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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!

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 9, 2017

Introduction

Today I continue the topic of Christian Spirituality. Today I continue with the Means of Grace, specifically, the Sacrament of Baptism. Many of us think of Baptism as a onetime event. Yet it is also something we return to daily. Daily, we confess our sin and daily that sin is once again washed away as we hear God's Word of forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Thank you for joining Peace Lutheran Church in worship today!

Prayer Before Worship - O God of compassion, through the witness of a captive maidservant you healed Naaman in the waters of the Jordan. Heal us through the waters of our own baptisms so that we may follow Christ with joy, giving thanks with all our being. Amen. ~ adapted from Revised Common Lectionary Prayers copyright © 2002 Consultation on Common Texts admin. Augsburg Fortress. Posted on Thematic, Intercessory and Scripture Prayers for the RCL, Vanderbilt Divinity Library.

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Call To Worship (Isaiah 1:16-18, please stand)

Pastor: As baptized children of God we gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Pastor: Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;

People: **remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.**

Pastor: Come now, let us reason it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet,

People: **they shall be like snow;**

Pastor: though they are red like crimson,

People: **they shall become like wool.**

Opening Song - Wash O God Our Sons And Daughters

(ELW #445, please remain standing)



1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

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Affirmation of Baptism (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ. Let us pray. ... Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. ... Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

People: **I renounce them.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **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.**

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in

the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

People: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

People: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Pastor: Let us pray. ... We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

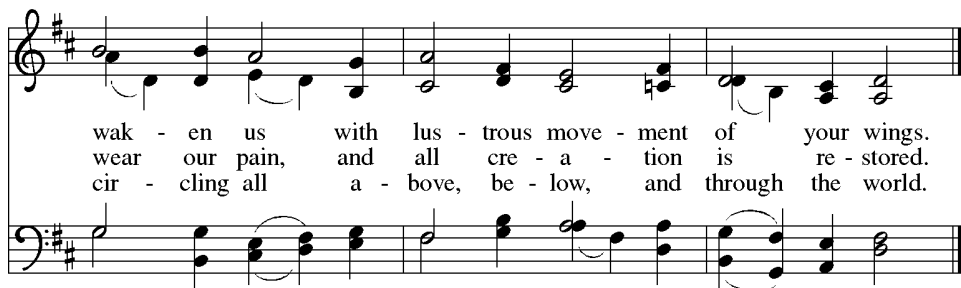
(We greet one another with the 'Peace of the Lord')

Song - O Holy Spirit, Root Of Life (ELW #399, please be seated)

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves.

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you -
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -

a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -



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First Reading - 2 Kings 5:1-6a, 8-14 (Please remain seated)

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵ And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." ⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Second Reading - Romans 6:1-11 (Please remain seated)

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 28:16-20 (Please stand)

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Song - In Christ Called to Baptize (ELW #575, please be seated)

The image shows the musical notation for the song 'In Christ Called to Baptize'. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with four different versions of the lyrics provided for different parts or styles.

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

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Message

Christian Spirituality – The Means Of Grace Baptism Romans 6:1-11

Song - Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized (ELW #304, please remain seated)

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be

came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may

ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

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Prayers Of The People Of God (Please stand)

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

Offering Prayer (Please remain seated)

Lay Minister: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Song - One Bread, One Body (ELW #496, please remain seated)

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
 bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
 through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
 3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

wom-an or man, no more.
 one in the Lord of all.
 gath-ered to one for all.

Refrain

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Dialogue And Preface (Please Stand)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People:

C: And al - so with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People:



C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People:



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus (From the Latin meaning "Holy". Please remain standing)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est

Thanksgiving At The Table (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life. ... *In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. ... Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. ...* For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

People: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

People: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

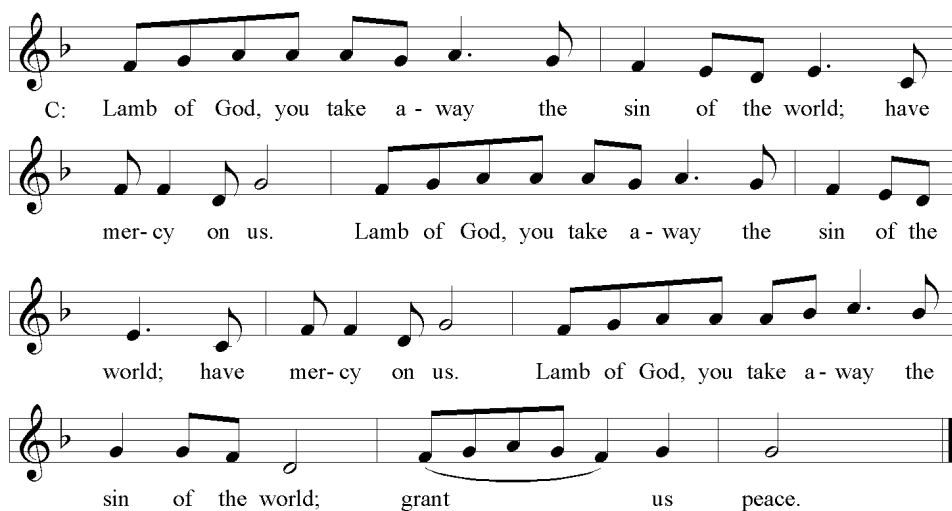
Lord's Prayer (Prayed together. Please remain standing)

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation To Communion (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord's body let us take together.

