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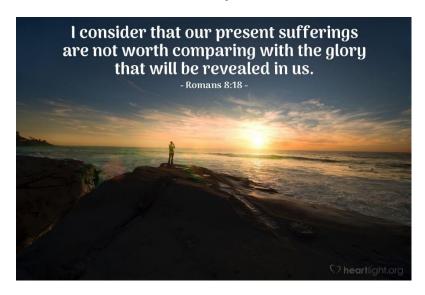
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July 19, 2020

### 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"Living Under The Cross"

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:

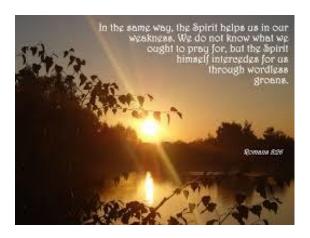
We are among the many who have struggled to believe in a world where it seems our enemies triumph and our own wills fail us. But the promises of God are not only for the present. They point us to that which is to come. To know the Lord is to know His promises without having seen them fulfilled. Gathering around His Word and Table, we meet those promises. His voice speaks of what will be, and in the flesh and blood of Christ, we taste the future that will come by His power and promise. To know the Lord in this way is to enjoy comfort in trial and to have hope that will endure the tests that come.

### **Opening Prayer**

Pastor:

Let us pray. May You, Lord, lead us by the Spirit into Your holy presence. We ask that You'd help us to leave behind our own ways and take up our crosses and follow You wholeheartedly. We want to worship You in Spirit and in truth. We reject plain lip service and invite You into this time and place with us now. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Opening Song - How Blessed Is This Place, O Lord



### We Are Renewed In God's Grace

Pastor:

Forgiving Father, we repent of our fleshly ways where we are drawn to division and disunity. Forgive us for participating in gossip, division, hatred, and strife. When we should be loving and harmonious, we've chosen the opposite path. Spirit lead us into righteousness. - A Time of silence - There is a real enemy working in the darkness to bring down the saints. But I've got some great news! Our God is greater and has defeated the enemy! Jesus has defeated the Tempter. We must repent of our ways, seek God's face, and allow Him into our lives to bring us healing and restoration. Lord, lead us into the way that is right. You are good, and we want to follow You. Thank You for Your kindness in forgiving us, Lord. Amen

# **God Speaks Through His Word**

# Epistle Reading - Romans 8:18-27

Pastor:

<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. This is God's Word

All: Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Reading - Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Pastor:

<sup>24</sup> He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup> but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup> And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup> He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' 29 But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers. Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.". . . <sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." <sup>37</sup> He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man: 38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen! . . . This is the Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message Hymn - Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Message

" Living Under The Cross " Romans 8:18–27

# 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: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all

people according to their needs. — Silent Prayer - Lord, You have been the refuge and strength of Your people from generation to generation. Give to us the comfort of Your presence in time of trouble, Your grace to forgive our sins, and Your peace to govern our

hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, Your power holds all things together, in heaven and on earth.

Give wisdom to those who lead our nation and guidance to those who make, administer, and judge our laws, so that life be protected

and justice administered. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, Your Word speaks hope and life. Open our ears to hear Your

voice and our hearts to believe in Jesus Christ and follow Him as

Savior and Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, Your Church lives by the grace You bestow through Word and

Sacrament. Bless the pastors who preach to us this Gospel and the church workers who serve us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, Your mercy extends to all our needs and Your grace gives

healing according to Your will. Hear us on behalf of all who stand in need. Grant to them grace sufficient for all their needs and sustain

them in the hour of trial. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, You give us new lives in baptismal water, and Your Spirit opens

our hearts to faith. Help us to live out fully our vocation as Your children in the places where we live and work and do the good works

You desire. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

**Additional Prayers** 

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

Pastor: Lord, You have given us the encouragement of the mighty saints of

old and those who taught us the faith. Help us to leave a legacy of faithfulness to those who follow us, and sustain us in hope until we

join the saints in Christ's eternal presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom

we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, 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, may the Lord go before you and behind you wherever your foot shall tread. May you be united with the Spirit just as He is united with the Father and the Son . . . Stay well – stay healthy-practice social distancing and shelter in place, 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. Amen

**Closing Hymn -** For The Fruit Of This Creation

### **Announcements**

**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 **Worship Services –** There are three ways to worship at Peace Lutheran Church during this time of Covid.

#### Live Stream

9:00 a.m. Zoom Link:

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75472633208?pwd=VTREQStBY1RB

QUIaREhmRS9kL1JYZz09 Meeting ID: 754 7263 3208

Passcode: 6VWig8

#### Facebook users

www.facebook.com/PeaceLutheranMill (available beginning 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning)

#### Non-Facebook Users

### www.plcmarin.org

Just go to the front page, scroll to the bottom, and click on the video. It is that easy!

**Portals Of Prayers –** The new Portals of Prayers Devotional books are available in the entryway. Email me at **pastor@plcmarin.org** and I will unlock the side door for you.

**Communion** – Pastor will be available to share communion each Sunday from 9:45 a.m. until 10:30 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.

# Weekly Devotional Helps July 19 – July 25, 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 – July 20

Psalm 125 1 Samuel 3:1-21 Acts 16:1-22

Wednesday – July 22

Psalm 125 1 Samuel 5:1-6:3, 10-16 Acts 18:1-11, 23-28 Tuesday - July 21

Psalm 125 1 Samuel 4:1-22 Acts 16:23-40

Thursday – July 23

Psalm 125 1 Samuel 6:3-7:17 Acts 19:1-22 Friday – July 24
Psalm 125
1 Samuel 8:1-22
Acts 21:15-36

Saturday – June 25 Psalm 125 1 Samuel 9:1-27 Acts 21:37-22:16

# **Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**

#### Pentecost 8

Deuteronomy 7:6–9 Psalm 125 Romans 8:28–39 Matthew 13:44–52

### **Commemorations**

**July 22 - Mary Magdalene -** Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.

**July 25 - James, Apostle -** James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).

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