



# **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!**

# Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## September 3, 2017

### Introduction

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering, yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world. Thank you for worshipping at Peace Lutheran Church today!

**Prayer Before Worship** - Lord, we have gathered here today to hear your word for us. We marvel at the witness of Jeremiah who turned to You in his time of suffering. We also struggle with the issues of safety and security that plagued Peter when Jesus set his sights on entering Jerusalem. Be with us this day, guiding our spirits and opening our hearts to hear your forgiveness and call to us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.~ adapted from Nancy C. Townley, Ministry Matters website

### Pre-Service Music

### Ringling Of The Bell

### Welcome

### Opening Sentences (Please stand)

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house

**People: and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Prove me, O LORD, and try me;

**People: test my heart and my mind.**

# Confession And Declaration Of Forgiveness

(Matthew 16:25; Jeremiah 15:19, please remain standing)

**Pastor:** Beloved, Jesus said, "Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it." Let us empty ourselves of our fears and failures, confessing our sins and asking God to fill us with His peace.

**All:** **Far be it, O Lord, that I should not deny myself, take up my cross, and follow You. By Your cross and resurrection give to me Your forgiveness and assurance of new life by Your grace. Sin consumes me, for I am sinful from birth. Take away my selfish desires and fill me with Your love. Help me proclaim Your love in loving service to others. Amen.**

**Pastor:** Thus says the Lord, "If you return, I will restore you." Upon this your confession, I as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

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

## Entrance Hymn - Son of God, Eternal Savior (LBW #364, please remain standing)

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| 1. Son of God, eternal Savior,<br>source of life and truth and grace,<br>Word made flesh, whose birth among us<br>hallows all our human race,<br>you our head, who, throned in glory,<br>for your own will ever plead:<br>fill us with your love and pity,<br>heal our wrong, and help our need.         | 2. As you, Lord, have lived for others,<br>so may we for others live.<br>Freely have your gifts been granted;<br>freely may your servants give.<br>Yours the gold and yours the silver,<br>yours the wealth of land and sea;<br>we but stewards of your bounty<br>held in solemn trust will be.   |
| 3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us,<br>King of love and Prince of peace;<br>hush the storm of strife and passion,<br>bid its cruel discords cease.<br>By your patient years of toiling,<br>by your silent hours of pain,<br>quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,<br>stem our selfish greed of gain. | 4. Son of God, eternal Savior,<br>source of life and truth and grace,<br>Word made flesh, whose birth among us<br>hallows all our human race:<br>by your praying, by your willing<br>that your people should be one,<br>grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:<br>here on earth your will be done. |

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

## Psalm 26: 1-8 (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

People: **Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and mind.**

Pastor: For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

People: **I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;**

Pastor: I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

People: **I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O LORD,**

Pastor: singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.

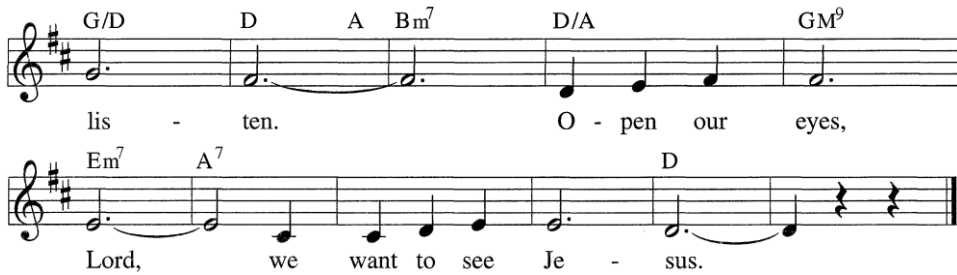
People: **O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.**

## Song Of The Word - Open Our Eyes Lord (WP #113, please be seated)

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. Chord symbols are placed above the staff to indicate the harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

Chord symbols: D, G<sup>2</sup>, G, Em<sup>7</sup>/A, A<sup>7</sup>, G/D, D, A/C#, Bm, D/A, GM<sup>9</sup>, Em, A<sup>7</sup>, G/D, D<sup>2</sup>, D, DM<sup>7</sup>, A/G, G, Em<sup>7</sup>, A<sup>7</sup>.

Lyrics: O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see Je - sus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him. O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to



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## First Reading - Jeremiah 15:15-21 (Please be seated)

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words: "I am with you."

