



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!

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 22, 2019

As We Gather

God invites us to speak with Him in the holy conversation of prayer. Consider for a moment how frequently you speak with God, how frequently you pray for others, how frequently you give thanks for all God has given you. We all could certainly pray more frequently and fervently, but God's invitation for holy conversation still stands, and He invites you to speak with Him in every circumstance. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - God of our salvation, you see your world laid waste with false worship, injustice, and indifference, and we tremble at your anger. Only in your tears, born out of vast love, do we find hope. Open to us the way of your tears—the way that leads us back to your love. Teach us to serve you and you alone, that you may deliver, forgive, and renew our world at last. Amen. - By Rebecca Gaudino, Ministry Matters Website.

Pre-Service Music

Ringling Of The Bell

Welcome

Opening Sentences (Please stand)

Pastor: God invites us to speak to Him.

People: **He wants to hear from us.**

Pastor: He longs to hear our supplications and prayers,

People: **our intercessions and thanksgivings for all people.**

Pastor: God desires that all people are saved

People: **and come to a knowledge of the truth.**

Pastor: Whether rich or poor, rulers or the destitute,
People: God desires to save all people.

Pastor: Blessed be the name of the Lord
People: from this time forth and forevermore!

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

Opening Song - Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright

(Tune: LBW #464, please remain standing)

- 1 Lord, teach us how to pray aright,
with rev'rence and with fear.
Though dust and ashes in your sight,
we may, we must draw near.
- 2 We perish if we cease from prayer;
oh, grant us pow'r to pray.
And when to meet you we prepare,
Lord, meet us on our way.
- 3 Give deep humility; the sense
of godly sorrow give;
a strong desire, with confidence,
to hear your voice and live;
- 4 Faith in the only sacrifice
that can for sin atone;
to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes
on Christ, on Christ alone.
- 5 Give these, and then your will be done;
thus strengthened with all might,
we, through your Spirit and your Son,
shall pray, and pray aright.

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Confession And Forgiveness (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Though God invites us to speak with Him in prayer, we have ignored His invitation. We may be tempted to choose complaining and worrying over conversing with God. We may be tempted to listen to ourselves and the world instead of to God's Word. We turn to God's infinite mercy and ask for His forgiveness. - Silence for reflection. - Heavenly Father,

People: **we confess that we have ignored You and the gift of prayer and conversation with You. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins. Restore us as Your beloved people.**

Pastor: God hears our confession and invites us back into holy conversation with Him. Almighty God in His mercy showed His love for us in this, that He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore declare the forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. We rejoice in the mercy of God's forgiveness. We will listen and speak to Him.**

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

Response - Change My Heart, O God

(ELW #801. We sing the second time through. Please be seated.)

Change my heart, O God;
make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God;
may I be like you.
You are the potter;
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me;
this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God;
make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God;
may I be like you.

First Reading - Amos 8:4-7 (Please remain seated)

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Second Reading - 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (Please remain seated)

The Pastoral Epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church’s focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Gospel - Luke 16:1-13 (Please remain seated)

Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest man who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking

the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Theme Song - What a Friend We Have in Jesus (LBW #439. Please remain seated)

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.

- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

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Message

Prayer - Breathing The Spirit 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Response - With the Lord Begin Your Task (LBW #444. Please remain seated)

1. With the Lord begin your task;
Jesus will direct it.
For his aid and counsel ask;
Jesus will perfect it.
Every morn with Jesus rise,
And when day is ended,
In his name then close your eyes;
Be to him commended.
2. Let each day begin with prayer,
Praise, and adoration.
On the Lord cast every care;
He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night
Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might,
With his presence cheer you.

3. With the Savior at your side,
Foes need not alarm you;
In his promised confide,
And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose
In the mighty master,
Who in wisdom truly knows
How to stem disaster.
4. If your task by thus begun
With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then your course will run,
Toward the promise pressing.
Good will follow everywhere
While you here must wander.
You at last the joy will share
In the mansions yonder.

Music: Moren-und Abend-segen, , 1734; tr. W. Gustav Polack, 1890-1950. Tune: FANG DEIN WERK Peter Frank, 1616-1675. Public domain.

Prayer Of The Church (Please stand)

Pastor: Dear heavenly Father, You desire that all people are saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. Send out messengers and missionaries to every corner of the earth that people from every tribe, nation, and language would hear the saving mercy of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, send Your mercy to all who are struggling financially, the homeless, the poor, the unemployed, the underemployed, and those dealing with unexpected situations. Lead them through this challenging road and provide people and systems to help them. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, walk with all those who are grieving in the shadow of death. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, You invite us into holy conversation with You through prayer, but we often neglect this invitation. Help us to speak to You more frequently and more fervently. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, You sent Your Son to be the mediator between God and humanity. Grant us peace and reconciliation in our homes, our congregation, our community, our country, and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Additional Prayers

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, we commend all of these things to Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer. Amen.

