



# **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!**

# **Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

## **September 29, 2019**

### **Introduction**

We can trust God in all circumstances and with all aspects of our lives. In the midst of enemy occupation and on the brink of exile, the prophet Jeremiah trusts that God has a promising future for the Hebrew people and their homeland. A seemingly irrational act in enemy-occupied territory, Jeremiah buys the deed to a piece of property as a statement of radical trust in God. Psalm 91 is a litany of trust in the face of dangers—a trust answered by God's own words of reassurance. Timothy reminds us that even in settled times, wealth and status, rather than war and physical danger, often lure us away from placing our faith in God. Luke emphasizes this point through the caricature of a rich man who does not trust God. The unnamed rich man is so wrapped up in his status and wealth that even in the torment of death, he still is trying to take charge of his life and of God. Trusting in God, we find the peace that passes all understanding and the strength to heed Christ's call.

Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

**Prayer Before Worship** - God our Redeemer, you promise deliverance to those who love you. Draw unto us as we draw unto you in worship. Open our eyes to see, our ears to hear, our minds to comprehend, and our spirits to encounter the revelation you have for us this day. Transform us with the truth of your love and grace, in the name of the one who loved us and gave his life for us. Amen. - By

Matthew J. Packer, Ministry Matters Website

### **Pre-Service Music**

### **Ring the Bell**

### **Welcome**

### **Opening Sentences** (Please stand)

Pastor: The Lord sets the prisoners free!  
People: He opens the eyes of the blind!

Pastor: Do not put your trust in princes, in a son of man in whom there is no salvation.

**People: Blessed is the one whose hope is in the Lord.**

Pastor: Do not put your trust in earthly wealth.

**People: Blessed is the one whose help is the God of Jacob.**

Pastor: The Lord watches over the sojourners.

**People: The Lord upholds the widows and the fatherless.**

Pastor: The Lord will reign forever.

**People: Praise the Lord!**

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

**People: Amen.**

## **Entrance Song - The Day of Resurrection!** (Tune: LBW #251. Please remain standing)

- 1 The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad,  
the passover of gladness,  
the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
from sin's dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over  
with hymns of victory.
- 2 Let hearts be purged of evil  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection light,  
and list'ning to his accents,  
may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own "All hail!" and hearing,  
may raise the glad refrain.

- 3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,  
let earth its song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph  
and all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen,  
their notes of gladness blend;  
for Christ the Lord has risen,  
our joy that has no end!
- 4 All praise to God the Father,  
all praise to Christ the Son,  
all praise to God the Spirit,  
eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number  
fall down before the throne,  
and honor, pow'r, and glory  
ascribe to God alone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

## **Psalm - Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16** (Please remain standing)

Pastor: You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the  
shadow of the Almighty,

**People: will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress; my God, in  
whom I trust.”**

Pastor: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the  
deadly pestilence;

**People: he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you  
will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

Pastor: You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by  
day,

**People: or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction  
that wastes at noonday.**

Pastor: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

People: **When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.**

Pastor: With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation. . . .  
We call out to God and God answers us. Invited into the shelter of the Most High, we rejoice and greet one another with the peace of Jesus Christ.

### **Song Of Response - Thank the Lord, Your Voices Raise**

(Tune: LBW #407. Please be seated)

Thank the Lord, your voices raise:  
sing to God with highest praise!  
Tell the wonders God has done:  
freedom, life, the vict'ry won.  
All who seek the Lord, rejoice;  
proudly bear the name of Christ.  
Go in joy where God will send.  
Alleluia! Sing amen!

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951. © 1998 Augsburg Fortress. CCLI #209714

### **First Reading - Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15** (Please remain seated)

In the year before Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians, when the siege had already begun, Jeremiah, imprisoned in the king's palace, purchased a piece of land. The purchase of the land is a sign of hope that God will restore the people to life in the land after the exile.

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>2</sup>At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, <sup>3a</sup>where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. . . . <sup>6</sup>Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>7</sup>Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." <sup>8</sup>Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that

is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD. <sup>9</sup>And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. <sup>10</sup>I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. <sup>11</sup>Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; <sup>12</sup>and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. <sup>13</sup>In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, <sup>14</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. <sup>15</sup>For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

## **Second Reading - 1 Timothy 6:6-19** (Please remain seated)

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. <sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. <sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be

haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

### **Gospel - Luke 16:19-31** (Please remain seated)

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—<sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

### **Theme Song - My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less** (LBW #293. Please remain seated)

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.



