



Peace Lutheran Church

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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

June 17, 2018

Introduction

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Pre-Service Music (A time of reflection)

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Call To Worship (Psalm 31:1, 14–15a, 16. Please stand)

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

Pastor: In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
People: **in Your righteousness deliver me!**

Pastor: But I trust in You, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."
People: **My times are in Your hand.**

Pastor: Make Your face shine on Your servant;
People: **save me in Your steadfast love!**

Entrance Hymn - Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (LBW #250, please remain standing)

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| 1. Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace! | 2. Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou,
let it be thy temple now! |
| 3. Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted,
bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be
fruitful unto life in me. | 4. Thou my faith increase and quicken,
let me keep thy gift divine;
howsoe'er temptations thicken,
may thy word still o'er me shine
as my guiding star through life,
as my comfort in all strife. |
| 5. Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes. | |

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Psalm Of The Day - Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 (Please remain standing)

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name,
O Most High;
People: **to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your
faithfulness by night,**

Pastor: to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.
People: **For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the
works of your hands I sing for joy.**

Pastor: The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

People: **They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.**

Pastor: In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap,

People: **showing that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**

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

Hymn Of Praise - For The Fruit Of All Creation (ELW #679, please be seated)



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000; Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958;
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First Reading - Ezekiel 17:22-24 (Please remain seated)

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 (Please remain seated)

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. . . . ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Gospel - Mark 4:26-34 (Please remain seated)

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and

grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” ³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Hymn - My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less (ELW #597, please remain seated)

1 My hope is built on nothing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 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.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt. Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876. Used as Public domain

Message

We Walk By Faith, Not By Sight Mark 4:26-34

Hymn - Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast (LBW #234, Please remain seated)

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| 1. Almighty God, your word is cast
like seed into the ground;
now let the dew of heav'n descend
and righteous fruits abound. | 2. Let not the sly satanic foe
this holy seed remove,
but give it root in ev'ry heart
to bring forth fruits of love. |
| 3. Let not the world's deceitful cares
the rising plant destroy,
but let it yield a hundredfold
the fruits of peace and joy. | 4. So when the precious seed is sown,
your quick'ning grace bestow,
that all whose souls the truth receive
its saving pow'r may know. |

Text: John Cawood, 1775-1852, 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

Prayer Of The Church (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs. . . . For the whole Church throughout the world, that as people united in faith and active in love we witness to the Good News that is ours in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all nations of the earth, that in those places where strife and discord rule there be times of peace and reconciliation, and for our own nation that it be an ensign of hope, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For our families as on this day we honor our fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers, that they be supportive of and caring toward each person, seeing Christ in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the varied situations of daily life in which we are placed, especially in our workplaces and neighborhoods, that we be peace-bringers in all of our actions and words, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the special needs of this day, remembering those who are ill and those who mourn and for all those matters on our hearts this day, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Additional prayers

Pastor: For all those saints who have completed their earthly journeys in faith and have left us a legacy of love, let us thank the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy 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.

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

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| 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.

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Organist:	Janet Reese
Coffee Hour:	Vicki McGowan
Counter:	Vicki McGowan
Usher:	
Lay Reader:	Nancy Adams

Activities This Week:

Sunday – June 17	9:30am	Service of the Word
Tuesday – June 12	9:30-12:30pm	Stage Door (PH)
Wednesday – June 13	6pm	Stage Door (PH)
Saturday – June 16	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – June 17	9:30am	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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Flowers – Flowers today are given to the glory of God, by Mary Ann Griller in memory of her mother Rose and her husband Jack who passed away five years ago on June 9.

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.

Birthday – Blessings to those celebrating birthdays this week.

Wednesday - Lily Hole

Creekside Fridays - Creekside Fridays begins Friday, June 15 at the Brown Cabin across the street. Peace Lutheran Church has it own table so come join us on Fridays until August 10, beginning at 6:00 p.m. On June 22, the band will be 'Tam Valley All-Stars'. Remember, this is a family friendly event with jumpies and face painting! So bring your winter coats and join the fun!

Sunday Servers – We need people to help as servers during **June and July**. 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

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 **June 17 – June 23, 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 – June 18

Psalm 52
Ezekiel 31:1-12
Galatians 6:11-18

Tuesday – June 19

Psalm 52
Jeremiah 21:11-14
Revelation 21:22-22:5

Wednesday – June 20

Psalm 52
Jeremiah 22:1-9
Luke 6:43-45

Thursday – June 21

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
Job 29:1-20
Acts 20:1-16

Friday – June 22

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
Job 29:21-30:15
Acts 21:1-16

Saturday – June 23

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
Job 37:1-13
Luke 21:25-28

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Pentecost 5

Job 38:1-11

Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

Commemorations

June 21 - Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931: Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured and taken as a slave to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.

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