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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!

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

September 1, 2019

Introduction

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at the banquet table of the Lord. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church Today!

Prayer Before Worship - O Lord, You resist the proud and give grace to the humble. Give to us the true humility of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we shed all arrogant and prideful ways that would condemn us and by Your grace learn to love and serve You above all and to love and serve our neighbor as Christ has loved us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Pre-Service Music (A time for reflection)

Ring the Bell

Welcome

Call to Worship (inspired by Luke 14:1, 7-14, Hebrews 13:1-6. Please stand)

Pastor: Creator God, you call us to hospitality; to give as generously to others as you have given to us.

People: For there are angels among us.

Pastor: Loving God, you call us to give you glory in the compassion we show to one another.

People: To love without judgment, of ourselves or of others.

Pastor: We gather as one Body, seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.

People: **We gather as one Body, to worship the one who is Love.** ~ written by Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, Pastor at First Church Congregational, Rochester, NH.

Pastor: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

Entrance Song - Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (LBW #250. Please remain standing)

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty,
Zion, let me enter there,
where my soul in joyful duty
waits for God who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before thee;
come thou also unto me;
where we find thee and adore thee,
there a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou,
let it be thy temple now!
- 3 Here thy praise is gladly chanted,
here thy seed is duly sown;
let my soul, where it is planted,
bring forth precious sheaves alone,
so that all I hear may be
fruitful unto life in me.
- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken,
let me keep thy gift divine;
howsoever temptations thicken,
may thy word still o'er me shine
as my guiding star through life,
as my comfort in all strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee,
let thy will be done indeed;
may I undisturbed draw near thee
while thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Psalm – Psalm 112 (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight in his commandments.

People: **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Pastor: Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

People: **They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Pastor: It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.

People: **For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.**

Pastor: They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

People: **Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

Pastor: They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

People: **The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

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

Song Of Response - We Praise You, O God (LBW #241. Please be seated)

- 1 We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.
- 2 We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882-1963, alt.

First Reading - Proverbs 25:6-7 (Please remain seated)

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel’s leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today’s reading is about humility.

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence or stand in the place of the great; ⁷for it is better to be told, “Come up here,” than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Second Reading - Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (Please remain seated)

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God’s love toward us in Jesus Christ.

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be

content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."
⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel – Matthew 11:25-30 (Please remain seated)

Jesus thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Song - What Wondrous Love Is This (LBW #385. Please remain seated)

- 1 What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

- 2 When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
- 3 To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.
- 4 And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing God's love for me,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Message

“Sustained by Rest.”
Matthew 11:25-30
Rev. Aaron Putnam
LINC Bay Area

Song Of Response - You Are the Way (LBW #464. Please remain seated)

- 1 You are the way; through you alone
can we the Father find;
in you, O Christ, has God revealed
his heart, his will, his mind!
- 2 You are the truth; your word alone
true wisdom can impart;
you only can inform the mind
and purify the heart.
- 3 You are the life; the rending tomb
proclaims your conqu'ring arm;
and those who put their trust in you
not death nor hell shall harm.
- 4 You are the way, the truth, the life;
grant us that way to know,
that truth to keep, that life to win,
whose joys eternal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799-1859, alt.

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

Prayer of the Church (Please remain standing)

Pastor: In humility and faith we come, O Lord, before Your throne of grace, and we ask You to hear us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. – Silence for prayer - Kill the pride that would cut us off from Your grace and teach us the humility of faith that we serve You and delight in Your will here on earth and live in peace and love with all people. Lord, hear our prayer,

People: and grant our supplication.

Pastor: Guard Your Church against such pride and raise up able and humble leaders that she may have faithful pastors to speak Your Word, faithful servants to accomplish her mission, and faithful support to provide the resources to accomplish such work. Lord, hear our prayer,

People: and grant our supplication.

