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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!

Observance Of Thanksgiving

November 18, 2018

Introduction

Thanksgiving means overeating for many Americans, but all that food isn't good for us. Moreover, the adage is still true: "You are what you eat." Our preoccupation with what is in front of our eyes clouds the food we truly need—the soul food, our Lord Himself. He comes to us whenever and wherever the Word is proclaimed. When we find nourishment from Him, every part of our life is strengthened. Only with His Spirit within us are we able to think on whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise, as Paul exhorts in the Second Reading. Being fed by the Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, is cause for thanksgiving! Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Eternal God, the refuge and help of all your children, we praise you for all you have given us, for all you have done for us, for all that you are to us. In our weakness, you are strength, in our darkness, you are light, in our sorrow, you are comfort and peace. We cannot number your blessings, we cannot declare your love: For all your blessings we bless you. May we live as in your presence, and love the things that you love, and serve you in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ~ "Prayer Of Saint Boniface written by St. Boniface (ca. 672-754)

Pre-Service Music

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation (Tune: LBW #281, please stand)

- 1 For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

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Confession And Forgiveness (Please remain standing)

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

Pastor: Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns.

People: **Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.**

Pastor: Although we are anxious about many things, God's peace comes to us daily. Let us confess our sins, trusting that for Jesus' sake our heavenly Father will guard our hearts and minds with His peace. - Silence for reflection. - Brothers and sisters, in today's Epistle, Paul urges to fill "your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse."

People: **We confess that we have spoken lies, dishonored God's name, judged people on sight, adopted society's impure values, failed to tend to God's good creation, and forgotten to thank Him for providing all we need from day to day. Heavenly Father, for the sake of Your Son, who did all things well and to whom alone belongs all the praise, we ask You to forgive what is past, graciously strengthen us for this day, and by Your indwelling Spirit move our feet to walk in ways pleasing to You.**

Pastor: Paul was inspired to promise, "You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need, his generosity exceeding even yours in the glory that pours from Jesus." Our heavenly Father does indeed supply your deepest need. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

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

Song Of Praise - I Will Sing to God Forever (Tune: LBW #281, please be seated)

I will sing to God forever—
Long as I live,
Ev'ry day while I have being,
Praises I'll give.
Lord, Your works are great and various.
You have made them for a reason.
Food You give for soul and body,
Even Your Son.

From Your bounty, Lord, we gather,
Filled with good things.
By Your Spirit You bestow life;
All nature sings.
Glory to the Father, Spirit,
And the Son by all adored;
As it was, is now, and ever,
Our gracious Lord.

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First Reading – Deuteronomy 8:1-10 (Please remain seated)

Keep and live out the entire commandment that I'm commanding you today so that you'll live and prosper and enter and own the land that GOD promised to your ancestors. Remember every road that GOD led you on for those forty years in the wilderness, pushing you to your limits, testing you so that he would know what you were made of, whether you would keep his commandments or not. He put you through hard times. He made you go hungry. Then he fed you with manna, something neither you nor your parents knew anything about, so you would learn that men and women don't live by bread only; we live by every word that comes from GOD's mouth. Your clothes didn't wear out and your feet didn't blister those forty years. You learned deep in your heart that GOD disciplines you in the same ways a father disciplines his child. So it's paramount that you keep the commandments of GOD, your God, walk down the roads he shows you and reverently respect him. GOD is about to bring you into a good land, a land with brooks and rivers, springs and lakes, streams out of the hills and through the

valleys. It's a land of wheat and barley, of vines and figs and pomegranates, of olives, oil, and honey. It's land where you'll never go hungry—always food on the table and a roof over your head. It's a land where you'll get iron out of rocks and mine copper from the hills. After a meal, satisfied, bless GOD, your God, for the good land he has given you.

