

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. James 4:10

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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.

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!

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 23, 2018

Introduction

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

Prayer Before Worship - Lord, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by serving your people. Heal our spirits. Enable us to follow your ways all the days of our lives. Amen. — Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters Website

Pre-Service Music

Ringing Of The Bell

Welcome

Opening Sentences (James 4:7–8, 10, please stand)

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Submit yourselves therefore to God.

People: Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Pastor: Draw near to God,

People: and He will draw near to you.

Pastor: Cleanse your hands and purify your hearts.

People: Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you.

Confession And Absolution (Psalm 25:6–7, please remain standing)

Pastor: God is our helper. The Lord is the upholder of our lives. Let us then,

assured of God's love, confess our sin before God and one another.
- A time of silence is observed. - We confess to You that we are by nature

sinful.

People: We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We cannot free

ourselves.

Pastor: We thought we were wise, when we were actually foolish.

People: We have acted out of jealousy or selfish ambition.

Pastor: We have relished and reveled in conflict both within and outside the

Christian community.

People: We have failed to seek Your help in resolving differences great

and small.

Pastor: We have laughed when we should have mourned.

People: We have had joy when we should have sorrowed. Lead us to

true repentance, Lord. Forgive our sins, both what we have done and left undone. Have mercy on us. Seek us, for You alone

can find us and restore us.

Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they

have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord! As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in

the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Jesus came to bring peace among us. Let us sow the seeds for

peace in our world by sharing the peace of Christ with one another,

stranger and friend alike.

Entrance Hymn - Commit Your Way to the Lord

(Tune: LBW #269, please remain standing)

- Commit your way to God the Lord— Your cause will shine as bright as fire; Delight to do God's Holy Word And you shall find what you desire.
- Be still before the Lord and wait, And do not fret when wrong succeeds; Refrain from anger, turn from hate, For God will punish evil deeds.
- Salvation comes from God alone:
 The faithful know their help is sure;
 To heaven all our needs are known,
 And in God's strength we are secure.
- 4. Commit your way to God the Lord, To peace and truth and grace aspire; Then mercy shall be your reward, God's promises your heart's desire.

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First Reading - Jeremiah 11:18-20 (Please be seated)

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" ²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Gradual (Psalm 34:9, 19, alt., please remain seated)

Pastor: Fear the LORD, you His saints,

People: for those who fear Him lack nothing!

Pastor: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

People: but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Second Reading - James 3:13- 4:10 (Please remain seated)

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. 15 Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. . . . 4:1 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ² You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁴ Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, "God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶ But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Verse (Mark 9:35b, please stand)

Pastor: Alleluia. Whoever wants to be first

People: must be last of all and servant of all. Alleluia.

Gospel - Mark 9:30-37 (Please remain standing)

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Hymn - Children of the Heavenly Father (LBW #474, please be seated)

- 1. Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
- God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

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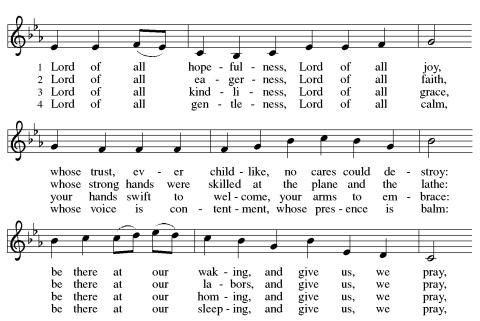
- Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4. Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

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Message

Humble Yourselves Before The Lord, And He Will Exalt You. James 3:13 – 4:10

Hymn - Lord of All Hopefulness (ELW #765, please remain seated)





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Prayer Of The Church (Please stand)

Pastor: The Lord God calls us to turn to Him and live. So now let us turn to

God in prayer, looking not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others.- Silent prayer - For the Church throughout the world, that, rather than argue about who is the greatest, we serve the lost and the least of this world and share the hope that is ours in Jesus Christ. For missionaries at home and abroad, that their proclamation and demonstration of the Gospel bring hope and healing to people

in despair. O God,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the world, that the leaders of our nation and of nations throughout

the world promote peace and well-being for all whom they serve. For those who serve in dangerous occupations that help to keep the peace—soldiers, police officers, judges—that they be kept safe from harm and fulfill their tasks confident that they are part of establishing and keeping the good order of society that God desires for us. O

God,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For the needs of our local community, that the hungry are fed, that

the homeless find shelter, that the unemployed find work, that the wealthy share generously, that the peacemakers not lose heart. O

God,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For those who are experiencing distress. For those who are sick,

that, according to God's holy will, they experience healing and renewal. For those who are dying, that they take comfort in knowing that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. For those who are grieving, that they experience peace

in the hope of the resurrection. O God,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: For our own congregation, that we live by the wisdom from above—

pure, peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good

fruits, impartial and sincere. O God,

People: hear our prayer.

Additional prayers

Pastor: O God.

