

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.**



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!

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 2, 2018

Introduction

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen. — Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters Website

Pre-Service Music

Ring the Bell

Welcome

We Enter God's Presence - Confession and Forgiveness

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism. Please stand)

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power. - Silence
for reflection and self-examination. - Source of all life,

All: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

People: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

(We share God's Peace with one another)

Entrance Hymn - 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 Of The Day – Psalm 15 (Please remain standing)

Pastor: O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

People: **Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;**

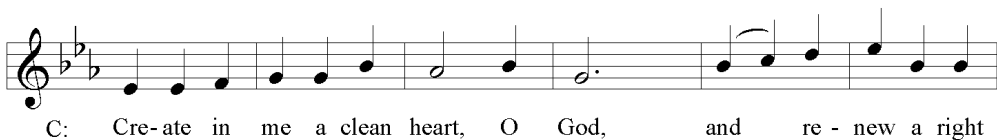
Pastor: who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

People: **in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

Pastor: who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

People: **Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

Response - Create In Me A Clean Heart (ELW #15, please be seated)



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres-ence; and
take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of
Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free Spir-it. A - men.

Gospel Acclamation (Please remain seated)

Pastor: Alleluia. God gave us birth by the word of truth
 People: **so that we would become a kind of first fruits of creation.**
Alleluia. (James 1:18)

First Reading - Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (Please remain seated)

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. ⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? ⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Second Reading - James 1:17-27 (Please remain seated)

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here, Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel - Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (Please remain seated)

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in

vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” ¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Response to the Word (Song of Solomon 2, Mark 7. Please remain seated.)

Pastor: God of abundant love, you delight us with your grace—grace expressed in the beauty of our world. God of truth and light, you challenge us to live faithful lives—to turn away from evil, to follow your ways, to serve your people. May your word of truth grow within us this day, that we may bring forth a harvest of peace.

People: Amen.

Song - Lord Jesus, Think on Me (LBW #309, please remain seated)

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| 1. Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from selfish passions set me free
and make me pure within. | 2. Lord Jesus, think on me,
by anxious thoughts oppressed;
let me your loving servant be
and taste your promised rest. |
| 3. Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point out your chosen way. | 4. Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see
and share your joy at last. |

Text: Synesius of Cyrene, 375-430; tr. Allen W. Chatfield, 1808-1896, alt.

Message

Our Baptismal Telescope
James 1:17-27

Hymn Of Response - Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

(ELW #834, please remain seated)



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt. Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876. Used as Public domain

Invitation to the Offering (James 1. Please remain seated.)

Pastor: Every generous act of giving, as with every perfect gift, is from above. May God's word of truth, implanted within us at birth, bloom in acts of loving faithfulness. May that word shape our lives so that we become doers of the word, using God's gifts for all.

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

Offering Prayer (James 1. Please stand))

Pastor: God of light and beauty, every gift is from you. Even our ability to give is a blessing of your love. We offer you what we have and what we are. Use our gifts to give birth to a world of righteousness where none are in need and where all draw close to your grace.

People: **Amen.**

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: Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation. - A brief silence.
- Gracious God, we pray for all those who labor to bear your word into the world by welcoming the stranger, healing the sick, and caring for the orphan. Embolden your church to take up the cross against the powers of oppression and death. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Creative God, we pray for the earth. Keep watch over those who rescue endangered species and repair scorched landscapes. Make us good stewards of creation. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Sovereign God, we pray for the nations of the world, for governments, leaders, and citizens. Watch over refugees and immigrants. Inspire us to welcome them with glad hearts when they arrive on our shores and in our neighborhoods. Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Loving God, you call us to serve our neighbors. Bless our vocations as we fill the cups of the thirsty, the plates of the hungry, and the hearts of the lonely. Make our presence your presence for all who sorrow. Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Welcoming God, at tables around the world, through story and meal, strangers become guests and guests become friends. Embolden this congregation to always extend the wide-armed welcome you extend to us. Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Additional prayers

Pastor: With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses whose lives inspire us to loving service. Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.
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.

Collect For Peace (Please remain standing)

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: 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; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

People: **Amen**

Blessing (Please remain standing)

Pastor: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go in peace. Sound the good news.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn - Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

(Tune: LBW #50, please remain standing)

1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness.

2. Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.
3. Savior, when your love shall call us
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt.

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Organist:	Janet Reese
Coffee Hour:	Beverly and Don Erbel
Counters:	Beverly and Don Erbel
Lay Reader:	Beverly Erbel
Ushers:	The Stein Family

Activities This Week:

Sunday – September 2	9:30am	Service of the Word
Tuesday – September 4	9:30-12:30pm	Stage Door (PH)
Wednesday – September 5	2:45 pm 6:00 pm	Patricia Miner (S) Stage Door (PH)
Friday - September 7	9:30 am	German Story Time (N)
Saturday – September 8	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
Sunday – September 9	9:30am	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

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.

Birthdays – Blessings to those celebrating birthdays this week.

Wednesday - Betty Erickson

Thursdays - Aimee Rotting

Communion Assistants – We need two Communion Assistants for Sunday, September 23. Please contact Pastor Adams or Vicki McGowan.

Sunday Servers – We need people to help as servers during **September**. Please sign up to help! The sheet is in the church entrance.

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>

Weekly Devotional Helps

September 2 - September 8, 2018

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 3

Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48
Deuteronomy 4:9-14
1 Timothy 4:6-16

Tuesday – September 4

Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48
Deuteronomy 4:15-20
1 Peter 2:19-25

Wednesday – September 5

Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48
Deuteronomy 4:21-40
Mark 7:9-23

Thursday – September 6

Psalm 146
Isaiah 30:27-33
Romans 2:1-11

Friday – September 7

Psalm 146
Isaiah 32:1-8
Romans 2:12-16

Saturday – September 8

Psalm 146
Isaiah 33:1-9
Matthew 15:21-31

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Pentecost 16

Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm 146
James 2:1-17
Mark 7:24-37