



# **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!**

# **Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

## **October 8, 2017**

### **Introduction**

Paul Newman, who was married to Joanne Woodward, was once asked about adultery. His answer was “Why fool around with hamburger when you have steak at home?” Today’s accounts of the Vineyard are similar. God asks his people, “Why do you go after the bad grapes when I give you the best grapes?” In the second reading Paul states this in a different way, “I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.” God gives us the best in Jesus Christ. What else do we need? Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today.

**Prayer Before worship** - Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **Pre-Service Music**

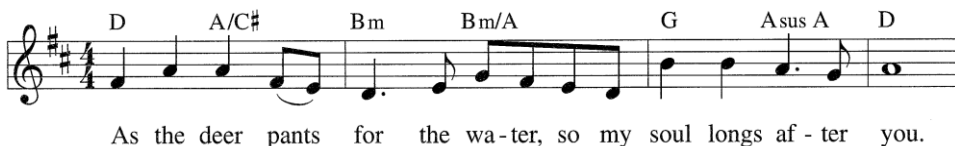
### **Ringling Of The Bell**

### **Welcome**

### **Opening Prayer** (Please stand)

### **Call To Worship**

As The Deer (WP #9, please remain standing)





You a - lone are my heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.



You a - lone are my strength, my shield, to you a - lone may my spir - it yield;



you a - lone are my heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

2. You're my friend and You are my brother  
Even though you are a King  
I love you more than any other,  
So much more than anything.  
You alone are my strength, my shield,  
To you alone may my spirit yield;  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship you.

3. I want you more than gold or silver,  
Only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver  
And the apple of my eye.  
You alone are my strength, my shield,  
To you alone may my spirit yield;  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship you.

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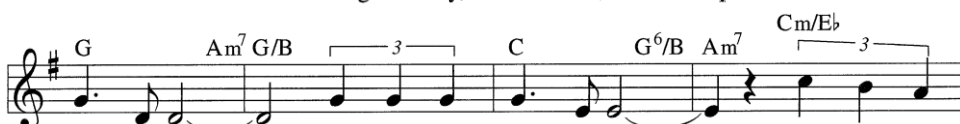
**Majesty** (Sing twice, WP #94, please remain standing)



Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty: un - to



Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise.



Maj - es - ty, king - dom au - thor - i - ty flows from his

G/D Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> C/D D<sup>7</sup> G C/G G  
 throne un - to his own; his an - them raise.

Bm<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>dim<sup>7</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> C/D D<sup>7</sup> G  
 So ex - alt, lift up on high the name of Je - sus.

G Bm<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>dim<sup>7</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> C/D D<sup>7</sup>/C B  
 Mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri - fy Christ Je - sus, the king.

Am<sup>7</sup> D G Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C G<sup>6</sup>/B  
 Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty:

Am<sup>7</sup> Cm/E<sup>b</sup> G/D Am<sup>7</sup>  
 Je - sus who died, now glo - ri - fied,

D<sup>7</sup> C/D D<sup>7</sup> To repeat  
G C/G G Last time  
Em Am<sup>7</sup> Cm/E<sup>b</sup>  
 King of all kings. kings. Je - sus who

G/D Am<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup> C/D D<sup>7</sup> G C/G G  
 died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings.

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## Glorify Thy Name (WP #42, please remain standing)

1 Fa - ther,  
2 Je - sus, we love you, we wor - ship and a - dore you,  
3 Spir - it,

glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth;  
glo - ri - fy thy name, glo - ri - fy thy name,  
glo - ri - fy thy name in all the earth.

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## Psalm Of The Day And Greeting (Psalm 80: 7-15 read by pastor. Please remain standing)

### Duet - Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone (Please be seated)

Vocals: Aimee Rotting and Josh Haley

(Text: John Newton/Chris Tomlin)

## First Reading - Isaiah 5:1-7 (Please remain seated)

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. <sup>3</sup>And now,

inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

## **Second Reading - Philippians 3:4b-14** (Please remain seated)

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## Gospel - Matthew 21:33-46 (Please remain seated)

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

[Jesus said to the people:] <sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? <sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” <sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

## Song - My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (LBW #293, please remain seated)

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| 1. My hope is built on nothing less<br>than Jesus' blood and righteousness;<br>no merit of my own I claim,<br>but wholly lean on Jesus' name. <i>Refrain</i> | 2. When darkness veils his lovely face,<br>I rest on his unchanging grace;<br>in ev'ry high and stormy gale<br>my anchor holds within the veil. <i>Refrain</i> |
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### *Refrain*

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.



