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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!

The Day Of Pentecost

May 20, 2018

Introduction

On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Pre-Service Music

Ring the Bell

Welcome

Opening Hymn - Holy Spirit, Truth Divine (LBW #257, please stand)

1. Holy Spirit, truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine;
word of God and inward light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight.

2. Holy Spirit, love divine,
glow within this heart of mine;
kindle ev'ry high desire;
purge me with your holy fire.

3. Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,
fortify this will of mine;
by your will I strongly live,
bravely bear, and nobly strive.

4. Holy Spirit, peace divine,
still this restless heart of mine;
speak to calm this tossing sea,
stayed in your tranquility.

5. Holy Spirit, right divine,
king within my conscience reign;
be my guide, and I shall be
firmly bound, forever free.

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819-1892, alt.

Opening Sentences (Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30. Please remain standing)

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,

People: **and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

Pastor: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

People: **These all look to you to give them their food in due season;**

Pastor: when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

People: **When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.**

Pastor: Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful,

People: **and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia.**

(We share the peace of the Lord with each other)

Hymn Of Praise - Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling (LBW #523, please be seated)

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| 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.

First Reading - Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Please remain seated)

The Hebrew word *ruach* means spirit, wind, or breath. This reading plays on the different meanings of the word. Just as the dry bones in Ezekiel's vision are given new life, flesh, and breath (or spirit), so God will give the exiles his spirit and will bring them home to the land of Israel.

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." ⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O

breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. ¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

Second Reading - Romans 8:22-27 (Please remain seated)

By pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts, God gives us the promised first fruit of eternal life so that we await God's future in hope. In the meantime, the Spirit also intercedes for us by carrying the prayers of our weak human hearts to God.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the 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.

Gospel - John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (Please remain seated)

When speaking to his disciples before his death, Jesus referred to the Holy Spirit as “the Helper” and described the difference the Spirit would make in their lives and in the world.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. ... ^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Hymn – Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove (Tune: LBW #278, please remain seated)

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| <p>1. Come, gracious Spirit, heav'nly dove,
with light and comfort from above.
Come, be our guardian and our guide;
o'er ev'ry thought and step preside.</p> | <p>2. The light of truth to us display
and make us know and choose your way;
plant holy fear in ev'ry heart,
that we from God may ne'er depart.</p> |
| <p>3. Lead us to Christ, the living way,
nor let us from his pastures stray;
lead us to holiness, the road
that we must take to dwell with God.</p> | <p>4. Lead us to heav'n, that we may share
fullness of joy forever there;
lead us to our eternal rest,
to be with God forever blest.</p> |

Text: Simon Browne, 1680-1732, alt.

Message

Created And Re-Created Ezekiel 37:1-14

Hymn – Children Of The Heavenly Father (LBW #474, please remain seated)

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| <p>1. Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.</p> | <p>2. God his own doth tend and nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,</p> |
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3. Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4. Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958; Text © 1925 Board of Publication, Lutheran Church in America, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. — Silence for prayer - Lord God, on this day we praise You for sending the light of Your salvation to the whole world by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit. Cause the light of Your saving Word to shine in our hearts and throughout the world that we with many may be brought to true repentance and strengthened in saving faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Cause Your Spirit especially to lead, guide, and enlighten all pastors and those whom You have called to proclaim Your life-giving Word. By the same Spirit, help them to point us and the world to Jesus

Christ and Him crucified and risen again for the life of the world. Lord,
in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Even among the nations and those placed in the authority of
government, cause Your light and Your truth to guide in the way of
truth, both to the checking of the ugliness of evil and to the praise of
the beauty of all that is good. Give them wisdom to lead all people in
the way of righteousness and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: By Your Spirit, bring Your Word and assurance of deliverance,
health, and healing to all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or
adversity. Deliver, O Lord, especially those who are most helpless
and those to whom death draws near. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Additional prayers

Pastor: We give You thanks for all who have gone before us with the sign of
faith, for all the saints through the ages, and especially our loved
ones who now dwell in Your nearer presence and rest from their
labors. - Silence for remembrance. - Keep us in fellowship with all Your
saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom.
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 Your Son, 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 who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: Amen.

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: Especially on the Day of Pentecost

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn - Lord God, the Holy Ghost (Tune: LBW #368, please remain standing)

1. Lord God, the Holy Ghost,
in this appointed hour,
as on the day of Pentecost,
descend with all your pow'r.

2. We meet with one accord
in this appointed place,
and wait the promise of our Lord,
the Spirit of all grace.

3. Like mighty rushing wind
upon the waves beneath,
with one conviction move each mind,
one soul, one feeling breathe.

4. The young, the old inspire
with wisdom from above,
and give us hearts and tongues of fire
to pray and praise and love.

5. O Light of light, explore
and chase our gloom away,
with luster shining more and more
unto the perfect day.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Organist:	Janet Reese
Coffee Hour:	Laureen Schneeberger
Counter:	Don & Beverly Erbel
Ushers:	The Stein Family
Lay Reader:	Nancy Adams

Activities This Week:

Sunday – May 13	9:30am 3-5 pm	Service of the Word LCMS Churches (PH)
Tuesday – May 15	9:30-12:30pm 4:30-5:30	Stage Door (PH) Gina Lee Music (LL)
Wednesday – May 16	2:45 pm 6pm	Patricia Miner(S) Stage Door (PH)
Saturday – May 19	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – May 20	9:30am	Service of the Word

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,

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.

Congregational Meeting - Please plan on attending a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 3, 2018 10:30 to 10:50 am.

- Seeking Congregational approval to enter into a Purchase Agreement for the upper 2 acre parcel.
- Update on the Lutheran Churches of Marin County future planning.

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

The Marine Mammal Center - International Veterinary in Residence (IVIR) Program: Dr. Vitor Luz Carvalho from Brazil will be the next IVIR at the Marin Mammal Center. This highly accomplished veterinarian will be at the Center from June through August to learn advanced skills that will enhance his research and veterinary care of marine mammals when he returns to Brazil. He will receive air fare, housing and a small stipend from The Marine Mammal Center. However, an additional \$3,000 is needed to support Vitor's living expenses during his internship. A gift of any size is greatly appreciated and is tax-deductible. You may support Dr. Vitor Luz Carvalho's internship by sending a check to The Marine Mammal Center earmarked for the IVIR Program or by making a gift online at <http://www.marinemammalcenter.org/>. You can also contact Bess Touma at 415.289.7331 or toumab@tmmc.org. Sincerely, Mary Ann Griller

Weekly Devotional Helps

May 20 – May 26, 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 – May 21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Joel 2:18-29
1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Tuesday – May 22

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Genesis 11:1-9
1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Wednesday – May 23

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Ezekiel 37:1-14
John 20:19-23

Thursday – May 24

Psalm 29
Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20
Romans 8:1-8

Friday – May 25

Psalm 29

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 8:9-11

Saturday – May 26

Psalm 29

Isaiah 5:15-24

John 15:18-20, 26-27

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**Holy Trinity****Isaiah 6:1-8****Psalm 29****Romans 8:12-17****John 3:1-17****Commemorations**

May 21 - Helena, mother of Constantine, died around 330: Influenced by her son to become Christian, Helena (or Helen) lived an exemplary life of faith. She is also remembered for traveling through Palestine building churches on the sites she believed to be associated with Christ's life.

May 24 - Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543; Leonhard Euler, died 1783; scientists: These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God's universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed to many other fields.

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