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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.**

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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.

Holy Communion – At Peace Lutheran we celebrate Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Holy Communion is a very special meal for the children of God in Christ. All who have been baptized and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and all those who hunger and thirst for Christ's forgiveness and God's strength for living, are invited to join in Holy Communion. **Grape juice** (instead of wine) is available in the individual glasses in the middle of the tray. The wine is red; the grape juice is white. Pastor blesses any of the children who are brought to the communion rail. Any adults who come to the rail and desire a blessing but not communion may cross their arms and pastor will bless them.

Please join us again next week!

Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 23, 2019

As We Gather

We are held captive by many things in this earthly life, but three main enemies emerge: sin, death, and Satan. In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a man who is possessed by many demons. This man had been chained so he wouldn't hurt himself or others, but chains could not stop the demons. Jesus comes to this man in his captivity and sets him free. Not only is the man set free from Satan, but Jesus also sets him free to tell of Jesus's mercy and compassion. By His death and resurrection, Jesus sets us free from our enemies, from sin, death, and Satan. We are also free to tell of Jesus's mercy and compassion. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. - Copyright © 2019 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS009220.

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Opening Sentences (Please stand)

Pastor: In this world we are surrounded by enemies,
People: but Christ sets us free.

Pastor: Sin has enslaved us all,
People: but Christ forgives us.

Pastor: The wages of sin is death,
People: but Christ is risen and will raise us!

Pastor: We are vulnerable to the attacks of Satan,
People: but Christ is present and protects us.

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose
mercy endures forever.
People: Amen.

Opening Song - We Come to You for Healing, Lord

(Tune: LBW #464, please remain standing)

- 1 We come to you for healing, Lord,
of body, mind, and soul,
and pray that by your Spirit's touch
we may again be whole.
- 2 As once you walked through ancient streets
and reached toward those in pain,
come, risen Christ, among us still
with pow'r to heal again.
- 3 You touch us through physicians' skills,
through nurses' gifts of care,
and through the love of faithful friends
who lift our lives in prayer.
- 4 When nights are long with wakefulness,
through days when strength runs low,
grant us your gift of patience, Lord,
your calming peace to know.
- 5 We come to you, O loving Lord,
in our distress and pain,
in trust that through our nights and days
your grace will heal, sustain.

Confession And Forgiveness (Please remain standing)

Pastor: In Eden, our first parents listened to the voice of the evil one and disobeyed the voice of God. By their actions they allowed sin and death into world. We have continued in their footsteps, enslaved to sin, to death, and all too often captive to the voice of the evil one. Let us go before our God and Father, confessing our sins and asking Him for forgiveness. Heavenly Father,

People: **we confess that we are in captivity to sin. We are powerless to overcome death. On our own, we are no match for the power of the evil one. For the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins. Free us from our enemies. Restore our broken relationships with You and with one another.**

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you so that your sins may be forgiven, that death would be destroyed, and that the evil one would be defeated. 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. We are freed from our enemies. We are freed to serve in God's kingdom.**

(We share the peace of the Lord with one another)

Song Of Praise - How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

(LBW #345, please be seated)

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
and drives away all fear.
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the heart's unrest;
'tis manna to the hungry soul
and to the weary, rest.

- 4 By thee my prayers acceptance gain
although with sin defiled.
The devil charges me in vain,
and I am owned a child.
- 5 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
my prophet, priest, and king,
my Lord, my life, my way, my end,
accept the praise I bring.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.

