



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!

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 15, 2017

Introduction

Wow! The last couple of months have been tragic: hurricanes, a mass shooting, deadly fires. What is happening? In the midst of these terrible events we turn to Gods Word. In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable we hear about a great banquet where all are invited, even those who have lost so much. Even amid anxiety and hardship, Paul rejoices in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding.

With humble and somber joy, we go forth to share God's peace with those hungering and thirsting for such peace in the midst of personal tragedy. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Almighty God, You are with us here in time and have invited us into Your heavenly presence in eternity. Open our hearts and minds so that we may respond to Your special invitation in humble joy now and in eternal rejoicing at Your heavenly banquet; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. — from Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish

Pre-Service Music (A time of reflection)

Ring the Bell

Welcome

Opening Dialogue (Please stand)

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,
People: and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. Glory to the Father,
and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Psalm – Psalm 23 (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

People: Oh, come, let us worship him.

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

Pastor: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

People: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

Pastor: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Pastor: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

People: Oh, come, let us worship him.

Passing of the Peace (Philippians 4. Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let your gentleness be known to everyone,

People: and the God of peace will be with you.

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

(We greet one another with a sign of God's peace.)

Song – Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us (ELW #789, please remain standing)



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
2 We are yours; in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 You have prom-ised to re-ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
4 Ear-ly let us seek your fa-vor, ear-ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.
you have mer-cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear us chil-dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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First Reading - Isaiah 25:1-9 (Please be seated)

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing everyone up—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

Pastor: ¹O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. – 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 4:1-9

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: ¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 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. – 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 22:1-14 (Please remain seated)

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

Pastor: ¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen." – 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 – In Christ Alone (BH #506, please remain seated)



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh; Full-ness of God in help - less
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay; Light of the world by dark - ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death; This is the power of Christ in

song; This Corn - er - stone, this sol - id ground, Firm through the
 babe. This gift of love and right - eous - ness Scorned by the
 slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, Up from the
 me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath Je - sus com -

fier - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
 ones He came to save; 'Til on that cross as Je - sus
 grave He rose a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to -
 mands my des - ti - ny. No power of hell, no scheme of

peace When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease; My Com - fort -
 died The wrath of God was sat - is - fied; For ev - ery
 ry Sin's curse has lost its grip on me; For I am
 man Can ev - er pluck me from His hand; 'Til He re -



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Sharing The Gifts Of God (Please remain seated)

Prayers Of The People Of God (Please stand)

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 - Day By Day (BH #517, please be seated)

1. Day by day and with each pass - ing mo - ment, Strength I
 2. Ev - 'ry day the Lord Him - self is near me With a
 3. Help me then in ev - 'ry trib - u - la - tion So to

find to meet my tri - als here; Trust - ing in my Fa - ther's
 spe - cial mer - cy for each hour; All my cares He fain would
 trust Thy prom - is - es, O Lord, That I lose not faith's sweet

wise be - stow - ment, I've no cause for wor - ry or for fear.
 bear and cheer me, He whose name is Coun - se - lor and Pow'r.
 con - so - la - tion Of - fered me with - in Thy ho - ly Word.

He whose heart is kind be - yond all mea - sure Gives un -
 The pro - tec - tion of His child and trea - sure Is a
 Help me, Lord, when toil and trou - ble meet - ing, E'er to

to each day what He deems best— Lov - ing - ly, its part of
charge that on Him-self He laid; “As thy days, thy strength shall
take, as from a fa - ther’s hand, One by one, the days, the

pain and plea - sure, Min - gling toil with peace and rest.
be in mea - sure,” This the pledge to me He made.
mo - ments fleet - ing, Till I reach the Prom - ised Land.

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Message

The Lord GOD Will Wipe Away The Tears From All Faces
Matthew 22:1-14

Closing Prayer (Please stand)

Closing Blessing (Please remain standing)

Closing Song - By Grace We Have Been Saved (WP #25, please remain standing)



1 By grace we have been saved through faith and
 2 For all have sinned and fall - en short. God's
 3 God gave to earth a per - fect love through
 4 We know the wage of sin is death; thank
 5 Set free, we now have peace with God. Sal -



not by keep - ing law. God's saints be - lieved by
 plan, not one o - beyed. Christ has for all ful -
 Je - sus on the cross. While we were foes, Christ
 God, we shall re - vive. For just as Je - sus
 va - tion is se - cured. How beau - ti - ful the



what they heard and not by what they saw.
 filled the law. Be - lieve, con - fess, be saved.
 died for us. We gained by God's own loss.
 rose a - gain, we too are made a - live.
 feet of those who share this gos - pel word.

