

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.**

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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.

Holy Communion – At Peace Lutheran we celebrate Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Holy Communion is a very special meal for the children of God in Christ. All who have been baptized and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and all those who hunger and thirst for Christ's forgiveness and God's strength for living, are invited to join in Holy Communion. **Grape juice** (instead of wine) is available in the individual glasses in the middle of the tray. The wine is red; the grape juice is white. Pastor blesses any of the children who are brought to the communion rail. Any adults who come to the rail and desire a blessing but not communion may cross their arms and pastor will bless them.

Please join us again next week!

Reformation Sunday

October 28, 2018

Introduction

On this day we celebrate the heart of our faith: the gospel of Christ—the good news—that makes us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world. In the waters of baptism we are made one body; we pray for the day that all Christians will also be one at the Lord's table. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today.

Prayer Before Worship - God of Life: may your light shine on your people today, as it shone in each moment of history. May the light of your presence inspire this celebration, and inspire our lives, to praise you and recognize you, as source of all creation, as strength that sustains, as sap that nurtures, as wisdom that foresees, as clarity that discovers, as love that understands, as mercy that forgives...May the light of your presence, eternal and inextinguishable, shine on us now and forever till the dawn of your Kingdom, present in each day. ~ from **Renewing the Church: Resources for Celebrating Reformation Sunday**, published by World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Opening Sentences (Based on Psalm 46, please stand)

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
People: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

Pastor: though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
People: **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

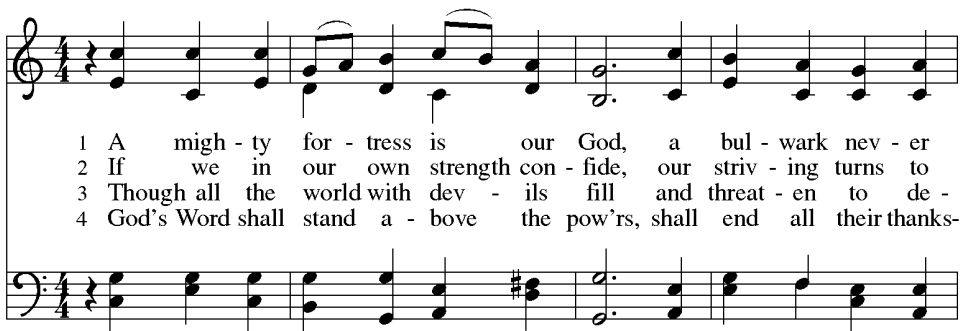
Pastor: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.
People: **The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

Pastor: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
People: **Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.**

Pastor: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
People: **“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”**

Pastor: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Entrance Hymn - A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (ELW #505, please remain standing)



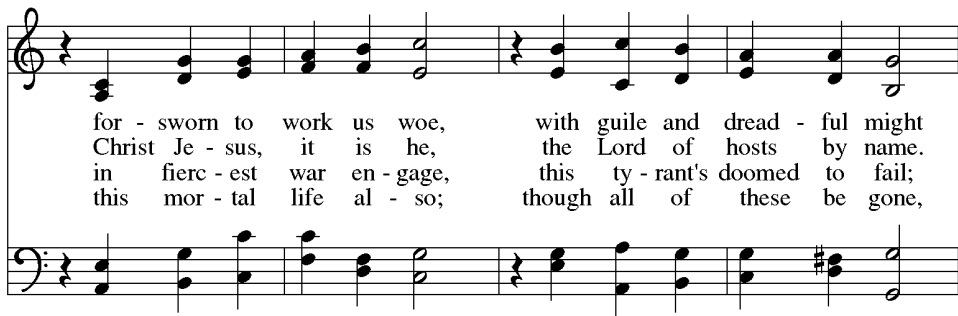
1 A migh - ty for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing turns to
 3 Though all the world with dev - ils fill and threat - en to de -
 4 God's Word shall stand a - bove the pow'rs, shall end all their thanks-