### *Refrain*

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

- 2 When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*
- 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood  
sustain me in the raging flood;  
when all supports are washed away,  
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*
- 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
oh, may I then in him be found,  
clothed in his righteousness alone,  
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

## **Message**

A Story Of Hope  
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

## **Song Of Response – I Am Trusting You Lord Jesus**

(LBW #460. Please remain seated)

- 1 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus,  
trusting only you;  
trusting you for full salvation,  
free and true.
- 2 I am trusting you for pardon;  
at your feet I bow,  
for your grace and tender mercy  
trusting now.

- 3 I am trusting you for cleansing  
in the crimson flood;  
trusting you to make me holy  
by your blood.
- 4 I am trusting you to guide me;  
you alone shall lead,  
ev'ry day and hour supplying  
all my need.
- 5 I am trusting you for power;  
you can never fail.  
Words which you yourself shall give me  
must prevail.
- 6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;  
never let me fall.  
I am trusting you forever  
and for all.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

## **Sharing The Gifts Of God** (Please remain seated while 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: Dear heavenly Father, strengthen us to fight the good fight of faith. Give us boldness and confidence to speak Your Word of mercy and justice in this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, raise up faithful pastors, missionaries, teachers, and other church leaders. Stir up the hearts of Your faithful people to serve You with gladness and humility. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

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

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, give strength and patience to those who are struggling financially. Raise up people and institutions that will assist them in their struggles. Help us all to look with mercy upon those who need help. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, we pray for the government of our nation, our state, and our city. Raise up faithful leaders who will defend the weak and fight for justice and peace. 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.**

## **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 - God, Whose Almighty Word** (LBW #400. Please remain standing.)

- 1 God, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard  
and took their flight:  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!
- 2 Lord, who once came to bring,  
on your redeeming wing,  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind:  
oh, now to humankind  
let there be light!
- 3 Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy dove,  
speed forth your flight;  
move on the water's face  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light!
- 4 Holy and blessed three,  
glorious Trinity,  
wisdom, love, might!  
Boundless as ocean's tide,  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth, far and wide,  
let there be light!

Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

## **Announcements**

## Serving The Lord With Gladness

<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>Ricky Adams</b>
<b>Pianist:</b>	<b>Janet Reese</b>
<b>Coffee:</b>	<b>Beverly and Don Erbel</b>
<b>Counter:</b>	<b>Vicki McGowan</b>
<b>Usher:</b>	<b>Jerry Locey</b>
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	<b>Beverly Erbel</b>

## Activities This Week:

<b>Sunday – September 29</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>
<b>Tuesday – October 1</b>	9:30am -12: 30 pm	Stage Door (PH)
<b>Wednesday – October 2</b>	2:45-6:15 pm 6:00 pm	Patricia Miner (S) Stage Door (PH)
<b>Friday – October 4</b>	<b>9:30 -11 a.m.</b>	<b>German Story Time (N)</b>
<b>Saturday – October 5</b>	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
<b>Sunday – October 6</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>

**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 Anniversary** – Blessings to those an anniversary this week:

**Today - Bryan & Joanne Wells**

**Flowers** – Flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of Shila Clement's and Gary Glover's wedding yesterday!

**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](mailto:pastor@plcmarin.org)

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# **Weekly Devotional Helps**

## **September 29 – October 5, 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 30**

Psalm 62  
Amos 6:8-14  
Revelation 3:14-22

### **Tuesday – October 1**

Psalm 62  
Hosea 10:9-15  
James 5:1-6

### **Wednesday – October 2**

Psalm 62  
Hosea 12:2-14  
Matthew 19:16-22

### **Thursday – October 3**

Psalm 37:1-9  
2 Kings 18:1-8, 28-36  
Revelation 2:8-11



**Friday – October 4**

Psalm 37:1-9  
2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37  
Revelation 2:12-29

**Saturday – October 5**

Psalm 37:1-9  
Isaiah 7:1-9  
Matthew 20:29-34

**Scripture Readings For Next Sunday****17th Sunday After Pentecost**

**Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**  
**Psalm 37:1-9**  
**2 Timothy 1:1-14**  
**Luke 17:5-10**

**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 Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.

**September 30 - Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420:** Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.

**October 4 - Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226:** Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary." Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.

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