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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!

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

July 2, 2017

Introduction

Today I continue the topic of Christian Spirituality. Christian Spirituality believes in the Means of Grace – the Means by which God brings grace into our lives. In Lutheran teaching, we believe the Means of Grace are God's Word and the Sacraments. We teach that there are two Sacraments – Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Today I will talk about God's Word and how it works in the life of the Christian. Thank you for joining Peace Lutheran Church in worship today!

Prayer Before Worship - Almighty God, open our ears, our hearts, and our minds to hear Your Word and lead us by Your Spirit to follow it, especially when doing so creates challenges and hardships for us as Your people, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Call To Worship (John 1:1, 14; 3:16–17; 14:6; 17:17; Psalm 119:105, 160. Please stand)

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

People: **Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

Pastor: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

People: **The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous rules endures forever.**

Pastor: Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth."

People: **Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."**

Pastor: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

People: **For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.**

Song - Word Of God, Come Down To Earth (ELW #510, please remain standing)

1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -

heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove

faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to

we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

The Law (Shows Our Sin. Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

People: Lord God, as we look into the mirror of Your Law, we see ourselves as we really are.

Pastor: We each see a person who struggles to control their tongue.

People: We find ourselves saying things we shouldn't and not saying what we should.

Pastor: We each see a person who struggles to control their thoughts.

People: We find ourselves troubled with things that are in Your capable hands. We find our minds and hearts invaded by things such as revenge, jealousy, lust, and greed.

Pastor: We each see a person who struggles to live as one who is dead to sin and alive in Christ.

People: We find ourselves wanting to live according to Your will and to walk according to Your ways, but instead, we miss the mark.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we bring these sins to You this day, the sins we have spoken out loud and the ones that cry out from the depths of our soul.

People: We come seeking the forgiveness You won for us. Create in each one of us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

The Gospel (Shows Our Savior. Please remain standing)

Pastor: Baptized children of God, Jesus died to sin and rose to life again so that we might do the same. As God's chosen people, we are dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen! Thanks be to God!

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

Song - Restore in Us, O God (TUNE: LBW #89, please be seated)

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| 1 | Restore in us, O God,
the splendor of your love;
renew your image in our hearts,
and all our sins remove. | 3 | Bring us, O Christ, to share
the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life
that death cannot destroy. |
| 2 | O Spirit, wake in us
the wonder of your power;
from fruitless fear unfurl our lives
like springtime bud and flower. | 4 | Three personed God, fulfill
the promise of your grace,
that we, when all our searching ends,
may see you face to face. |

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First Reading – Isaiah 55:6-11 (Please remain seated)

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Second Reading - Romans 6:12-23 (Please remain seated)


¹² Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you,

having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

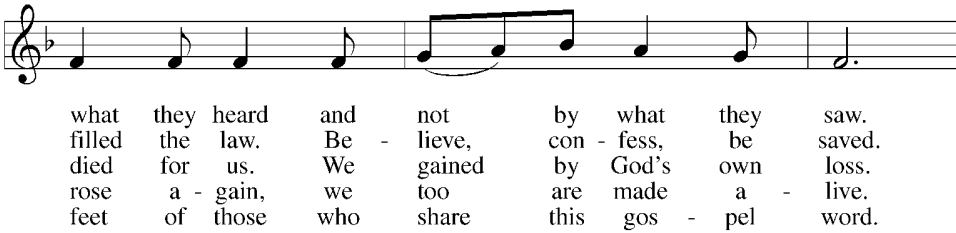
Gospel Reading – Matthew 11:25-30 (Please stand)

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

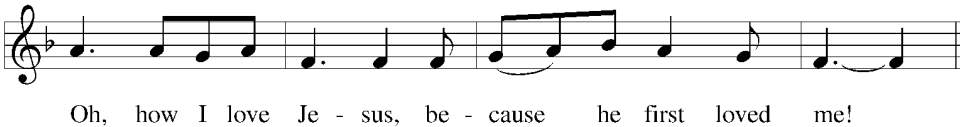
Song - By Grace We Have Been Saved (WP #25, please be seated)



1	By	grace	we	have	been	saved	through	faith	and
2	For	all	have	sinned	and	fall	- en	short.	God's
3	God	gave	to	earth	a	per	- fect	love	through
4	We	know	the	wage	of	sin	is	death;	thank
5	Set	free,	we	now	have	peace	with	God.	Sal -



Refrain



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Message

Christian Spirituality – The Means Of Grace God's Word Isaiah 55:6-11

Song - Eternal Father, Strong to Save (LBW #467, please remain seated)

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| <p>1 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.</p> | <p>2 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.</p> |
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3 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.

4 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.

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

Prayers (Please remain standing)

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.

Blessing (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and
✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song - Savior, Again to Your Dear Name (LBW #262, please remain standing)

- 1 Savior, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
once more we bless you ere our worship cease,
then, lowly bending, wait your word of peace.
- 2 Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;
with you began, with you shall end the day;
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon your name.
- 3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the coming night;
for us transform its darkness into light.
Keep us from harm and danger till the dawn;
your evening presence promise to your own.
- 4 Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life,
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826-1893, alt.

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor: Ricky Adams
Organist: Janet Reese
Coffee Hour: Nancy Adams
Ushers: Don and Beverly Erbel
Lay Reader: Don Erbel
Counters: Don and Beverly Erbel

Activities This Week:

Sunday – July 2	9:30am	Service of the Word
Tuesday – July 4	9:30 - 12:30am	Stage Door (PH)
Wednesday – July 5	6pm	Stage Door (PH)
Friday – July 7	6pm	Creekside Fridays
Saturday – July 8	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – July 9	9:30am	Service of the Word and Sacrament

Announcements For July 2, 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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Birthday – Birthday blessings to

Yesterday	Brian Miller, Nancy deVillers
Today	Beth Huber
Thursday	Gene Overway
Saturday	Deborah Stephenson

Anniversary – Anniversary blessings to

Today	Ernie & Marilyn Au
Saturday	Kirk & Annelisse Quitevis

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.

Creekside Fridays – Creekside Fridays continues this Friday July 7, 6:00 p.m. at the Cabin across the street. Peace Lutheran Church has its own table. This week the band is 'Illumination'. In addition to the band there is a jumpee and face painting for the children along with dancing. Come join the Fun!!!

Facebook – Peace Lutheran has a Facebook page! Please like us on Facebook!

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 2 -July 8, 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 – July 3

Psalm 119:161-168
1 Kings 21:1-16
1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Tuesday – July 4

Psalm 119:161-168
1 Kings 21:17-29
1 John 4:1-6

Wednesday – July 5

Psalm 119:161-168
Jeremiah 18:1-11
Matthew 11:20-24

Thursday – July 6

Psalm 145:8-14
Zechariah 1:1-6
Romans 7:1-6

Friday – July 7

Psalm 145:8-14
Zechariah 2:6-13
Romans 7:7-20

Saturday – July 8

Psalm 145:8-14
Zechariah 4:1-7
Luke 10:21-24

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

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Commemorations for the Week

July 3 - Thomas, Apostle: Though frequently remembered as "doubting Thomas," this apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and finally claimed the risen Christ as "my Lord and my God!" By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India. Long commemorated on December 21, Thomas's celebration is moved to July 3 in agreement with ecumenical calendars.

July 6 - Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415: Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.

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