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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!

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 6, 2019

As We Gather

The gift of faith by which we live one day at a time is something to be practiced, not taken for granted. We are each a mysterious combination of our families, teachers, friends, and experiences. Paul invites us to fan into flame the gifts of God we receive through the people in our lives. Not all gifts feel like blessings. Some are the traumas and losses we inevitably undergo. Even so, we have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Jesus invites us to let forgiveness, faith, and service become our daily habit. By following in Jesus' way, we are empowered to freely share that love with every person we meet. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. - Copyright © 2019 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS009220.

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Opening Sentences (Psalm 62:1–2, 5, 7. Please stand)

Pastor: For God alone my soul waits in silence;
People: from Him comes my salvation.

Pastor: He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;
People: I shall not be greatly shaken.

Pastor: On God rests my salvation and my glory;
People: **my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

Pastor: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
People: **for my hope is from Him.**

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

Entrance Song - Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

(LBW #269. Please remain standing)

- 1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun
thy daily stage of duty run;
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
to pay thy morning sacrifice.
- 2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept
and hast refreshed me while I slept.
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,
I may of endless light partake.
- 3 Lord, I my vows to thee renew.
Disperse my sins as morning dew;
guard my first springs of thought and will;
and with thyself my spirit fill.
- 4 Direct, control, suggest, this day,
all I design or do or say,
that all my pow'rs, with all their might,
in thy sole glory may unite.
- 5 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Psalm – Lamentations 3:16-26 (Please remain standing)

Pastor: The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!

People: My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.

Pastor: But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

People: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;

Pastor: they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

People: “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

Pastor: The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.

People: It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

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

Response - My Faith Looks Up to Thee (LBW #479. Please be seated)

- 1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine!
- 2 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!

- 3 While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.
- 4 When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love
fear and distrust remove;
oh, bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

First Reading - Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 (Please remain seated)

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the wicked will perish, but the righteous will live by faith.

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted. . . . ^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Second Reading - 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (Please remain seated)

This message written from Paul to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Gospel - Luke 17:5-10 (Please remain seated)

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸Would you not rather say to him,

‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?
¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

Theme Song - We Walk by Faith (Tune: LBW #234. Please remain seated)

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."
- 2 We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod;
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found:
- 4 For you, O resurrected Lord,
are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word,
beneath the bread and wine.
- 5 And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Message

The Humility Of Faith Luke 17:5-10

Response - Remember and Rejoice (Tune: LBW #368. Please remain seated)

- 1 Remember and rejoice,
renewed by floods of grace.
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ,
that time cannot erase.
- 2 In life, in death, we trust
in God's most holy name,
forever traced by water sign,
and sealed by Spirit flame.
- 3 We pledge ourselves anew
to flee the lures of hell,
to cling to Christ's community,
in justice, peace to dwell.
- 4 God, bless us by your grace;
remind us of your care.
Renewing Spirit, fill us now,
inspire our work, our prayer.
- 5 Remember and rejoice,
renewed by floods of grace.
We bear the sign of Jesus Christ,
that time cannot erase.

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

Confession Of Faith - Apostles Creed (Please stand and confess together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayer Of The Church (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs. — Silent prayer - For all people who suffer feeling unseen and unheard, that they come to trust that they are loved and held by grace, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all people who suffer under the weight of their desires, that they take courage to let go of fear, fanning into flame the gift of faith and growing in power and love and self-control, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all people who have heard the good news of forgiveness by grace, through faith, for Jesus' sake, but struggle to forgive themselves or other people who have hurt them, that they free themselves by letting go of resentments of every kind, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all people who are sick or suffer with any affliction of body, mind, or spirit, that they experience healing when cures remain elusive, peace when overwhelmed by trials, and joy in the midst of sorrows, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Additional prayers

Pastor: let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For all people to whom death draws near, that they face the end of their time on this earth in the faith that all things are being made new, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (We pray 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.

The Prayer For Peace (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray. . .O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works,

People: give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit Bless each of you.

People: **Amen**

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song - O Christ, Our Hope (LBW #300. Please remain standing)

- 1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,
creation's mighty Lord,
redeemer of the fallen world,
by holy love outpoured,
by holy love outpoured:
- 2 How vast your mercy to accept
the burden of our sin,
and bow your head in cruel death
to make us clean within,
to make us clean within.
- 3 But now the bonds of death are burst,
the ransom has been paid;
you reign above at God's right hand,
in robes of light arrayed,
in robes of light arrayed.

- 4 Oh, let your mighty love prevail
to purge us of our pride,
that we may stand before your throne
by mercy purified,
by mercy purified.
- 5 All praise to you, ascended Lord;
all glory ever be
to Father, Son, and Spirit blest
through all eternity,
through all eternity!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806-1876, adapt.

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Pianist:	Janet Reese
Coffee:	Jackie Stoneking and Dorlane Krausse
Lay Reader:	Beverly Erbel

Activities This Week:

Sunday – October 6	9:30 am	Service of the Word
Tuesday – October 8	9:30am -12: 30 pm 6:30-8:30	Stage Door (PH) Women’s Bible Class (PH)
Wednesday – October 9	2:45-6:15 pm 6:00 pm	Patricia Miner (S) Stage Door (PH)

Saturday – October 12

8:30-9:30am
9:30a-12:30pm

Pilates (PH)
Stage Door (PH)

Sunday – October 6

9:30 am

**Service of the Word
And Sacrament**

Information About Peace Lutheran Church - If you desire to know more about Peace Lutheran Church such as teachings; affiliations, membership or other questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Adams.

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Flowers – Flowers today are given to the glory of God.

Servers – Every Sunday there are several people that help serve during the worship service and coffee hour. Peace Lutheran needs your help. We need people to prepare Coffee hour and serve during that time. We need Ushers. We need lay readers who read the second lesson during worship. Please consider these needs and sign up to serve in the way you choose. Thank you.

2020 Calendars - Please consider bringing in all the extra 2020 calendars you receive so we can give them to our friends at Fireside in December.

Blessing Of The Animals – In honor of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi this past Friday, several people have asked if we could bless our pets/service animals. We will do so on Sunday, October 20 after the worship service. Please feel free to bring your cat or dog for a blessing after the service. Thank you.

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 6 – October 12, 2019

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 7

Psalm 3
Habakkuk 1:5-17
James 1:2-11

Tuesday – October 8

Psalm 3
Habakkuk 2:5-11
1 John 5:1-5, 13-21

Wednesday – October 9

Psalm 3
Habakkuk 2:12-20
Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

Thursday – October 10

Psalm 111
Leviticus 14:33-53
2 Timothy 1:13-18

Friday – October 11

Psalm 111
Numbers 4:34-5:4
2 Timothy 2:1-7

Saturday – October 12

Psalm 111
Numbers 12:1-15
Luke 5:12-16

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**18th Sunday After Pentecost**

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

Commemorations

October 6 - William Tyndale, translator, martyr, died 1536: Tyndale was ordained a priest in England, and wished to translate the Bible into English. He was opposed in this by King Henry VIII, causing him to flee to Germany. He completed the New Testament in 1525, but before he could finish the Old Testament, he was tried for heresy and burned at the stake.

October 7 - Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, died 1787: Divided Lutherans in America asked leaders in Europe to send someone who could take charge and unite their work. Muhlenberg was sent, and was effective in organizing the American Lutherans. Among other accomplishments, his liturgical principles became the basis for the Common Service of 1888.

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