Response - Lord, the Eyes of All to You Look (Tune: LBW #281, please be seated)

Lord, the eyes of all to You look,
O gracious God.
Food You give for soul and body,
O gracious God.
Then to satisfy our longing
Bountiful, Your hands You open.
Steadfast love You grant forever—
Thank God! Amen!

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Second Reading – Philippians 4:6-20 (Please remain seated)

Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life. Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies. I'm glad in God, far happier than you would ever guess—happy that you're again showing such strong concern for me. Not that you ever quit praying and thinking about me. You just had no chance to show it. Actually, I don't have a sense of needing anything personally. I've learned by now to be quite content whatever my circumstances. I'm just as happy with little as with much, with much as with little. I've found the recipe for being happy whether full or hungry, hands full or hands empty. Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through

anything in the One who makes me who I am. I don't mean that your help didn't mean a lot to me—it did. It was a beautiful thing that you came alongside me in my troubles. You Philippians well know, and you can be sure I'll never forget it, that when I first left Macedonia province, venturing out with the Message, not one church helped out in the give-and-take of this work except you. You were the only one. Even while I was in Thessalonica, you helped out—and not only once, but twice. Not that I'm looking for handouts, but I do want you to experience the blessing that issues from generosity. And now I have it all—and keep getting more! The gifts you sent with Epaphroditus were more than enough, like a sweet-smelling sacrifice roasting on the altar, filling the air with fragrance, pleasing God no end. You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need, his generosity exceeding even yours in the glory that pours from Jesus. Our God and Father abounds in glory that just pours out into eternity. Yes.

Verse (Psalm 136:1, please stand)

Pastor: Alleluia! Thank God! He deserves your thanks.

People: **His love never quits. Alleluia**

Gospel Reading – Matthew 6:25-33 (Please remain standing)

“If you decide for God, living a life of God-worship, it follows that you don't fuss about what's on the table at mealtimes or whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. Look at the birds, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to him than birds. “Has anyone by fussing in front of the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? All this time and money wasted on fashion—do you think it makes that much difference? Instead of looking at the fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them. “If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with *getting*, so you can respond to God's *giving*. People who don't know God and the

way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.

Song - Come, You Thankful People, Come (LBW #407, please be seated)

- 1 Come, you thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, does provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield.
Wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take his harvest home.
From his field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

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- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
to your final harvest home.
Gather all your people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in your garner to abide.
Come, with all your angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Message

Getting Or Giving Matthew 6:25-33

Response – We Praise You, O God (LBW #241, please remain seated)

- 1 We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.
- 2 We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963, 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: People loved by God, let us give to Him all thanks and praise this day as we say:

People: **blessed are You forever!**

Pastor: For the good gifts of this country, our community, our neighbors and all things that fill life with joy and meaning, O Lord, our God,

People: **blessed are You forever!**

Pastor: For food and drink, for family and friends, for the foretaste of the heavenly feast You grant us even in our earthly gatherings, O Lord, our God,

People: **blessed are You forever!**

Pastor: For the opportunity to share Your good gifts with those less fortunate, for every act of kindness and compassion, for every listening ear and caring heart, O Lord, our God,

People: **blessed are You forever!**

Pastor: For those who labor to hold chaos at bay: those entrusted with civil authority, our first responders, our health-care workers and social workers, O Lord, our God,

People: blessed are You forever!

Pastor: For those who tenderly care for the weak and vulnerable among us, those who work in nursing homes and child-care centers, and all who keep watch that others may sleep in peace, O Lord, our God,

People: blessed are You forever!

Pastor: For those who teach and those who learn in the schools of the church and of the nation, and for all who seek to impart the light of knowledge and the hope of betterment, O Lord, our God,

People: blessed are You forever!

Pastor: For the gift of the Word of God, for those who proclaim it so faithfully among us, and for those who gather to hear it, ponder it and grow in it, O Lord, our God,

People: blessed are You forever!

Pastor: For the grace of Baptism and the gift of a fresh start to each day in Your forgiving love, O Lord, our God,

People: blessed are You forever!