Pastor: Give to our president, Congress, governor, and all elected and appointed public servants a heart for Your people, a desire for justice, and a passion for service. Give special blessing to all emergency and disaster workers who serve us in our greatest moments of need and protect those who defend us at home and abroad. Lord, hear our prayer,

People: and grant our supplication.

Pastor: Guide us to look beyond ourselves and to behold the poor and those in need. Give us voices to speak on their behalf and give us generous hearts to supply their need from our abundance. Lord, hear our prayer,

People: and grant our supplication.

Pastor: Govern our lives by Your Word so that we know the truth and keep it in holy hearts. Bless especially our Sunday School, catechumens, Bible studies, parochial schools, universities, and seminaries that our learning be directed by Your Word. Lord, hear our prayer,

People: and grant our supplication.

Pastor: Give us grateful hearts so that we not presume to come to this Table of the Lord trusting in our own merits but solely in the merits and mercies of Jesus Christ, who gives Himself to us in this bread and cup. Help us to be people of love, and strengthen us in this love by this blessed Communion. Lord, hear our prayer,
People: and grant our supplication.

Additional prayers:

Pastor: Lord, hear our prayer,

People: and grant our supplication.

Pastor: Guard the hearts of the mentally ill, give to the suffering relief, grant healing to the sick and those recuperating, and guard the dying in Your peace, that all be healed according to Your will, sustained in their hour of need by Your grace, and kept to everlasting life. Lord, hear our prayer,
People: and grant our supplication.

Pastor: Give us a grateful heart for the gift of labor and for the fruits of our labors we enjoy. Give to the unemployed and the underemployed the work they seek, and guide us all to use well and wisely the resources this labor provides, that we honor You both with the songs of our lips and the tithes and offerings we bring. Lord, hear our prayer,
People: and grant our supplication.

Pastor: Guard Your people in their journey of faith, from the baptismal new birth until we rest in Your almighty arms, and bring us with the saints into the joy of Your everlasting presence on that blessed day when Jesus comes again to finish His new creation. Lord, hear our prayer,
People: and grant our supplication.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, 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 - Savior, Again to Your Dear Name (LBW #262, please remain standing)

- 1 Savior, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
once more we bless you ere our worship cease,
then, lowly bending, wait your word of peace.
- 2 Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;
with you began, with you shall end the day;
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon your name.
- 3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the coming night;
for us transform its darkness into light.
Keep us from harm and danger till the dawn;
your evening presence promise to your own.
- 4 Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life,
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826-1893, alt.

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Pianist:	Janet Reese
Coffee:	Elizabeth and Eric Risberg
Counter:	Beverley Erbel
Lay Reader:	Rick Kenney

Activities This Week:

Sunday – September 1	9:30 am	Service of the Word
Tuesday – September 3	9:30am -12: 30 pm	Stage Door (PH)
Wednesday – September 4	6:00 pm	Stage Door (PH)
Friday – September 6	9:30 – 11:00 a.m.	German Story Time (N)
Saturday – September 7	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – September 8	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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Happy Birthday – Blessings to those celebrating birthdays this week:

**Today - Janet Reese
Heidi Stein
Thursday - Betty Erickson
Friday - Aimee Haley**

Flowers – Flowers today are given to the glory of God

Thank You – Thank you to Rev. Aaron Putnam for leading worship while Pastor and Nancy are on Vacation.

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.

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

September 1 – September 7, 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 – September 2

Psalm 119:65-72
2 Chronicles 12:1-12
Hebrews 13:7-21

Tuesday – September 3

Psalm 119:65-72
Isaiah 2:12-17
Titus 1:1-9

Wednesday – September 4

Psalm 119:65-72
Isaiah 57:14-21
Luke 14:15-21

Thursday – September 5

Psalm 1
Genesis 39:1-23
Philippians 2:25-30

Friday – September 6

Psalm 1
Deuteronomy 7:12-26
Colossians 4:7-17

Saturday – September 7

Psalm 1
Deuteronomy 29:2-20
Matthew 10:34-42

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

13th Sunday After Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14:25-33