



# **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!**

# Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

## November 17, 2019

### Introduction

In the midst of continual change, God remains steadfast in God's love for us. God is creating something new, a new heaven and a new earth. Each day offers newness of hope and faith. Let us open our hearts and spirits to God's creative word for us that we may learn, grow, and serve as effective witnesses to God's love and power. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

**Prayer Before Worship** - Our loving and caring God, we need this time together to be united with our sisters and brothers in the faith; we need this time of worship to be comforted and strengthened in your presence. We hear of wars and rumors of wars. We read of persecution and oppression. Remind us again of your vision, that all might live in a world of peace and justice and love. May this time together imprint this vision and promise on our hearts, that we may live into this beloved community. Amen. - Joanne Carlson Brown, Ministry Matters 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, healer of our every ill, source of unending mercy.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

Pastor: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

**People: Amen.**

### **Entrance Song** - God, Whose Almighty Word (LBW #400. Please remain standing)

- 1 God, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!
- 2 Lord, who once came to bring,  
on your redeeming wing,  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind:  
oh, now to humankind  
let there be light!

- 3 Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy dove,  
speed forth your flight;  
move on the water's face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light!
- 4 Holy and blessed three,  
glorious Trinity,  
wisdom, love, might!  
Boundless as ocean's tide,  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth, far and wide,  
let there be light!

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

## **Psalm For The Day – Psalm 98** (Please remain standing)

**Pastor:** O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

**People:** **The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

**Pastor:** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**People:** **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

**Pastor:** Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**People:** **With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

Pastor: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

People: **Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy**

Pastor: at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

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

## **Song Of Response - Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun**

(LBW #269. Please be seated)

- 1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
thy daily stage of duty run;  
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
to pay thy morning sacrifice.
- 2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept  
and hast refreshed me while I slept.  
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,  
I may of endless light partake.
- 3 Lord, I my vows to thee renew.  
Disperse my sins as morning dew;  
guard my first springs of thought and will;  
and with thyself my spirit fill.
- 4 Direct, control, suggest, this day,  
all I design or do or say,  
that all my pow'rs, with all their might,  
in thy sole glory may unite.
- 5 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## **First Reading - Malachi 4:1-2a** (Please remain seated)

Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that the day of the Lord is coming. On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who fear God.

<sup>1</sup>See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

## **Second Reading - 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13** (Please remain seated)

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ’s return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. Paul warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone’s bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

## **Gospel - Luke 21:5-19** (Please remain seated)

As history moves toward God’s fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and shall be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” <sup>7</sup>They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for

many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after <sup>9</sup>"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup>"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls."

## **Theme Song - Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow**

(Tune: LBW #551. Please remain seated)

- 1 Through the night of doubt and sorrow,  
onward goes the pilgrim band,  
singing songs of expectation,  
marching to the promised land.  
Clear before us through the darkness  
gleams and burns the guiding light;  
pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim  
stepping fearless through the night.
- 2 One the light of God's own presence  
on the ransomed people shed,  
chasing far the gloom and terror,  
bright'ning all the path we tread.  
One the object of our journey,  
one the faith which never tires,  
one the earnest looking forward,  
one the hope our God inspires.



- 3 One the strain that lips of thousands  
lift as from the heart of one;  
one the conflict, one the peril,  
one the march in God begun.  
One the gladness of rejoicing  
on the far eternal shore,  
where the one almighty Father  
reigns in love forevermore.
- 4 Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers;  
onward, with the cross our aid.  
Bear its shame, and fight its battle  
till we rest beneath its shade.  
Soon shall come the great awak'ning;  
soon the rending of the tomb!  
Then the scatt'ring of all shadows,  
and the end of toil and gloom.

Text: Bernhardt S. Ingemann, 1789-1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924, alt.

## Message

### In The Wilderness Luke 21:5-19

**Response** - Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care (Tune: LBW #391. Please remain seated)

- 1 Lord, it belongs not to my care whether I die or live;  
to love and serve thee is my share, and this thy grace must give.  
If life be long, I will be glad that I may long obey;  
if short, yet why should I be sad to soar to endless day?
- 2 Christ leads me through no darker rooms than he went through before;  
they that unto God's kingdom come must enter by this door.  
Come, Lord, when grace has made me meet thy blessed face to see;  
for if thy work on earth be sweet, what will thy glory be!

- 3 Then shall I end my sad complaints and weary, sinful days,  
and join with the triumphant saints who sing my Savior's praise.  
My knowledge of that life is small, the eye of faith is dim;  
but 'tis enough that Christ knows all, and I shall be with him.

