

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!

All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2017

As We Gather

Life in this world has often been described as a “valley of tears.” You’ve been there, haven’t you? You shed tears when your body hurts due to an injury or when your heart hurts due to the death of one you love. You weep when you feel lonely or when your heart breaks out of sympathy for a friend. Life is filled with tears. In His compassion for you, Jesus enters this “valley of tears” through His life, suffering, and death so that He may eternally embrace you. And, because He is risen from the dead, Jesus promises to wipe away every tear from your eyes, enabling you to share in His resurrection victory. Today, as you celebrate those saints who have died in the faith, you may find yourself shedding tears, but you can do so with confidence that your risen and reigning Savior lives to wipe away the tears of all who trust in Him! Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Lord of mercy and hope, help us to cling to you in all our trials and tribulations. Hold us gently and bring us to a place of new beginnings where we will find healing and strength to serve you in the times ahead. We pray this in Jesus’ name. AMEN. — Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters Website

Pre-Service Music

Ring of The Bell

Welcome

Opening Song – Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

(LBW #351, please stand)

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| 1. Oh, happy day when we shall stand in heaven with the saved; all peoples at the Lord's right hand shall find their names engraved, shall find their names engraved. | 2. Oh, blessed day when Christ shall come and show himself as Lord, and thousands meet in their new home which Jesus has prepared, which Jesus has prepared. |
| 3. Oh, what a mighty rushing flood of joy and love and peace will roll down over us with good and blessedness and grace, and blessedness and grace. | 4. O Lord, your grace is ev'rything; your love has made us free to stand among the saints and sing the glory that we see, the glory that we see. |

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Opening Dialogue (Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5; Please remain standing)

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

People: **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Pastor: Blessed are those whose strength is in You,

People: **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

Psalm - Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (Please remain standing)

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

People: **I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

Pastor: Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

People: I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

Pastor: Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

People: I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

Pastor: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

People: Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

Pastor: Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

People: The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

Pastor: O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

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

Song - Make Me A Servant (WP #96, sing second time through. Please be seated)

Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek.
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be:

Chords: F, Dm⁷, Gm⁷, C⁷, Gm⁷, B^b/C, C⁷, B^b/F, F, F^{sus}₂, F, A, Dm, Dm/C, G²/B, B^bm⁶

Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant,
make me a ser - vant to - day.

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First Reading - Revelation 7:9-17 (Please remain seated)

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading provides a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer responds to the faithful with the assurance of God's protection and a vision of eventual victory.

Pastor: ⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." – 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 - 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

Lay Reader: ¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. – 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 - Matthew 5:1-12

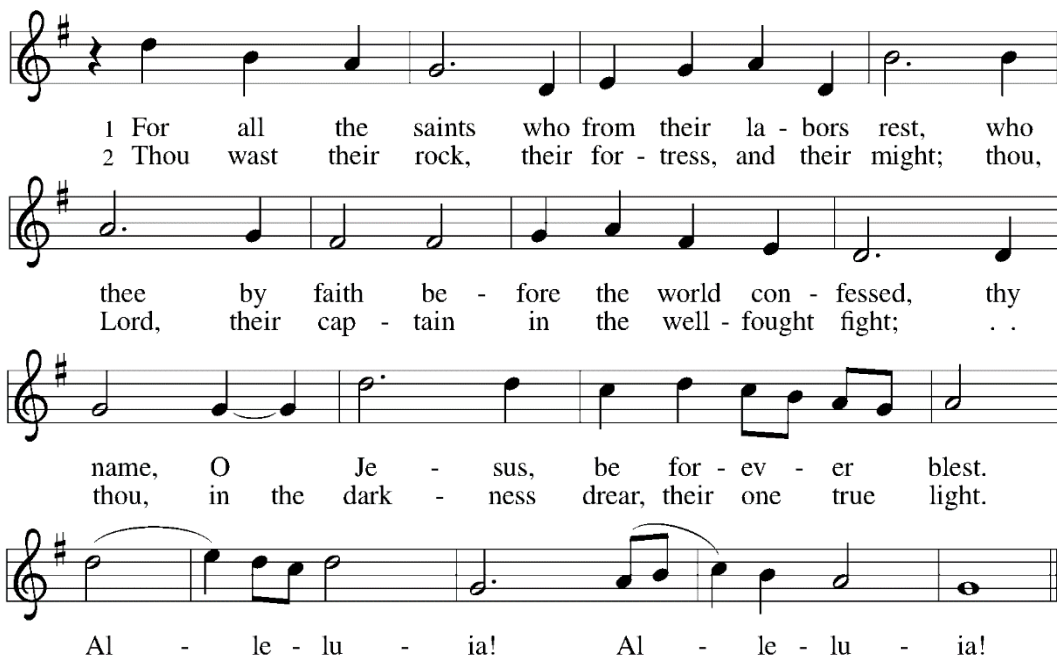
In the beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

Pastor: ¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were

before you.” – 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.

Song – For All The Saints (Stanzas 1-2, ELW #422, please remain seated.)



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . .
name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness dwell, their one true light.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Sharing The Gifts Of God (Please remain seated)

Prayers Of The People Of God (Please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. - Brief silence - For the poor in spirit, who gather this day to receive the grace and mercy by which we are made rich in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who mourn, that they may receive abundant comfort in the promises of Jesus Christ, who makes all things new, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the meek, including all who patiently and lovingly speak the Gospel to others, that the Holy Spirit may work through the Word they speak to create faith in many who will inherit the new creation in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, that in faithfulness they may approach God, trusting the words of Christ, to receive sustenance of their bodies and souls, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the merciful, including the pastors and teachers who speak of God's mercy to His people, that they may remain steadfast in the Word and live in the mercy they proclaim, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peacemakers, including all in authority, that they may be blessed in working toward peace, especially that the peace of God in Christ may continue to be proclaimed freely, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, that they may be upheld and strengthened in the one true faith even in the face of suffering, and that all God's people may boldly confess the name of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the sick and the recovering, that they may be granted health and healing according to God's wisdom, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all the saints who rest from their labors, that we may remember them with thanksgiving and joy, even as we look forward to seeing them again at the throne of the Lamb, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all this and for whatsoever else You know that we need, we ask of Your great mercy, O Lord. Salvation belongs to You who sits on the throne and to the Lamb! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

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 – For All The Saints (Stanzas 3-5, ELW #422, please remain seated.)

