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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!

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 30, 2017

Introduction

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who's number one, which leads Jesus to say something about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. — From Sundays and Seasons Website

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Call To Worship(Please stand)

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from Christ Jesus our Lord.

People: Amid trouble, distress, and persecution,

Pastor: Christ Jesus is interceding for us.

People: Amid hunger, loneliness, and danger,

Pastor: Christ Jesus is interceding for us.

People: Amid violence, powers, heights, and depths,

Pastor: Christ Jesus is interceding for us.

People: Amid life and death,

Pastor: Christ Jesus is interceding for us.

People: Nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gathering Song - Spirit Song (WP #130, please remain standing)

Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you with his Spir - it and his

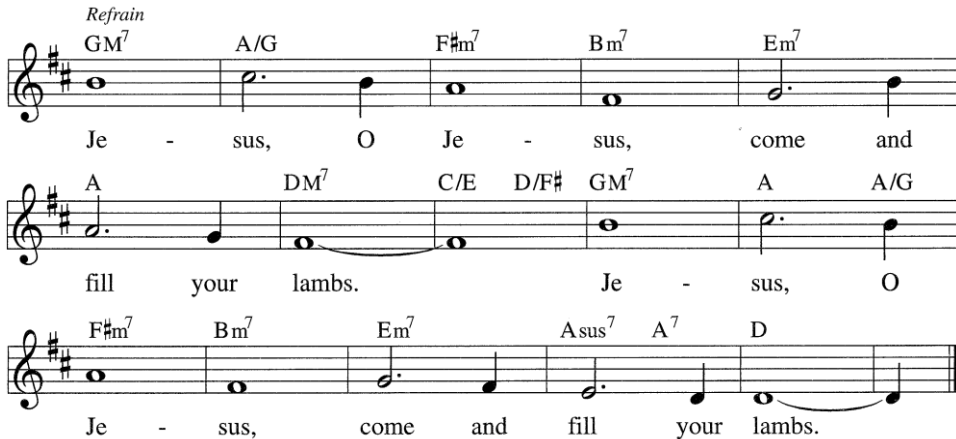
love, let him fill your heart and sat - is - fy your soul.

Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spir - it like a

dove will de - scend up - on your life and make you whole.

Chord symbols: D, GM⁷, Bm/F[♯], Em⁷, A, A/G, F[♯]m⁷, Bm⁷, Em⁷, A⁷, DM⁷, Em⁷, F[♯]m⁷, GM⁷, Bm/F[♯], Em⁷, A, A/G, F[♯]m⁷, Bm⁷, Em⁷, Em⁷/A, G/A, A, D, C/E, D/F[♯]

Refrain



Je - sus, O Je - sus, come and fill your lambs. Je - sus, O Je - sus, come and fill your lambs.

2. O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your heads in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. *Refrain*

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Confession and Forgiveness (Please remain standing)

Pastor: One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another. - Silence for reflection and self-examination. - O God, our merciful redeemer,

All: we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for † his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

People: Amen.

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

Song Of Response - Change My Heart, O God (ELW #801, please remain standing)

Change my heart, O God; make it ev-er true.

Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

The image shows a four-line musical score in treble clef. The first two lines are identical and end with a repeat sign. The third and fourth lines also end with a repeat sign. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are triplets in the third and fourth lines.

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Gospel Acclamation (Please remain standing)

Pastor: May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: **by which the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. (Gal. 6:14)**

First Reading - 1 Kings 19:9-16, 18 (Please be seated)

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

⁹At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your

prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹¹He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ... ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Second Reading - Romans 8:26-39 (Please remain seated)

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

²⁶The 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. ²⁷And 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. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or

nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel - Matthew 25:31-46 (Please stand)

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Gospel Acclamation (Please remain standing)

Pastor: May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
People: **by which the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.** (Gal. 6:14)

Theme Song – God Moves In A Mysterious Way (Tune: LBW #464, please be seated)

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| 1 God moves in a mysterious way,
his wonders to perform;
he plants his footsteps in the sea
and rides upon the storm. | 3 Blind unbelief is sure to err
and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter,
and he will make it plain. |
| 2 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
but trust him for his grace;
behind a frowning providence
faith sees a smiling face. | 4 You fearful saints, fresh courage take;
the clouds you so much dread
are big with mercy and shall break
in blessing on your head. |

Text: William Cowper, 1731-1800, alt.

