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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!

Thanksgiving Sunday

November 19, 2017

As We Gather

Thankfulness does not depend on what is given or what is received.

Thankfulness is an attitude of the heart. One with a thankful heart stops immediately. Nothing else can go on until thanksgiving is expressed. That is what we see in the one leper who is healed. He cannot go back to his old life, nor can he begin his new life until he returns to Jesus, the source of healing, and offers Him thanks and praise. Each of us has received mercies new every morning. The key to contentment and peace is neither the abundance of gifts nor an absence, but a heart that returns thanks to the source of those gifts. Today we pause to do that, as a nation, as a people, and as Christians. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today.

Prayer Before Worship - God of peace, cause us to rejoice in you always, make us gentle to everyone, keep us from being anxious about anything—help us to ask you for what we need, with thanksgiving; and let your peace guard our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ~ written by Michael Perry in "Bible Praying". Posted on **The Jubilate Group**

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Opening Dialogue (Please stand)

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

Psalm - Psalm 65 (Please remain standing)

Pastor: You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.
People: To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.

Pastor: Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

People: Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

Pastor: Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

People: You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.

Pastor: You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

People: Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

Pastor: You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

People: You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

Pastor: You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

People: May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

Pastor: May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

(As Brothers and Sisters in Christ we share Christ's Peace with one another)

Song – Come, You Thankful People, Come (LBW #407, please remain standing)

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| 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. | 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.

First Reading - Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Times of abundance tempt us to forget the Lord and rely on our own power and resources. But the Lord is the one who took Israel out of Egypt, led and fed them in the wilderness, brought them into the land, and gave them power to be productive. To thank this God is to remember and proclaim God's deeds.

Pastor: ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. ¹¹Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. ¹²When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, ¹³and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you

out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷Do not say to yourself, “My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.” ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today. – In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

People: But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

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

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

Lay Reader: ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. ¹²I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress. ¹⁵You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. ¹⁶For

even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. ¹⁸ I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. – In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

People: **But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.**

Gospel – Luke 17:11-19 (Please remain seated)

A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God.

Pastor: ¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

People: **But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.**

Song – 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)

Prayers Of The People Of God (Please stand)

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new unto us every morning, You abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily and humbly acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty and most merciful God and Father, through Your only Son, Jesus Christ, You have established Your Church to be a temple and dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. We give thanks that You continue to provide shepherds to feed and serve Your flock of which the Holy Spirit has made them overseers. We humbly ask You to strengthen the labors of Your ministers, that through the ministry of Word and Sacrament Your people may increase in Your knowledge and service and grow up to Him who is the Head, Jesus Christ, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all glory, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion,

from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times, may our trust be in You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Merciful God, graciously take into Your care the sick and needy, those who are widowed and orphaned, the homeless and homebound, the lonely and forgotten, and all who are in any trouble, temptation, anguish of labor, peril of death, or any other adversity. Comfort them, O God, with Your Holy Spirit, that they may patiently endure their afflictions. Preserve them from faintheartedness and despondency, and help them to seek You, the great physician of their souls. If any pass through the valley of the shadow of death, let them know Your everlasting arms are underneath them, and grant them a peaceful departure and a joyful entrance into Your eternal kingdom in the resurrection of all flesh; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Additional prayers

Pastor: O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: O Lord, Father Almighty, by Your Word You created and You continue to bless and uphold all things. We pray You to reveal to us Your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ, that, through His dwelling in our hearts, we may by Your grace be made ready to receive Your blessing on all the fruits of the earth and whatsoever pertains to our bodily need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (Prayed together. Please remain standing)

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Song – Now Thank We All Our God (LBW #533, please be seated)

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| 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

Message

**I Can Do All Things Through Him Who Strengthens Me.
Philippians 4:6-20**

Closing Prayer (Please stand)

Benediction (Based on Psalm 113:3; Philippians 4:6–7, Please remain standing)

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
People: **may the name of the Lord be praised.**

Pastor: Without anxiety or fear, but in all things, by prayer and supplication,
offer Your requests to God.
People: **And may the peace of God which surpasses all our
understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.**

Pastor: The blessing of almighty God—Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit—
remain with you now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (LBW #543, please remain standing)

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?
3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.

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4. Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
 All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
 Let the amen sound from his people again.
 Gladly forever adore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Organist:	Janet Reese
Coffee Hour:	Jackie Stoneking
Usher:	Keith and Jackie Stoneking
Counter:	Cynthia Smith and Vicki McGowan
Lay Reader:	Don Erbel

Activities This Week:

Sunday – November 19	9:30am	Service of the Word and Sacrament
Tuesday – November 21	9:30-12:30am 4:15-5:45	Stage Door (PH) Kids Music Class(LL)
Wednesday – November 22	4:15-5:45 6pm	Kids Music Class(LL) Stage Door (PH)
Saturday – November 25	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm 11:00 – 1:00	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH) SF Chinese Academy(N)
Sunday – November 24	9:30am	Service of the Word and Sacrament

Announcements For November 19, 2017

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 – Flower 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.

Important Dates In December

December 10 – Congregational Meeting and Sanctuary Decorating

December 24 – Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m.

The Giving Tree - This year we are supporting our friends and neighbors at Fireside.

We are asking for:

32 ~ \$15 Walgreens Gift Cards

18 ~ \$15 Target Gift Cards

Monetary Donations

(Make checks payable to Peace Lutheran Church, writing Fireside in the "For" section)

The last day to donate or bring gift cards: Sunday, December 10

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. For many, this is all they will receive.

Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Open House - You are invited to a Christmas Open House!

Who - Hosted by Gary Glover & Shila Clement

When - Saturday, December 9th, 3 to 6 pm

Where - 2450 Spanish Trail Road, Tiburon

Please RSVP by December 3, 2017

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Congregational Meeting- Please note the annual congregational meeting for Peace Lutheran Church will be Sunday, December 10 immediately following worship.

Facebook - Like us on Facebook at Peace Lutheran Church Mill Valley or @peacelutheranmill

Sunday Bulletins - for Peace Lutheran church are available online for use during the worship service. The link is <http://bulletin.plcmarin.org>

Weekly Devotional Helps

November 19 – November 25, 2017

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 20

Psalm 9:1-14
Zechariah 1:7-17
Romans 2:1-11

Tuesday – November 21

Psalm 9:1-14
Zechariah 2:1-5; 5:1-4
1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

Wednesday – November 22

Psalm 9:1-14
Job 16:1-21
Matthew 24:45-51

Thursday – November 23

Psalm 95:1-7a
1 Kings 22:13-23
Revelation 14:1-11

Friday – November 24

Psalm 95:1-7a

1 Chronicles 17:1-15

Revelation 22:1-9

Saturday – November 25

Psalm 95:1-7a

Isaiah 44:21-28

Matthew 12:46-50

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**Christ The King Sunday****Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24****Psalm 95:1-7a****Ephesians 1:15-23****Matthew 25:31-46****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.

November 25 - Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748: Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.

November 30 - Andrew, Apostle: The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, Andrew quickly began to bring others to the Savior, including Simon Peter. The Bible also shows him leading some Greeks to meet Jesus, and he brought forward the boy with five loaves and two fish, with which Jesus fed thousands.

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