Additional prayers

Pastor: O Lord, our God

People: blessed are You forever!

Pastor: For the promise of everlasting life in Christ, for those we knew and love who have fallen asleep in Him, for the new heavens and the new earth, and for the city with foundations, whose builder and maker is God, O Lord, our God,

People: blessed are You forever!

Pastor: For the glory of Your holiness, the comfort of Your love, the joy of sins forgiven and the peace of death defeated, O Lord, our God,

People: blessed are You forever!

Pastor: For all these blessings and so many more that we can never number or name them all, for all people and for all things, O Lord, our God,
People: **blesed are You forever! 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)

Leader: 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: The love of God surround you; the grace of Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

People: **Amen.**

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn - Now Thank We All Our God (LBW #534, please remain standing)

- 1 Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.
- 3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Organist:	Janet Reese
Coffee Hour:	Cynthia Smith and Mary Ann Griller
Counters:	Rick Kenney & Vicki McGowan
Ushers:	Keith and Jackie Stoneking
Lay Reader:	Mary Ann Griller

Activities This Week:

Sunday – November 18	9:30 am 9am-2pm	Service of the Word Thanksgiving Meal Prep (PH)
Tuesday – November 20	9:30-12: 30 pm 4:30 5:30 pm	Stage Door (PH) Music Class (LL)
Wednesday – November 21	2:45 – 6:15 pm 4:30 5:30PM 6:00 pm	Patricia Miner (N) Music Class (LL) Stage Door (PH)
Saturday – November 24	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – November 25	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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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.

Birthdays – Christ’s blessing to those celebrating Birthdays this week.

Thursday – Ricky Adams

The Giving Tree - Once again, we are supporting our friends and neighbors at Fireside this Christmas. We are asking for:

32 ~ \$10 Walgreens Gift Cards (Seniors)

18 ~ \$15 Target Gift Cards (Families)

Monetary Donations (Make checks out to Peace Lutheran Church, writing Fireside in the “For” section)

The last day to bring gift cards: Sunday, December 2 (You may continue to make monetary donations throughout December...and the year for this ministry.)

As you know, we have been partnering with Fireside for many years. They are all so appreciative of what we do for each of them. Giving these low income seniors and families a gift at Christmas truly brightens their holiday season. Thank you for your generosity and support!

LINC – Next week, Rev. Aaron Putnam will lead the worship service. He is executive director of LINC Bay Area. LINC is a LCMS Recognized Service Organization involved in planting multi-ethnic congregations in the Bay Area.

Men’s Bible Class – The men’s Bible Class is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28 7:00 pm in the lounge. The Topic is Vocation. See you there!

Sunday Servers –We need November and December servers. Please sign up to help! The sheet is in the church entrance. The list for November is available today. We still need the following:

November 25 (Thanksgiving weekend) – Coffee Hour, Ushers

Looking Ahead

Sunday, December 9:	Congregational Meeting Church Decorating
Wednesday, December 12:	Fireside Holiday Gathering
Monday, December 24:	Christmas Eve Worship, 7:00 p.m.

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>

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Weekly Devotional Helps

November 18 - November 24, 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 – November 19

Psalm 13
Daniel 8:1-14
Hebrews 10:26-31

Tuesday – November 20

Psalm 13
Daniel 8:15-27
Hebrews 10:32-39

Wednesday – November 21

Psalm 13
Zechariah 12:1-13:1
Mark 13:9-23

Thursday – November 22

Psalm 93
Ezekiel 28:1-10
Acts 7:54-81a

Friday – November 23

Psalm 93

Ezekiel 28:20-26

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Saturday – November 24

Psalm 93

Daniel 7:1-8, 15-18

John 3:31-36

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**Last Sunday Of The Church Year**

Psalm 96

Psalm 93

Jude 20-25

Mark 13:24-37

Commemorations

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.