Message

Christian Spirituality The Cross - A Different Way Of Seeing

Song Of Response - Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

(Tune: LBW #551, please remain seated)

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| 1. We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are trav'lers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too. | 2. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too. |
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- 3 I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.
Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

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Sharing The Gifts Of The Lord (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: As people loved and redeemed through our Savior Jesus Christ, let us bring acclamations of praise, cries for justice, pleas for mercy, and requests for peace for all those in need in our lonely and broken world and for ourselves. Your steadfast love sustains the Church throughout the world. Strengthen the Church wherever two or three are gathered in Your name. Guide the Church into all truth. Empower the proclamation of the Gospel, so that the world may know the joy of Your kingdom. Bless the work of missionaries and church leaders. Enable all Christian congregations to be sources of God's love and

redemption to the people in the communities in which they live. God of steadfast love,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You promise that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Guide the rulers of our nation and of all the nations of the world toward justice, wisdom, mercy, and peace. Watch over our military personnel, and make Your comforting presence known to their families. Protect innocent people in war-torn nations. Preserve us from acts of terrorism. Reconcile us with our enemies. God of steadfast love,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You work all things together for good for those who love You. Let Your love sustain and encourage those who are facing health troubles. Bless those who are in danger, those who are feeling lonely or depressed, and those who feel separated from You. Help them to see that even in the midst of suffering, You are there, and that nothing in all creation can separate them from Your love for us in Christ Jesus. God of steadfast love,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You faithfully keep Your promise to love us and redeem us. We pray today for those in need who have requested our prayer,

Additional prayers

Pastor: God of steadfast love,
People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: You provide for the needs of our bodies and souls. Bless the labor of all who set their hands to useful tasks—farmers and business owners, construction workers and accountants, homemakers and retail workers, factory workers and executives. Calm the hearts of the unemployed and underemployed. Grant that our land will produce an abundant harvest of goods and services that will bless many. Guide our stewardship of the gifts You entrust to us. God of steadfast love,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: God of light, your brilliance casts away the shadows of darkness, revealing those who are most neglected and in need of care. Lead us to our neighbors who need our aid, especially those who are in poverty or suffering. God of steadfast love,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You redeemed us from slavery to sin through our Lord Jesus. Guide us to recognize Your kingdom at work in this world, and help us so to love You, that we serve our neighbors selflessly. God of steadfast love,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You conquer death and despair. We give You thanks for those who have gone before us and now abide in Your tender arms. We thank You for their life and witness, and how Your grace was shown in some way through them. God of steadfast love,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Christ Jesus, the one who died and rose, is interceding for us. We boldly entrust our prayers to You, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

Benediction (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord,

rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may God, the Father,
the (+) Son and the Holy Spirit Bless each of you.

People: **Amen**

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn - My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less (ELW 596, please remain standing)



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.; Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury. 1816-1868.

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Organist:	Beth Huber
Coffee Hour:	Laureen Schneeberger and Dorlane Krausse
Ushers:	Jim and Sharon Sides
Lay Reader:	Janet Reese
Counter:	Vicki McGowan

Activities This Week:

Sunday – July 31	9:30am	Service of the Word and Sacrament
Tuesday – August 1	9:30 am (N) 9:30-12:30am 4:30 pm-7:30 pm(?)	German Story Time Stage Door (PH) National Nigh Out - Fireside
Wednesday – August 2	6pm	Stage Door (PH)
Friday – August 4	6pm – 8pm	Creekside Fridays (Brown Cabin)
Saturday – August 5	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – August 6	9:30am	Service of the Word

Announcements For July 30, 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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Flowers – Flowers this week are given to the glory of God by Eric and Elizabeth Risberg in honor of their 26th Wedding Anniversary.

Birthdays – Those celebrating birthdays this week are:

Thursday – Eric Erickson

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 28, 6:00 p.m. at the Cabin across the street. The band will be 'The Tam Valley All Stars'. Peace Lutheran Church has its own table. On Friday, August 4 the band will be 'VibraSON'. There is food and drinks for sale, a jumpee for the kids and face painting. Come join the fun!

National Night Out – Join in the BBQ at Fireside on August 1 as they observe National Night Out.

Baby Shower – On August 13 after worship (11:00 a.m.) the women of Peace Lutheran Church and their friends are invited to a Baby Shower for Dahlia Stein and Dawn Wronski who are both due in September. Come join the fun

Summer of Love (Christian Style) – On Saturday, August 26, Peace Lutheran Church, Resurrection Lutheran Church of Terra Linda and Trinity Lutheran of San Rafael will get together for their own 'Summer of Love' Celebration. Festivities are from Noon until 3:00 p.m. They will include Food, music and even a message. All are asked to bring a side dish to share. The celebration will be at Trinity in San Rafael (333 Woodland Avenue)

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Weekly Devotional Helps

July 30-August 5, 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 31

Psalm 119:121-128
1 Kings 3:16-28
James 3:13-18

Tuesday – August 1

Psalm 119:121-128
1 Kings 4:29-34
Ephesians 6:10-18

Wednesday – August 2

Psalm 119:121-128
Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33
Mark 4:30-34

Thursday – August 3

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Proverbs 10:1-5
Philippians 10:4-15

Friday – August 4

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Isaiah 51:17-23

Romans 9:6-13

Saturday – August 5

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Isaiah 44:1-5

Matthew 7:7-11

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:13-21