Refrain



Oh, how I love Je - sus! Oh, how I love Je - sus!



Oh, how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!

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Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Organist:	Janet Reese
Coffee Hour:	Nancy Adams
Usher:	Jim Sides
Lay Reader:	Cynthia Smith

Activities This Week:

Sunday – October 15	9:30am	Service of the Word and Sacrament
Tuesday – October 17	9:30-12:30am 4:15-5:45	Stage Door (PH) Kids Music Class(LL)
Wednesday – October 18	4:15-5:45 6pm 6:30 p.m.	Kids Music Class(LL) Stage Door (PH) Council
Friday – October 20	9:30-10:30	German Story Time (N)
Saturday – October 21	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm 11:00 – 1:00	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH) SF Chinese Academy(N)
Sunday – October 22	9:30am	Service of the Word

Announcements For October 15, 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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Anniversary – Those celebrating anniversaries this week are:

Friday - Mark & Laureen Schneeberger

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.

California Fires – The fires that have struck Northern California have struck close to home and have affected family and friends. Below are a few ways you can help:

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

- **Call** **888-930-4438**
- **Text:** **LCMS California Fires to 41444**
- **Online:** **www.lcms.org/calfires**

Rotary

I include this because two years ago, Rotary District 5130 set up a fire relief fund for people affected by the Lake County Fires (Not Only Rotarians). This last week they announced it has expanded its fire relief efforts to now include the Napa, Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino County Fire victims.

The fund, established by the Lake County Rotary clubs in 2015 after a series of fires ravaged through the community including the devastating Valley Fire, raised nearly \$1 Million. These funds have been successfully deployed to the businesses and residents that suffered so much loss as a result of the devastation that occurred in Lake County over the last couple years. The funds raised have covered a multitude of areas of need in the County from work with kids, to seniors, to housing, to shelter support, to grief counseling services and much more. “The goal of our committee from day 1 has been to find the holes in the system and get the help to where it is needed most and do it with zero overhead costs” said Ron Roberts, President of the Lake Area Rotary Club Association. Their flagship program, the Business Recovery Grant Program, provided over \$250,000 in assistance to small businesses affected by the fires. “Small business is the heart of a community and our Rotary committee quickly realized there was a need to

help them get their doors back open as quickly as possible and keep them open. We began deploying funds to this program almost immediately and this was a cornerstone in rebuilding our communities.” stated Dirk Slooten, Chair of the LARCA Fire Relief Fund. He goes on to state “with the onslaught of these new and incredibly devastating fires in our neighboring counties, it’s now time to take that knowledge and experience we gained here in Lake County and now expand it to help others.”

The Rotary 5130 Fire Relief Fund is now accepting cash donations to support those in Napa, Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino counties. “The magnitude of the devastation that is occurring right now in the North Bay is vast and far reaching. The recovery and rebuild is going to be a long process but we are confident that we can lead the way in bringing these communities back up. Rotarians know how to get things done and won’t stop until we reach the finish line.” stated Bob Rogers, Rotary 5130’s District Governor.

For more information on the fund or to donate online, go to **www.larca5130.org**. Questions can be sent to **larca5130@gmail.com**

You can also mail a check payable to:

“LARCA Fire Relief”

PO Box 2921

Clearlake CA 95422

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Weekly Devotional Helps

October 15 - October 21, 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 – October 9

Psalm 34
Exodus 19:7-20
Jude 17-25

Tuesday – October 10

Psalm 34
Amos 9:5-15
Philippians 3:13-4:1

Wednesday – October 11

Psalm 34
Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4
John 6:25-35

Thursday – October 12

Psalm 96:1-13
Judges 17:1-6
3 John 9-12

Friday – October 13

Psalm 96:1-13

Deuteronomy 17:14-20

1 Peter 5:1-5

Saturday – October 14

Psalm 96:1-13

Isaiah 14:3-11

Matthew 14:1-12

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost****Isaiah 45:1-7****Psalm 96:1-13****1 Thessalonians 1:1-10****Matthew 22:15-22****Commemorations**

October 15 - Teresa of Ávila (Teresa de Jesús), teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582: A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged,

October 17 - Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115: Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.

October 18 - Luke, Evangelist: Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.
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