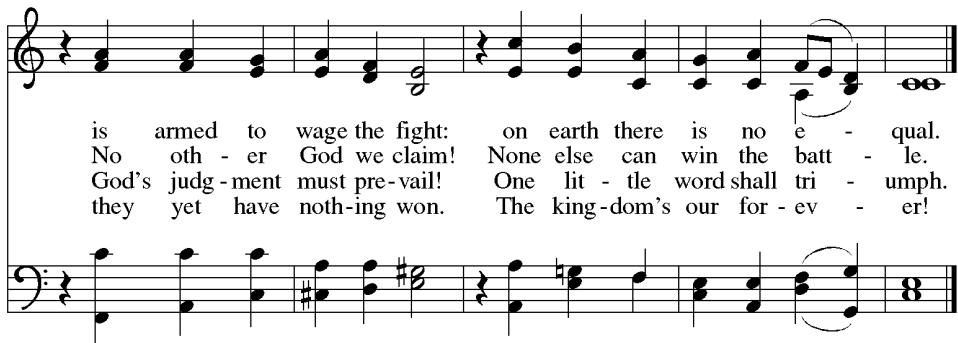
fail - ing; our help - er frees us from the flood of
 los - ing; the righ - teous one fights by our side, the
 vour us, we trem - ble not, we trust God's will: they
 giv - ing. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe,
 one of God's own choos - ing. You ask who this may be:
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Though Sa - tan rant and rage,
 God with us is liv - ing. Let goods and kin - dred go,



for - sworn to work us woe, with guile and dread - ful might
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name.
 in fierc - est war en - gage, this ty - rant's doomed to fail;
 this mor - tal life al - so; though all of these be gone,



is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no e - qual.
 No oth - er God we claim! None else can win the batt - le.
 God's judg - ment must pre-vail! One lit - tle word shall tri - umph.
 they yet have noth-ing won. The king - dom's our for - ev - er!

Confession and Forgiveness (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power. - Silence for reflection and self-examination. - Source of all life,

All: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

Pastor: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

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

Hymn Of Praise - By Grace We Have Been Saved (WP #25, please be seated)



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!

Text: Rusty Edwards, stanzas; Frederick Whitfield, refrain. Music: OH, HOW I LOVE JESUS. North American traditional.
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First Reading - Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Please remain seated)

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Gradual (Psalm 48:1, 12-13. Please remain seated)

Pastor: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain,
People: **Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers, consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation**

Second Reading - Romans 3:19-28 (Please remain seated)

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Gospel Acclamation (Please stand)

Pastor: Alleluia. If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples,
People: **and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.**
Alleluia. (John 8:31-32)

Gospel - John 8:31-36 (Please remain standing)

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

Hymn Of The Day - Salvation unto Us Has Come (LBW #297, please be seated)

- 1 Salvation unto us has come
by God's free grace and favor;
good works cannot avert our doom,
they help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
who did for all the world atone;
he is our mediator.
- 2 Theirs was a false, misleading dream
who thought God's law was given
that sinners might themselves redeem
and by their works gain heaven.
The law is but a mirror bright
to bring the inbred sin to light
that lurks within our nature.
- 3 And yet the law fulfilled must be,
or we were lost forever;
therefore God sent his Son that he
might us from death deliver.
He all the law for us fulfilled,
and thus his Father's anger stilled
which over us impended.

- 4 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
and rests in him unceasing;
and by its fruits true faith is known,
with love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
works serve our neighbor and supply
the proof that faith is living.
- 5 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
to Father, Son, and Spirit,
the God who saved us by his grace;
all glory to his merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
you have revealed your saving love;
your blessed name we hallow.

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484-1551; tr. *Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book*, 1912, alt.

Message

You Are Free
John 8:31-36

Confession of Faith - Nicene Creed (Spoken together. Please stand)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has

spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN

Prayer Of The Church (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. — Silent prayer - Lord, You are our refuge and strength. Defend Your Church from the attacks and accusations of the adversary. Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and His Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, since the fall into sin, all creation groans for restoration. Earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, floods, and other disasters cause great fear. But You are the God of all creation. Calm our hearts and be in our midst when the earth gives way. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, in this fallen world, nations rage and kingdoms totter. War, violence, and division plague the earth. But You are the Lord of hosts, and You are with us. Defend us from conflict and be our King of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering. If it be Your will, restore their health with the overflowing abundance that comes only from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, death remains a curse until You come again. Many mourn the death of loved ones. Comfort all who grieve with the hope of the promised resurrection in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, we exalt You among the nations for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who rejoice. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Additional prayers

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
People: Amen.