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: In thanksgiving for those who have gone before us in faith and have

died, that their examples of faith and good fruits inspire us to the same, until that day when we are all gathered around the throne of

the Lamb, singing His praise. O God,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Fill us, Lord God, with Your wisdom that is from above. Keep us from

jealousy and arguments. Fill us with mercy and good fruits. These petitions, and all else You know that we need, we submit to You in

the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

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

Offering Prayer (Please remain seated)

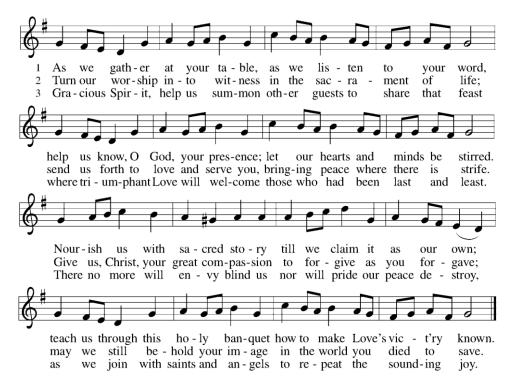
Pastor: You are the generous one, full of mercy and goodness for your

creation. Send your wisdom with these gifts, that they may reach those who need your love and welcome. Bring about a harvest of

goodness through these gifts sown in peace.

People: Amen.

Communion Hymn - As We Gather At Your Table (ELW #522, please remain seated)



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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

The Words Of Our Lord (Please remain standing)

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 \maltese 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 \maltese 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:

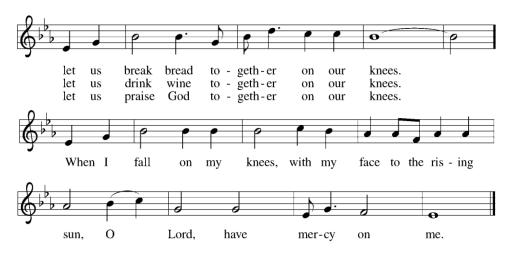
Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

Pastor:

Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

Hymn – Let Us Break Bread Together (ELW #471, please remain standing)





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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 Prayer (Please remain standing)

Benediction (James 3:17, please remain standing)

Pastor: The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open

to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. . . . 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.

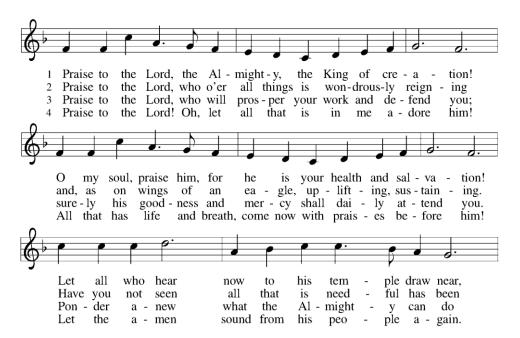
People: Amen.

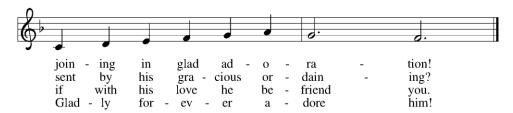
Dismissal (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Go in peace. Sound the good news.

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn - Praise to the Lord, The Almighty (ELW #858, please remain standing)





Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680 tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.; Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, Ernewerten Gesangbuch. Part II. Stralsund. 1665

Announcements

Recessional

Serving The Lord With Gladness

Pastor: Ricky Adams
Organist: Janet Reese

Altar Guild: Vicki Mcgowan & Mary Ann Griller

Counters: Don & Beverly Erbel

Communion Assists: Keith & Jackie Stoneking

Ushers: Don & Beverly Erbel

Lay Reader: Don Erbel

Activities This Week:

| Sunday – September 23 | 9:30am | Service of the Word And Sacrament |
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| Tuesday – September 25 | 9:30-12:30pm 4:30 5:30PM | Stage Door (PH) Music Class (LL) |
| Wednesday – September 26 | 2:45 – 6:15pm 4:30 5:30PM 6:00 pm | Patricia Miner (N) Music Class (LL) Stage Door (PH) |
| Saturday – September 28 | 8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm | Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH) |
| Sunday – September 30 | 9:30am | 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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Flowers – Flowers today are given to the glory of God

Birthdays – Christ's Peace to those celebrating birthdays this week:

Monday - Jeanine Hillebrandt Saturday - David Wronski

Anniversaries – Christ's Peace to those celebrating anniversaries this week:

Monday - Sebastian & Dahlia Stein Tuesday - Keith & Jackie Stoneking Saturday - Bryan & Joanne Wells **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.

Oktoberfest – Peace Lutheran will hold our annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, October 7, from 4:30=6:30 pm . Come join us for traditional cuisine, beverages, music and activities. RSVP to Dahlia Stein at DS@DECACONNECT.COM

Sunday Servers – We need people to help as servers during **October**. 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 23 - September 29, 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 24

Psalm 139:1-18 2 Kings 5:1-14 James 4:8-17

Wednesday - September 26

Psalm 139:1-18 Jeremiah 4:1-10 John 8:21-38

Tuesday - September 25

Psalm 139:1-18 2 Kings 11:21-12:16 James 5:1-6

Thursday - September 27

Psalm 19:7-14 Exodus 18:13-27 Acts 4:13-31 Friday – September 28

Psalm 19:7-14 Deuteronomy 1:1-18 Acts 12:20-25 Saturday - September 29

Psalm 19:7-14 Deuteronomy 27:1-10 Matthew 5:13-20

Scripture Readings For Next Sunday

Pentecost 19

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Psalm 19:7-14 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50

Commemorations

September 29 - Michael and All Angels: Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger and in Christianity these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.

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