Lamb Of God (Please remain standing)



C: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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)

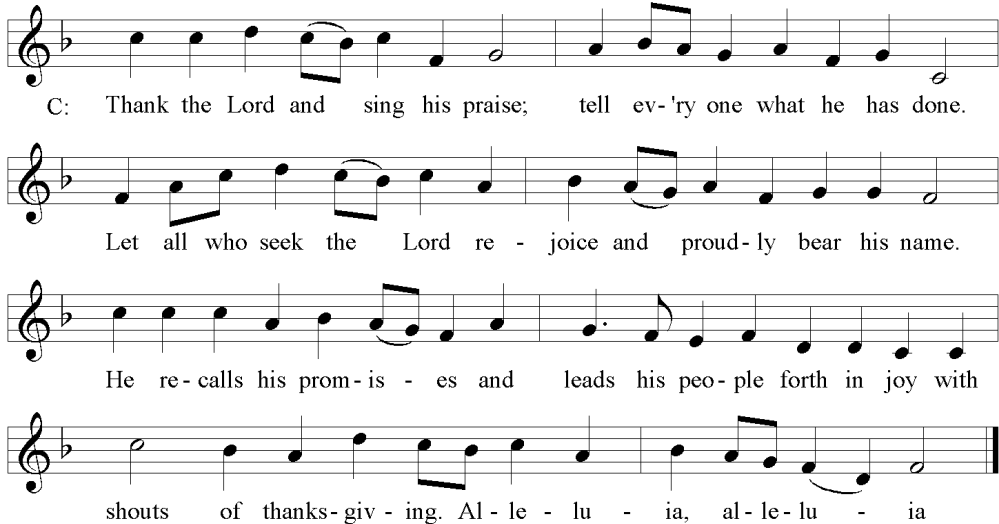
Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.

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 Canticle (Please remain standing)



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia

Prayer (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Gracious Savior, we thank You that in Your body and blood we have tasted and seen that You are good. Having filled us again with the benefits of Your cross and resurrection, empower us to go forth and share the victory that is ours through You; for You live and reign with the Father 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 Stand)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn - Go My Children With My Blessing (ELW #543, please remain standing)



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Organist:	Beth Huber
Lay Minister:	Gary Glover
Altar Guild:	Vicki McGowan and Mary Ann Griller
Coffee Hour:	Mary Ann Griller
Ushers:	Jackie and Keith Stoneking
Lay Reader:	Mary Ann Griller
Counters:	Vickie McGowan and Rick Kenney

Activities This Week:

Sunday – July 9	9:30am	Service of the Word and Sacrament
Tuesday – July 11	9:30-12:30am 10:30 6:30	Stage Door (PH) Brown Bag (LL) Ladies Bible Class (LL)
Wednesday – July 12	6pm	Stage Door (PH)
Saturday – July 15	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – June 16	9:30am	Service of the Word

Announcements For July 9, 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 by Mary Ann Griller in honor of what would have been her and Jack's 55th Wedding Anniversary

Birthdays – Those celebrating birthdays this week are:

Tuesday - Jim Mendell

Saturday - Ernie Au

Anniversaries – Those celebrating anniversaries this week are:

Wednesday - Ted & Janice Hellman

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.

Creekside Fridays – Creekside Fridays continues this Friday, July 14th, 6:00 p.m. at the Cabin across the street. The band will be 'Rewind'. Peace Lutheran Church has its own table. There are food and drinks for sale, a jumpee for the kids and face painting. Come join the fun!

National Night Out – Join in the BBQ at Fireside on August 1 as they observe National Night Out.

Facebook – Peace Lutheran has a Facebook page! Please like us on Facebook!

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

July 9 - July 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 – July 10

Psalm 131
Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22
Romans 1:18-25

Tuesday – July 11

Psalm 131
Jeremiah 28:10-17
Romans 3:1-8

Wednesday – July 12

Psalm 131
Jeremiah 13:1-11
John 13:1-17

Thursday – July 13

Psalm 65:1-13
Isaiah 48:1-5
Romans 2:12-16

Friday – July 14

Psalm 65:1-13

Isaiah 48:6-11

Romans 15:14-21

Saturday – July 15

Psalm 65:1-13

Isaiah 52:1-6

John 12:44-50

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**

Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalm 65:1-13

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Commemorations for the Week**July 11 - Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540:**

Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit, and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others.

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