Sharing The Gifts Of God (Please remain seated as the offerings are received)

Offering Prayer (Please remain seated)

Pastor: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.
People: Amen.

Communion Hymn - Amazing Grace ... (LBW #448, please remain seated)

- 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Hymn - O Lord of Power, Might, and Strength (Tune: LBW #297, please remain standing)

O Lord of power, might, and strength,
Your glory spans creation.
Its breadth and height and depth and length
Reach past our comprehension.
We shout: Hosanna! Blest is He
Who in God's name has come to be
The one whose truth sets all free!

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Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." ... In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: **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.**

Pastor: Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

People: **Amen.**

Hymn - O Lamb of God, You Take Away (Tune: LBW #297, please remain standing)

O Lamb of God, You take away
The sins of all creation,
Though we have fallen short each day
Of Your great glory's station.
Still You have justified us all.
By grace, as gift, we're freed to call
Upon Your Father's mercy.

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Distribution (Please be seated)

Approach the altar at the usher's direction. Communion is received kneeling—the bread in your outstretched open hands, the wine in a small cup. Place empty cups in the tray carried by the acolyte or lay minister. If you wish only a blessing, just fold your hands together over your heart.

Prayer before Communion (Prayed privately before going to the altar)

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer After Communion (Prayed privately after returning to your seated)

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing (Please stand)

Post-Communion Thanksgiving (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray. ... Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Help us to abide in Christ and His Word that sets us free, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Blessing (Please remain standing)

Pastor: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go in peace. Sound the good news.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn - Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

(LBW #230, please remain standing)

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would wrest the kingdom from your Son
and bring to naught all he has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your holy church, that we
may sing your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Organist:	Janet Reese
Altar Guild:	Maryann Griller & Vicki McGowan
Coffee:	Vicki McGowan
Counter:	Vicki McGowan
Communion Assistants:	Maryann Griller & Nancy Adams
Ushers:	Jerry Locey
Lay Reader:	Jerry Locey

Activities This Week:

Sunday – October 28	9:30 am	Service of the Word And Sacrament
Tuesday – October 30	9:30-12: 30 pm 4:30 5:30 pm	Stage Door (PH) Music Class (LL)
Wednesday – October 31	2:45 – 6:15 pm 4:30 5:30PM 6:00 pm	Patricia Miner (N) Music Class (LL) Stage Door (PH)
Friday – November 2	9:30 – 11:00	German Story Time (N)
Saturday – November 3	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – November 4	9:30 am	Service of the Word

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.

Monday - Kirk Quitevis
Saturday - Don Erbel

Time Change – Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour next week as we move from Daylight Savings time to Standard time.

Sunday Servers –We need November and December servers. Please sign up to help! The sheet is in the church entrance.

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

October 28- – November 3

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 29

Psalms 119:17-24

Exodus 4:1-17

1 Peter 2:1-10

Tuesday – October 30

Psalms 119:17-24

2 Kings 6:8-23

Acts 9:32-35

Wednesday – October 31

Psalm 119:17-24
 Jeremiah 33:1-11
 Matthew 20:29-34

Thursday – November 1

Psalm 119:17-24
 Exodus 22:1-15
 Hebrews 9:1-12

Friday – November 2

Psalm 119:17-24
 Leviticus 19:32-37
 Romans 3:21-31

Saturday – November 3

Psalm 119:17-24
 Numbers 9:9-14
 Luke 10:25-37

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**All Saints Sunday****Revelation 7:2-17****Psalm 24****1 John 3:1-3****Matthew 5:1-12****Commemorations**

October 28 - Simon and Jude, Apostles: We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

October 31 - Reformation Day: By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

November 1 - All Saints Day: The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. On this day or the following Sunday, many congregations will remember the faithful who have died during the past year.

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