesday – July 18</b> | 6pm<br><b>7:00 pm</b>        | Stage Door (PH)<br><b>Council (LL)</b>       |
| <b>Friday – July 20</b>    | <b>9:30 am</b>               | <b>Germain Story Time (N)</b>                |
| <b>Saturday – July 21</b>  | 8:30-9:30am<br>9:30a-12:30pm | Pilates (PH)<br>Stage Door (PH)              |
| <b>Sunday – July 22</b>    | <b>9:30am</b>                | <b>Service of the Word<br/>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.

Office Phone – (415) 388-2065  
Home Phone – (415) 388-7190  
Email – [pastor@plcmarin.org](mailto:pastor@plcmarin.org)

**Flowers** – Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

**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.

**Birthdays** – Blessings to those celebrating birthdays this week.

**Today - Ernie Au**

**Monday - Cynthia Smith**

**Tuesday - Gary Glover**

**Creekside Fridays** - Creekside Fridays are on Fridays at the Brown Cabin across the street. Peace Lutheran Church has its own table so come join us on Fridays until August 10, beginning at 6:00 p.m. On July 20th, the band will be 'Dead Again'. Remember, this is a family friendly event with jumpees and face painting! So, bring your winter coats and join the fun!

**Sunday Servers** – We need people to help as servers during **August**. Please sign up to help! The sheet is in the church entrance.

**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)

**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**

## **July 15, 2018 – July 21, 2018**

### **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 – July 16**

Psalm 142  
Amos 5:1-9  
Acts 21:27-39

### **Tuesday – July 17**

Psalm 142  
Amos 9:1-4  
Acts 23:12-35

### **Wednesday – July 18**

Psalm 142  
Amos 9:11-15  
Luke 7:31-35

### **Thursday – July 19**

Psalm 23  
Jeremiah 10:1-16  
Colossians 1:15-23

**Friday – July 20**

Psalm 23

Jeremiah 10:17-25

Acts 17:16-31

**Saturday – July 21**

Psalm 23

Jeremiah 12:1-13

Luke 18:35-43

**Scripture Readings For Next Sunday****Pentecost 9**

**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

**Psalm 23**

**Ephesians 2:11-22**

**Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

**Commemorations**

**July 17 - Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, died 1566:** A native of Spain, Las Casas first came to the Western hemisphere while serving in the military. Granted a large estate with indigenous slaves, he freed them after he was ordained a priest. He worked in the Caribbean and Central America to improve the lives of the native peoples.

Copyright © 2018 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS009220.