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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!

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 21, 2019

Thought For The Day

“Ester asked why people are sad. “That’s simple,” says the old man. “They are the prisoners of their personal history. Everybody believes that the main aim in life is to follow a plan. They never ask if that plan is theirs or if it was created by another person. They accumulate experiences, memories, things, other people’s ideas, and it is more than they can possibly cope with. And that is why they forget their dreams.”

Paulo Coelho
The Zahir.

Prayer Before Worship - From the demands and pressures of this past week, we come, O Lord, seeking rest and renewal. Hear the cries of our hearts, our prayers, our needs. Heal and restore us. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen. – Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters Website

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ring the Bell

Welcome

Opening Sentences (Psalm 119:41, 49–50, 81, 89–90a. Please stand)

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

Pastor: Let Your steadfast love come to me, O LORD,
People: Your salvation according to Your promise.

Pastor: Remember Your word to Your servant, in which You have made me hope.

People: This is my comfort in my affliction, that Your promise gives me life.

Pastor: My soul longs for Your salvation;

People: I hope in Your word.

Pastor: Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

People: Your faithfulness endures to all generations.

Entrance Song - Dearest Jesus, at Your Word (LBW #248, please remain standing)

- 1 Dearest Jesus, at your word
we have come again to hear you;
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glowing faith be near you
as the promises here given
draw us wholly up to heaven.
- 2 All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded
till your Spirit breaks the night,
filling us with light unclouded.
All good thoughts and all good living
come but by your gracious giving.
- 3 Radiance of God's glory bright,
Light of light from God proceeding,
Jesus, send your blessed light;
help our hearing, speaking, heeding,
that our prayers and songs may please you,
as with grateful hearts we praise you.

- 4 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
praise to you and adoration!
Grant us what we need the most:
your blest gospel's consolation,
while we here on earth await you,
till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-1684, sts. 1-3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, adapt.

Psalm For The Day – Psalm 119:97-104 (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.

People: **Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.**

Pastor: I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.

People: **I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.**

Pastor: I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word.

People: **I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me.**

Pastor: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

People: **Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.**

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

Song Of Praise - Praise and Thanksgiving (LBW #409, please be seated)

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
for all things living, Created good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

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- 2 Bless, Lord, the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.
- 3 Father, providing food for your children,
by your wise guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.
- 4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where obey you, no one will hunger;
In your love's sway, nourish the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984, alt.; Text © Oxford University Press. All rights reserved.

First Reading - Genesis 18:1-10a (Please remain seated)

The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long—awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks¹ of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵ while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said."⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs¹ of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹ They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰ The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son."

Second Reading - Colossians 1:15-28 (Please remain seated)

Sometimes Paul preaches with great attention to theological concepts. Here, however, Paul offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is “Christ in you.” Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. ²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation¹ under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. ²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Gospel - Luke 10:38-42(Please remain seated)

Jesus uses his visit to two sisters as an occasion to remind disciples that an important aspect of obedience is singleminded devotion to Jesus and his word.

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

Song - Be Thou My Vision (Tune: LBW #469. Please remain seated.)

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 4 Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

Message

What do you want the future to be?
Rev. Alan Piotter

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Song Of Response - My Faith Looks Up to Thee (LBW #479, please remain seated)

- 1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine!
- 2 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.
- 4 When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love
fear and distrust remove;
oh, bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

Sharing The Gifts Of God (Please remain seated as the offerings are received)

Our Affirmation of Faith (Please stand and confess together)

**We believe in God, who is like a good mother or father,
near to us, and strong to help us.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, in whom we see God:
He is for us the way of truth and life.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, whose life is in us,
giving us new life and healing strength for our spirits.**

**We believe our faith is a confident trust
in the truth and goodness of God.**

**We believe our hope is a power,
to fill the present, and the future with deepest meaning.**

**We believe our love is the means by which this faith
will be made real in our lives.**

Prayer of the Church (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Joining our voices with God's people around the world, let us offer our prayers for those in need. - A brief silence. - For the church, visible and invisible; for all servants of the gospel; and for the holy people of God, that we hear your word and share your supper, let us pray.