First Reading - Isaiah 65:1-9 (Please remain seated)

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images from pagan worship fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

The LORD said, "I was ready to answer my people's prayers, but they did not pray. I was ready for them to find me, but they did not even try. The nation did not pray to me, even though I was always ready to answer, 'Here I am; I will help you.' ² I have always been ready to welcome my people, who stubbornly do what is wrong and go their own way. ³ They shamelessly keep on making me angry. They offer pagan sacrifices at sacred gardens and burn incense on pagan altars. ⁴ At night they go to caves and tombs to consult the spirits of the dead. They eat pork and drink broth made from meat offered in pagan sacrifices. ⁵ And then they say to others, 'Keep away from us; we are too holy for you to touch!' I cannot stand people like that—my anger against them is like a fire that never goes out. ⁶ "I have already decided on their punishment, and their sentence is written down. I will not overlook what they have done, but will repay them ⁷ for their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They have burned incense at pagan hill shrines and spoken evil of me. So I will punish them as their past deeds deserve." ⁸ The LORD says, "No one destroys good grapes; instead, they make wine with them. Neither will I destroy all my people—I will save those who serve me. ⁹ I will bless the Israelites who belong to the tribe of Judah, and their descendants will possess my land of mountains. My chosen people, who serve me, will live there.

Second Reading - Galatians 3:23-29 (Please remain seated)

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

²³ But before the time for faith came, the Law kept us all locked up as prisoners until this coming faith should be revealed. ²⁴ And so the Law was in charge of us until Christ came, in order that we might then be put right with God through faith. ²⁵ Now that the time for faith is here, the Law is no longer in charge of us. ²⁶ It is through faith that all of you are God's children in union with Christ Jesus. ²⁷ You were baptized into union with Christ, and now you are clothed, so to speak, with the life of Christ himself. ²⁸ So there is no difference between Jews and Gentiles, between slaves and free people, between men and women; you are all one in union with Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are the descendants of Abraham and will receive what God has promised.

Verse – Luke 8:39a (Please stand)

Pastor: Alleluia. Go back home

People: and tell what God has done for you. Alleluia.

Gospel - Luke 8:26-39 (Please remain standing)

Jesus' mission includes foreigners, and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony of God's mercy and power.

²⁶ Jesus and his disciples sailed on over to the territory of Gerasa,¹ which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ As Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a man from the town who had demons in him. For a long time this man had gone without clothes and would not stay at home, but spent his time in the burial caves. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he gave a loud cry, threw himself down at his feet, and shouted, "Jesus, Son of the Most High God! What do you want with me? I beg you, don't punish me!" ²⁹ He said this because Jesus had ordered the evil spirit to go out of him. Many times it had seized him, and even though he was kept a prisoner, his hands and feet tied with chains, he would break the chains and be driven by the demon out into the desert. ³⁰ Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "My name is 'Mob,'" he answered—because many demons had gone into him. ³¹ The demons begged

Jesus not to send them into the abyss. ³² There was a large herd of pigs near by, feeding on a hillside. So the demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he let them. ³³ They went out of the man and into the pigs. The whole herd rushed down the side of the cliff into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴ The men who had been taking care of the pigs saw what happened, so they ran off and spread the news in the town and among the farms. ³⁵ People went out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were all afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told the people how the man had been cured. ³⁷ Then all the people from that territory asked Jesus to go away, because they were terribly afraid. So Jesus got into the boat and left. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged Jesus, "Let me go with you." But Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Go back home and tell what God has done for you." The man went through the town, telling what Jesus had done for him.

Song - Baptized in Water (Tune: LBW #409. Please be seated)

- 1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.
- 2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.
- 3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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Message

Why Baptism Matters Galatians 3:23-29

Song - All Who Believe and Are Baptized (LBW #194. Please remain seated)

- 1 All who believe and are baptized
shall see the Lord's salvation;
baptized into the death of Christ,
they are a new creation;
through Christ's redemption they will stand
among the glorious heav'nly band
of ev'ry tribe and nation.
- 2 With one accord, O God, we pray,
grant us your Holy Spirit;
help us in our infirmity
through Jesus' blood and merit;
grant us to grow in grace each day
by holy baptism, that we may
eternal life inherit.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860-1943, alt.