3. His oath, his covenant, his blood  
sustain me in the raging flood;  
when all supports are washed away,  
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
oh, may I then in him be found,  
clothed in his righteousness alone,  
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

## **Prayer** (Please stand)

## **Sharing The Gifts Of God** (Please be seated as the offerings are received)

## **Solo – It Is Well** (Please remain seated)

Vocals – Aimee Rotting

(Text: Bethel Music, Redding, California)

## **Message**

### **Sour Grapes Isaiah 5:1-7**

## **Solo – I Lay Me Down** (Please remain seated)

Vocals – Josh Haley

(Text and Music – Michael W. Smith)

## **Confession And Forgiveness** (Please stand)

**Pastor:** Although God had done everything needed for His vineyard, “When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?”

**People:** **Although our Lord Jesus did everything needed for us to be His pleasant planting today, we confess that we have not valued Christ above all else. We have thought, spoken, and acted only for our own interests. We have neglected to press on, responding to the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**

**Pastor:** Scripture promises if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**People:** **Restore us, O God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**Pastor:** Paul wrote of his own struggle: “Not that I have already obtained [the resurrection] or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own.” You are not your own; you were bought with a price: the life, sufferings, and death of our Savior. Moreover, God has bestowed on you the righteousness “which comes through faith in Christ.” Therefore, as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

### **Confession Of Faith - Apostles Creed** (Please remain standing 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**

### **Christ’s Words** (Please remain standing)

**Pastor:** For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### **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.

**Peace** (Please remain standing)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

**Song – Bind Us Together** (WP #18, please remain standing)

*Refrain*

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There is on - ly one God. There is  
2 You are the fam - 'ly of God. You are the

on - ly one King. There is on - ly one Bod - y;  
prom - ise di - vine. You are God's cho - sen de - sire, . . .

that is why we can sing:  
you are the glo - rious new wine.

*Refrain*

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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)

### **Prayer** (Please remain standing)

### **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)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Song - Great Is Thy Faithfulness (ELW #733, please remain standing)



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Refrain*



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

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## Announcements

## Recessional

# Serving The Lord With Gladness

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Ricky Adams</b>
<b>Organist:</b>	<b>Janet Reese</b>
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	<b>Vicki McGowan</b>
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	<b>Vicki McGowan and Dorlane Krausse</b>
<b>Counters:</b>	<b>Vicki McGowan and Cynthia Smith</b>
<b>Lay Minister:</b>	<b>Beverly Erbel</b>
<b>Usher:</b>	<b>Don Erbel and Jerry Locey</b>
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	<b>Janet Reese</b>

## Activities This Week:

<b>Sunday – October 8</b>	9:30am	Service of the Word and Sacrament
<b>Tuesday – October 10</b>	9:30-12:30am <b>10:30</b> 4:15-5:45 <b>6:30</b>	Stage Door (PH) <b>Brown Bag (LL)</b> Kids Music Class(LL) <b>Women's Bible Class (LL)</b>
<b>Wednesday – October 11</b>	4:15-5:45 6pm	Kids Music Class(LL) Stage Door (PH)
<b>Saturday – September 30</b>	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm 11:00 – 1:00	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH) SF Chinese Academy(LL)
<b>Sunday – October 1</b>	9:30am	Service of the Word

## **Announcements For October 8, 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** – Flowers this week are given to the glory of God.

**Birthdays** – Those celebrating birthdays this week are:

**Tuesday - Dawn Wronski**

**Friday - Sebastian Stein**

**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.

**Facebook** - Like us on Facebook at Peace Lutheran Church Mill Valley or [@peacelutheranmill](https://www.facebook.com/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**

## **October 8 - October 14, 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 144  
Ezekiel 19:10-14  
1 Peter 2:4-10

### **Tuesday – October 10**

Psalm 144  
Isaiah 27:1-6  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

### **Wednesday – October 11**

Psalm 144  
Song of Solomon 8:5-14  
John 11:45-57

### **Thursday – October 12**

Psalm 23  
Isaiah 22:1-8a  
1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14



**Friday – October 13**

Psalm 23

Isaiah 22:8b-14

James 4:4-10

**Saturday – October 14**

Psalm 23

Isaiah 24:17-23

Mark 2:18-22

**Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**

**Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Isaiah 25:1-9**

**Psalm 23**

**Philippians 4:1-9**

**Matthew 22:1-14**