People: **Have mercy, O God.**

Pastor: For favorable weather; for calm waters and seas; and for all creation, that it become for us a reflection of God's glory. For those affected by natural disasters, that they be provided relief, let us pray.

People: **Have mercy, O God.**

Pastor: For those who help make our communities safe: police officers and firefighters, military and international peacekeepers, local and national leaders, that God's peace and compassion come also to us, let us pray.

People: **Have mercy, O God.**

Pastor: For the sick, the hungry, the imprisoned, those living with HIV/AIDS, those awaiting the birth of children, and all people in need, that Christ, our great physician, care for all who are in distress, let us pray.

People: Have mercy, O God.

Pastor: For those who are distracted by overwork and those who seek more adequate employment, that we recognize God's goodness in vocations of all kinds, let us pray.

People: Have mercy, O God.

Additional prayers:

Pastor: let us pray.

People: Have mercy, O God.

Pastor: In thanksgiving for those who have died and are now at peace, and for their lives that bear witness to the hope promised in the resurrection, let us pray.

People: Have mercy, O God.

Pastor: Merciful God, you hear the prayers of your people even before they are spoken. We commend these and all our prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (We pray 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.

The Prayer For Peace (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray. . .O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,

People: **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;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Benediction (Please remain standing)

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**

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song - On What Has Now Been Sown (LBW #261, please remain standing)

- 1 On what has now been sown
your blessing, Lord, bestow;
the pow'r is yours alone
to make it sprout and grow.
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise,
and yours alone shall be the praise!
- 2 To you our wants are known,
from you are all our pow'rs;
accept what is your own
and pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive
and to your word a blessing give.

- 3 Oh, grant that each of us,
now met before you here,
may meet together thus
when you and yours appear,
and follow you to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Alan Piotter
Pianist:	Janet Reese
Coffee:	Jackie Reynolds and Keith Stoneking
Counter:	Vicki McGowan
Ushers:	Jackie Reynolds and Keith Stoneking
Lay Reader:	Katrina Hayes

Activities This Week:

Sunday – July 21	9:30 am After Worship	Service of the Word Council Meeting (PH)
Tuesday – July 23	9:30am -12: 30 pm	Stage Door (PH)
Wednesday – July 24	6:00 pm	Stage Door (PH)
Friday – July 26	6:00-8:00 pm	Creekside Fridays
Saturday – July 27	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – July 28	9:30 am	Service of the Word and Sacrament

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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Happy Birthday – Blessings to those celebrating birthdays this week:

**Friday - Ulla Kerr
Ingrid Carlson**

Flowers – Flowers today are given to the glory of God

Servers – Every Sunday there are several people that help serve during the worship service and coffee hour. Peace Lutheran needs your help. We need people to prepare Coffee hour and serve during that time. We need Ushers. We need lay readers who read the second lesson during worship. Please consider these needs and sign up to serve in the way you choose. Thank you.

Thank You – Thank you to Rev. Alan Piotter for sharing the Gospel today as Nancy and Pastor Adams attend the national convention of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in Tampa, Florida

Council Meeting – The Church council meeting is scheduled after worship service today in Peace Hall.

Creekside Friday – Creekside Fridays begins this Friday at 6:00 at the Brown Cabin. Peace Lutheran has their own table. The band this week is “The 85’s”.

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

Sunday Bulletins - for Peace Lutheran church are available online for use during the worship service. The link is <http://bulletin.plcmarin.org>

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Weekly Devotional Helps

July 21 – July 27, 2019

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 22

Psalm 119:97-104

Exodus 18:1-12

Colossians 1:27-2:7

Tuesday – July 23

Psalm 119:97-104

Proverbs 9:1-18

1 John 2:1-6

Wednesday – July 24

Psalm 119:97-104
Deuteronomy 12:1-12
John 6:41-51

Thursday – July 25

Psalm 138
Esther 2:19-3:6
Acts 1:15-20

Friday – July 26

Psalm 138
Esther 3:7-15
Acts 2:22-36

Saturday – July 27

Psalm 138
Esther 4:1-17
Luke 8:22-25

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**7th Sunday After Pentecost**

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

Commemorations

July 22 - Mary Magdalene, Apostle: 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).