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

Communion Song - Heal This Old Heart (Tune: LBW# 474. Please remain seated)

- 1 Heal this old heart; it is breaking.
Make it new, Lord, spirit waking.
Cast me not, Lord, from your presence;
Holy Spirit, fill my essence.

- 2 Lord, have mercy, love unfailing;
with compassion touch the ailing.
Wash away, Lord, things destructive
and all evil, that I may live.
- 3 Sacrificing? I would bring it.
But I offer broken spirit.
I am yours, Lord, for the taking.
Heal this old heart; it is breaking.

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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

Holy Communion

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." . . . In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." . . . As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

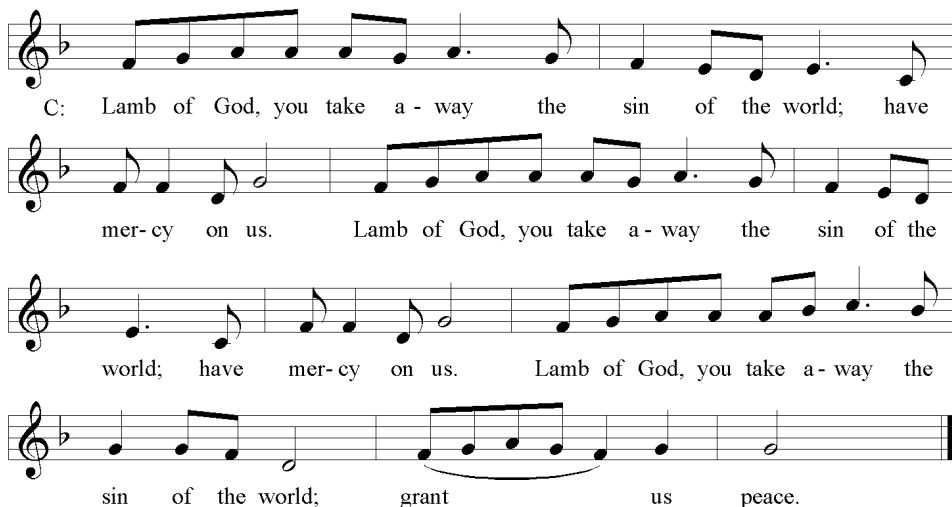
People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: **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.**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**



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 Thanksgiving (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray. . . . We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have sent Jesus to be our ransom and forgiveness. We implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us in this Sacrament so that we show mercy to others; 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: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

Dismissal (Please remain standing)

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song - O Word of God Incarnate (LBW #231. Please remain standing)

- 1 O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.
- 2 The church from you, dear Master,
received the gift divine;
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that, all life's voyage through,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands
still guides, O Christ, to you.
- 3 Oh, make your church, dear Savior,
a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations
your true light, as of old;
oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor:	Ricky Adams
Pianist:	Janet Reese
Altar Guild:	Vicki McGowan
Coffee:	Mary Ann Griller
Counter:	Jerry Loci and Vicki McGowan
Usher:	Jackie Stoneking
Lay Reader:	Cynthia Smith

Activities This Week:

Sunday – September 22	9:30 am	Service of the Word And Sacrament
Tuesday – September 24	9:30am -12: 30 pm	Stage Door (PH)
Wednesday – September 25	2:45-6:15 pm 6:00 pm	Patricia Miner (S) Stage Door (PH)
Saturday – September 28	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm 4:00 – 6:00 pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH) Wedding (S)
Sunday – September 29	9:30 am	Service of the Word

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:

**Tuesday - Jeanine Hillebrandt
Tomas Brenes**

Happy Anniversary – Blessings to those an anniversary this week:

**Tuesday - Sebastian & Dahlia Stein
Wednesday - Keith & Jackie Stoneking**

Flowers – Flowers today are given to the glory of God

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

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Weekly Devotional Helps

September 22 – September 28, 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 23

Psalm 12
Proverbs 14:21-31
Acts 4:1-12

Tuesday – September 24

Psalm 12
Proverbs 17:1-5
1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Wednesday – September 25

Psalm 12
Proverbs 21:10-16
Luke 20:45-21:4

Thursday – September 26

Psalm 146
Proverbs 22:2-16
2 Corinthians 8:8-15

Friday – September 27

Psalm 146

Proverbs 28:3-10

Ephesians 2:1-10

Saturday – September 28

Psalm 146

Proverbs 28:11-28

Luke 9:43b-48

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

16th Sunday After Pentecost

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31