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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. <u>We</u> 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.

Please join us again next week!

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost July 16, 2017

Introduction

Today we touch on the other Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. It seems churches spend too much time arguing over what is the Lord's Supper and who is worthy to receive the Lord's Supper. Today we will touch on why the Lord's Supper is important for Christian Spirituality. Thank you for joining in worship at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship – God of Healing and Transformation, we hunger and thirst for your abundant life. We bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy; we bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope; we bring you our weariness and ask for the bread of inspiration. Meet us here. We need the bread of heaven to sustain us as we journey to find our way, that we may we be one with you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen ~ from Spiritual Hunger and Thirst for God, written by the Rev. Bonnie Tarwater. Posted on the United Church of Christ website.

Pre-Service Music

Ringing Of The Bell

Welcome

Entrance Hymn - All Glory, Laud, and Honor (LBW #108, please stand)

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor to you, redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

- 1 You are the king of Israel and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, our King and Blessed One. *Refrain*
- 2 The company of angels is praising you on high; creation and all mortals in chorus make reply. Refrain

- The multitude of pilgrims
 with palms before you went.
 Our praise and prayer and anthems
 before you we present. Refrain
- To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain*
- Their praises you accepted;
 accept the prayers we bring,
 great author of all goodness,
 O good and gracious King. Refrain

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Psalm - Psalm 34:1-8 (Please remain standing)

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

People: Amen

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my

mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be

glad.

Pastor: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

People: I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from

all my fears.

Pastor: Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

People: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved

from every trouble.

Pastor: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and

delivers them.

People: O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take

refuge in him.

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

Hymn Of Praise - O Living Bread from Heaven (LBW #197, please be seated)

- O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest! The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest. Oh, wondrous food of blessing, oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this gift possessing, with praises overflows!
- 2 My Lord, you here have led me within your holiest place, and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace; for you have freely given what earth could never buy, the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.

- 3 You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy. And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy. My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown, and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened with heav'nly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, to serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter, through your merit, where joys unmingled flow.

Text: Johann Rist, 1606-1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.

First Reading - 1 Kings 19:4-8 (Please remain seated)

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Second Reading - Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (Please remain seated)

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

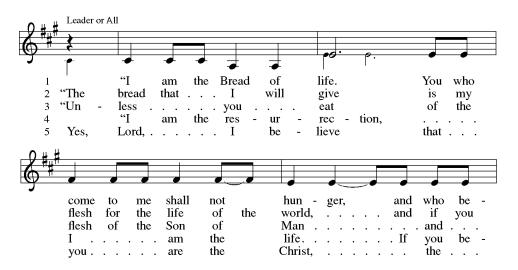
²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Gospel - John 6:35, 41-51 (Please stand)

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Hymn Of The Day - I Am The Bread Of Life (ELW #485, please be seated)





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Message

Christian Spirituality – The Means Of Grace
The Lord's Supper
1 Kings 19:4-8

Responsive Hymn - Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

(Tune: LBW #234, please remain seated)

- Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.
- We would not live by bread alone, but by thy word of grace, in strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.

- 3 Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not then depart; Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.
- 4 Lord, sup with us in love divine; thy body and thy blood, that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

Sharing The Gifts Of God (Please remain seated as 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

Prayers of Intercession (Please stand)

Pastor: Gathered by the Holy Spirit and fed by the word, we come together

as the people of God to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

- A brief silence. - O God, build up your church throughout the world.

Teach it to share the living bread from heaven that you provide so

that all are fed. Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Send rain and sun in their season so that fields of grain and fields of

flowers thrive. Provide clean water for people and animals alike. Hear

us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Draw leaders away from bitterness and into your ways of kindness

and mercy. Replace blame and malice with forgiveness and justice.

Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Sustain all whose journey feels too hard to bear. Restore the hope

of all who despair. Comfort those who are poor, oppressed, persecuted, or homeless. Heal the sick and comfort the grieving.

Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Additional prayers

Pastor: Keep us in communion with our ancestors in the faith until we are

raised up on the last day and join them at the table of the Lamb. Hear

us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we

pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our

Savior.

People: 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.

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.

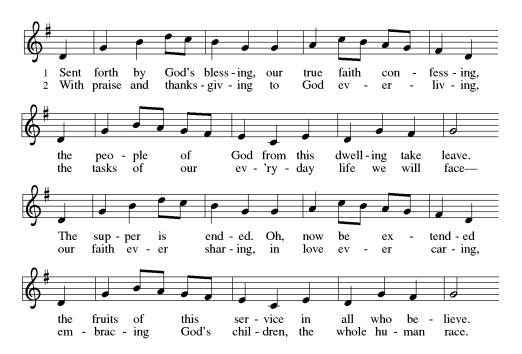
People: Amen

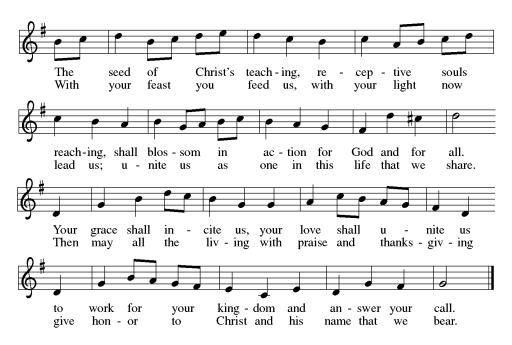
Dismissal (Please remain standing)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn - Sent Forth By God's Blessing (ELW #547, please remain standing)





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Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor: Ricky Adams
Organist: Beth Huber

Coffee Hour: John and Ana Hilda Mosher

Ushers: Vicki McGowan Lay Reader: Nancy Adams

Counters: Vicki McGowan and Cynthia Smith

Activities This Week:

Sunday – July 16 9:30am Service of the Word

Tuesday – July 18 9:30 - 12:30am Stage Door (PH)

Wednesday – July 19 6pm Stage Door (PH)

6:30 pm Council Meeting

Friday – July 21 6pm Creekside Fridays

Saturday – July 22 8:30-9:30am Pilates (PH)

9:30a-12:30pm Stage Door (PH)

Sunday – July 23 9:30am Service of the Word and Sacrament

Announcements For July 16, 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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Birthday - Birthday blessings to

Today - Cynthia Smith Monday - Gary Glover

Church Council – There is a Council Meeting this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in Luther Lounge

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

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 21, 6:00 p.m. at the Cabin across the street. Peace Lutheran Church has its own table. This week the band is 'The Refugees'. In addition to the band there is a jumpee and face painting for the children along with dancing. Come join the Fun!!!

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 16 - July 22, 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 17

Psalm 92 Leviticus 26:3-20 I Thessalonians 4:1-8

Wednesday - July 19

Psalm 92 Proverbs 11:23-30 Matthew 13:10-17 Tuesday - July 18

Psalm 92 Deuteronomy 28:1-14 Ephesians 4:17-5:2

Thursday - July 20

Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 41:21-29 Hebrews 2:1-9 Friday – July 21
Psalm 86:11-17
Isaiah 44:9-17
Hebrews 6:13-20

Saturday – July 22 Psalm 86:11-17 Isaiah 44:18-20 Matthew 7:15-20

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-17 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Commemorations for the Week

July 17 - Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, died 1566: A native of Spain, Las Casas first came to the Western hemisphere while serving in the military. Granted a large estate with indigenous slaves, he freed them after he was ordained a priest. He worked in the Caribbean and Central America to improve the lives of the native peoples.

July 22 - Mary Magdalene, Apostle: Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.

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