Prayer Of The Church (Please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. — silent prayer - Dear heavenly Father, place Your wise hand upon all the nations of the earth, give them leaders who seek after justice and peace, and lead all people to the freedom of Your Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, lift up all those who are weighed down by the guilt and shame of sin. Release them from their bondage and point them to forgiveness as the feet of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, walk with all those who are grieving in the shadow of death. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, strengthen all those who are fighting against the power of the evil one. Remind them of Your presence in Your Word and Sacraments. Empower them to resist the evil one's lies with the truth of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, give hope to all those who are isolated and lonely. Bring them into the presence of the loving community of Your Church that they find help and hope among Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Look, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Dear heavenly Father, send Your people to every corner of the earth with Your Gospel message, that all who do not know the saving power of Your Son's death and resurrection hear the good news of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Additional prayer:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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

People: Amen.

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

Communion Song – One Bread, One Body (ELW #496, please remain seated)

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Refrain

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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

The Words Of Our Lord (Please remain standing)

Pastor: For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." . . . In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." . . . As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. 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.**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Lamb Of God (Please remain standing)

C: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution (Please be seated)

Approach the altar at the usher's direction. Communion is received kneeling—the bread in your outstretched open hands, the wine in a small cup. Place empty cups in the tray to the side. If you wish only a blessing, just fold your hands together over your heart.

Prayer before Communion (Prayed privately before going to the altar)

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer After Communion (Prayed privately after returning to your seated)

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing (Please stand)

Post-Communion Thanksgiving (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray. ... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have given us pardon, peace, and freedom in this Sacrament, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us in our freedom to love and serve our neighbors; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Blessing (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People: **Amen.**

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Live in love as Christ has loved you!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song - Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling (LBW #523, please remain standing)

- 1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling
in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding
o'er a world of gloom and night;
Holy Spirit, ever raising
those of earth to thrones on high;
living, life-imparting Spirit,
you we praise and magnify.
- 2 Holy Spirit, ever living
as the church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
in the church the mind of Christ:
you we praise with endless worship
for your gifts and fruits unpriced.
- 3 Holy Spirit, ever working
through the church's ministry;
quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,
setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
age to age and soul to soul
in communion never ending,
you we worship and extol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874-1939, alt.

Announcements

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Pianist:	Janet Reese
Altar Guild:	Mary Ann Griller & Vicki McGowan
Coffee:	Cynthia Smith
Counters:	Beverly Erbel & Vicki McGowan
Ushers:	Don & Beverly Erbel
Lay Reader:	Don Erbel

Activities This Week:

Sunday – June 23	9:30 am	Service of the Word And Sacrament
Tuesday – June 25	9:30-12: 30 pm	Stage Door (PH)
Wednesday – June 26	6:00 pm	Stage Door (PH)
Friday - June 28	6:00-8:00	Creekside Fridays
Saturday – June 29	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – June 30	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:

Thursday - Kristen Hole

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.

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 Chris Sanders Band.

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

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Weekly Devotional Helps

June 23, 2019 – June 29, 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 – June 24

Psalm 64
Job 18:1-21
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Tuesday – June 25

Psalm 64
Job 19:1-22
Ephesians 2:11-22

Wednesday – June 26

Psalm 64
Ezekiel 32:1-10
Luke 9:37-43a

Thursday – June 27

Psalm 16
Leviticus 9:22-10:11
2 Corinthians 13:5-10

Friday – June 28

Psalm 16

2 Kings 1:1-16

Galatians 4:8-20

Saturday – June 29

Psalm 16

Deuteronomy 32:15-27, 39-43

Luke 9:21-27

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**3rd Sunday After Pentecost****1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21****Psalm 16****Galatians 5:1, 13-25****Luke 9:51-62****Commemorations**

June 24 - John the Baptist: John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease." And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

June 25 - Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530: On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.

June 25 - Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560: Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany."

June 27 - Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444: Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ. After a conflict involving all of the major Christian leaders of the time, it was decided that Cyril's interpretation, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct.

June 28 - Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202: This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.

June 29 - Peter and Paul, Apostles: These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.

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