3 Oh, blest com-mu-nion, fel-low-ship di-vine, we fee-bly strug-gle,
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the
5 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful
they in glo-ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are brave a-gain and arms are
ser-vants com-eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the
thine. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
strong.
blest.

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Message

The World May Be Farther From God;
But God Is Not Farther From The World
Revelation 7:9-17

Closing Prayer (Please stand)

Closing 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.

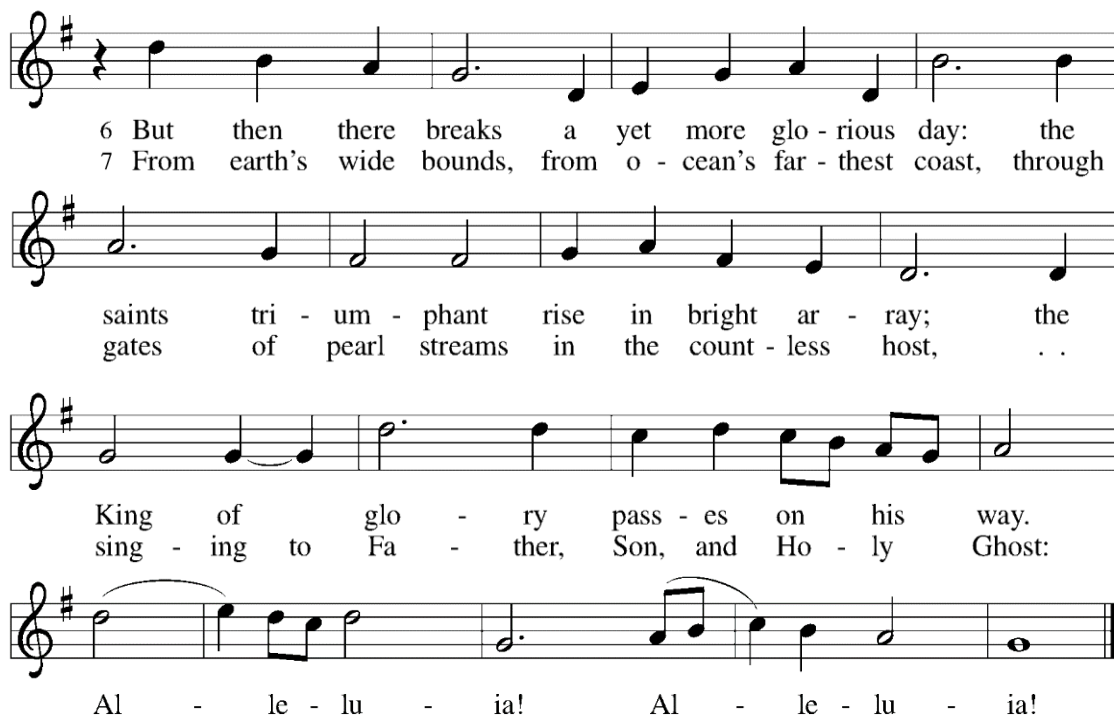
People: **Amen.**

Dismissal

Pastor: Led on by the saints before us, let go in peace to live in love as Christ
has loved us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song – For All The Saints (Stanzas 6-7, ELW #422, please remain seated.)



6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . .
King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

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| Pastor: | Ricky Adams |
| Organist: | Janet Reese |
| Coffee Hour: | Laureen Schneeberger and Cynthia Smith |
| Usher: | Gary Glover |
| Counter: | Don and Beverly Erbel |
| Lay Reader: | Nancy Adams |

Activities This Week:

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| Sunday – November 5 | 9:30am | Service of the Word |
| Tuesday – November 7 | 9:30-12:30am 4:15-5:45 | Stage Door (PH) Kids Music Class(LL) |
| Wednesday – November 8 | 4:15-5:45 6pm | Kids Music Class(LL) Stage Door (PH) |
| Saturday – November 11 | 8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm 11:00 – 1:00 | Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH) SF Chinese Academy(N) |
| Sunday – November 12 | 9:30am | Service of the Word/Sacrament |

Announcements For October 29, 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 by Jeanine Hillebrandt in memory of her sister, Marlene.

Birthdays – Those celebrating birthdays this week are:

Tuesday – Betty Ann Sutcliffe

Friday – Marta Valente

Anniversaries – Those celebrating anniversaries this week are:

Saturday - Don and Beverly Erbel

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.

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.

November Calendar – The November Calendar and server list is available today by the mailboxes.

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 5 – November 11, 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 6

Psalm 5
Jeremiah 5:18-31
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

Tuesday – November 7

Psalm 5
Lamentations 2:13-17
Acts 13:1-12

Wednesday – November 8

Psalm 5
Proverbs 16:21-33
Matthew 15:1-9

Thursday – November 9

Psalm 70
Amos 1:1-2:5
Revelation 8:6-9:12

Friday – November 10

Psalm 70
Amos 3:1-12
Revelation 9:13-21

Saturday – November 11

Psalm 70
Amos 4:6-13
Matthew 24:1-14

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

Commemorations

November 11 - Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397: Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

November 11 - Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855: Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block. - Copyright

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