Text: Richard Baxter, 1615-1691

## **Sharing The Gifts Of God** (Please remain seated while 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:** Holy God, mighty Lord, hear Your people as they pray, and grant to them all things needful and beneficial according to Your gracious promise in Christ, our Lord. - Brief silence - Praise to You, O Lord, for You have done marvelous things and laid bare Your arm to save Your people. Deliver Your Church from all her enemies and from those who battle against Your Word. Sustain us through the fears and trials of these latter days, and raise up faithful servants who will secure Your people in faith through the ministry of Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Glory to You, O Lord, for You have remembered Your steadfast love to Your people and redeemed them through the blood of Your only Son. Strengthen Your people in their baptismal identity as Your children and in their vocation of worship, witness, love and mercy work. Bless our congregation and those whom You call and gather here by Your Word and Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Holy are You, O Lord, and mighty. You will judge the world with righteousness and Your people with equity. Bless us with good and faithful leaders and government to serve Your purposes, defend Your people, punish the evildoer and encourage virtue. Make us especially mindful of those least able to defend themselves. Raise up those who will serve the cause of peace among the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Faithful God, You have given us rich and abundant promises and promised to be with us in all adversity and need. Be with those who cry to You in any need of body, mind or soul, and grant them grace sufficient for all their needs. Deliver them from illness according to Your will, and grant them to rest upon the firm foundation of Your grace and favor to keep them through the days of their trial. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We worship You, O Lord, for all Your loving kindness shown to us in Christ, our Savior. Deliver us from fear as we witness the signs of the times and make sober judgement in the face of so many vexing concerns. Remind us that though the nations rage and the powers press against the Church, this is our opportunity to give witness to the Word that does not change and the mercy that is our hope in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We give You thanks, O Lord, for the gift of family, and we pray You to bless the homes in which Your people dwell. Make them to be places of blessing and peace where Your Word is front and center and the faith is preserved and passed on to children and grandchildren. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Holy Lord, You are the strength of Your people. Grant to us strength, that we may not give into temptation or be caught up in evil but endure through Your grace to the day of Christ's return. We pray that we would be found holy and blameless by the power of His grace when You bring the dawn of the Last Day and lead us into the place where there is no night, no darkness and no death. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

**Additional Prayers:**

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy

**People: Hear our prayer**

Pastor: O blessed Lord, You have promised never to abandon us and always to provide all that we need for this day and for eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, hear the prayers of Your people, and grant them all good things for Your mercy's sake. To You, the eternal God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be glory now and forevermore.

**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: 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 Song - Rise, O Sun of Righteousness**

(Tune: LBW #210. Please remain standing)

- 1 Rise, O Sun of righteousness;  
with your might creation bless.  
Shine upon your church today,  
showing all your gentle way.  
Have mercy, Lord.

- 2 Rouse our hearts from slumber deep;  
may your word within us leap.  
Give us voices to proclaim  
praises to your holy name.  
Have mercy, Lord.
- 3 Gather in your scattered flock;  
give us water from the rock.  
Bless the unity we share  
in our shepherd's loving care.  
Have mercy, Lord.
- 4 Burst the bars of stubborn pride;  
make the heav'nly pathway wide.  
Raise us up from sin and death  
with your Spirit's living breath.  
Have mercy, Lord.
- 5 Honor, praise, and glory be  
to the holy Trinity!  
May your gracious will be done:  
make us one, as you are one.  
Have mercy, Lord.

Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank W. Stoldt, b. 1958. Text © 2003 Augsburg Fortress.

## **Announcements**

## **Recessional**

# Serving The Lord With Gladness

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Ricky Adams</b>
<b>Pianist:</b>	<b>Janet Reese</b>
<b>Coffee:</b>	<b>Jackie Reynolds and Keith Stoneking</b>
<b>Counter:</b>	<b>Vicki McGowan</b>
<b>Usher:</b>	<b>Peter Pardini</b>
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	<b>Sharon Sides</b>

## Activities This Week:

<b>Sunday – November 17</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday – November 19</b>	9:30am -12: 30 pm <b>6:30 – 8:30 pm</b>	Stage Door (PH) <b>Women’s Bible Class (LL)</b>
<b>Wednesday – November 20</b>	2:45-6:15 pm 6:00 pm	Patricia Miner (S) Stage Door (PH)
<b>Saturday – November 23</b>	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm 1:00 – 8:00 pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH) Nicole (Kitchen)
<b>Sunday – November 24</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Service of the Word and Sacrament</b>

**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.

**Birthdays** – Blessings to those celebrating birthdays this week!

**Friday – Ricky Adams**

**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.

**The Giving Tree** – See insert to Help support our friends and neighbors at Fireside this Christmas.

**2020 Calendars** - Please consider bringing in all the extra 2020 calendars you receive so we can give them to our friends at Fireside in December.

**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](mailto:pastor@plcmarin.org)

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# **Weekly Devotional Helps**

## **November 17 – November 23, 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 – November 18**

Psalm 141  
Ezekiel 11:14-25  
Ephesians 4:25-5:2

### **Tuesday – November 19**

Psalm 141  
Ezekiel 39:21-40:4  
1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

### **Wednesday – November 20**

Psalm 141  
Ezekiel 43:1-12  
Matthew 23:37-24:14

### **Thursday – November 21**

Psalm 100  
2 Chronicles 18:12-22  
Hebrews 9:23-28

**Friday – November 22**

Psalm 100

Zechariah 11:1-17

1 Peter 1:3-9

**Saturday – November 23**

Psalm 100

Jeremiah 22:18-30

Luke 18:15-17

**Scripture Readings For Next Sunday****Thanksgiving Sunday****Deuteronomy 26:1-11****Psalm 100****Philippians 4:4-9****John 6:25-35****Commemorations**

**November 17 - Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231:** Born in Hungary, Elizabeth was betrothed to the son of the Landgrave of Thuringia, and at age four was taken to be raised with him at the Wartburg Castle. Ten years later they were married. She was very generous to the poor, and after her husband's death she lived in cruel hardship until her own death at age twenty-four.

**November 23 - Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100:** Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.

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