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. <sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. <sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. <sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. <sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

## Second Reading - Romans 12:9-21 (Please remain seated)

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## Gospel Acclamation (Please stand)

Pastor: Alleluia. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts,  
People: **so that we may know the hope to which God has called us.**  
**Alleluia.** (Eph. 1:17, 18)

## Gospel - Matthew 16:21-28 (Please remain standing)

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." <sup>23</sup>But he turned

and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” <sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? <sup>27</sup>“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

## **Hymn - Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life** (Tune: LBW #245, please be seated)

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| 1. Where cross the crowded ways of life,<br>where sound the cries of race and clan,<br>above the noise of selfish strife,<br>we hear your voice, O Son of Man.      | 2. In haunts of wretchedness and need,<br>on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,<br>from paths where hide the lures of greed,<br>we catch the vision of your tears. |
| 3. From tender childhood's helplessness,<br>from human grief and burdened toil,<br>from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,<br>your heart has never known recoil. | 4. The cup of water giv'n for you<br>still holds the freshness of your grace;<br>yet long these multitudes to view<br>the strong compassion in your face.            |
| 5. O Master, from the mountainside<br>make haste to heal these hearts of pain;<br>among these restless throngs abide;<br>oh, tread the city's streets again;        | 6. Till all the world shall learn your love,<br>and follow where your feet have trod;<br>till glorious from your heav'n above<br>shall come the city of our God.     |

Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt.

## **Message**

### **Stumbling Blocks Matthew 16:21-28**



## **Song Of Response - Where Charity and Love Prevail**

(Tune: LBW #345, please remain seated)

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| 1. Where charity and love prevail,<br>there God is ever found;<br>brought here together by Christ's love,<br>by love we thus are bound. | 2. With grateful joy and holy fear,<br>God's charity we learn;<br>let us with heart and mind and soul<br>now love God in return. |
| 3. Let us recall that in our midst<br>dwells Christ, God's holy Son;<br>as members of each body joined,<br>in him we are made one.      | 4. Let strife among us be unknown;<br>let all contentions cease.<br>Be God's the glory that we seek;<br>be his our only peace.   |
| 5. Let us forgive each other's faults<br>as we our own confess,<br>that we may love each other well<br>in Christian gentleness.         |  |

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

## **Confession Of Faith - Apostles Creed** (Please stand and confess together)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## Prayer Of The Church (Please remain standing)

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. ... Lord God, we give You thanks and praise for Your whole creation but especially for Your grace by which You invite all into Your saving presence through the cross and resurrection of Your Son. Give us all the power to turn in true repentance of our sin to receive Your glorious promised forgiveness and gift of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lead all whom You have called to shepherd Your people in Your Church that they may faithfully preach the Word of the cross of Christ and proclaim His salvation to the joy and salvation of the souls of many. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lead those called to serve us through positions of leadership in the government in order that we may live peaceably with all. Direct their words and ways to perform justice in punishing evil and praising good, especially in the defense of the most helpless among us. Bless all industry and those who work, through whom You give us what we need for this body and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Comfort and bring peace, patience, and healing to all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Give steady faith and confidence to those for whom death draws near. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Bless centers of learning, and those who teach and work in them. Grant Your wisdom in such measure that people may serve You honorably in church and state, and that our lives may be conformed to the ways of Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Additional prayers

Pastor: We give You thanks for all who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for all the saints through the ages, and especially our loved ones who now dwell in Your nearer presence and rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Holy One, you are our sure foundation. Forgive us when we take shelter in our lies and vanity. Teach us to build our lives on you. Equip us to teach others the peace we experience with you as our cornerstone. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**People: Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Blessing**

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)

Lay Minister: Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Closing Hymn - Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (LBW #487, please remain standing)

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| 1. Let us ever walk with Jesus,<br>follow his example pure,<br>through a world that would deceive us<br>and to sin our spirits lure.<br>Onward in his footsteps treading,<br>pilgrims here, our home above,<br>full of faith and hope and love,<br>let us do our Father's bidding.<br>Faithful Lord, with me abide;<br>I shall follow where you guide. | 2. Let us suffer here with Jesus,<br>and with patience bear our cross.<br>Joy will follow all our sadness;<br>where he is there is no loss.<br>Though today we sow no laughter,<br>we shall reap celestial joy:<br>all discomforts that annoy<br>shall give way to mirth hereafter.<br>Jesus, here I share your woe;<br>help me there your joy to know. |
| 3. Let us gladly die with Jesus.<br>Since by death he conquered death,<br>he will free us from destruction,<br>give to us immortal breath.<br>Let us mortify all passion<br>that would lead us into sin;<br>then by grace we all may win<br>untold fruits of his creation.<br>Jesus, unto you I die,<br>there to live with you on high.                | 4. Let us also live with Jesus.<br>He has risen from the dead<br>that to life we may awaken.<br>Jesus, since you are our head,<br>we are your own living members;<br>where you live, there we shall be<br>in your presence constantly,<br>living there with you forever.<br>Jesus, if I faithful be,<br>life eternal grant to me.                       |

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## Announcements

## Recessional

## Serving The Lord With Gladness

<b>Pastor:</b>	Ricky Adams
<b>Organist:</b>	Janet Reese
<b>Coffee Hour:</b>	Vickie McGowan
<b>Ushers:</b>	Keith and Jackie Stoneking
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	Nancy Adams
<b>Counters:</b>	Rick Kenney, Vickie McGowan

## Activities This Week:

<b>Sunday – September 3</b>	9:30am	Service of the Word
<b>Tuesday – September 5</b>	9:30-12:30am 9:30	Stage Door (PH) German Story Time (N)
<b>Wednesday – September 6</b>	6pm	Stage Door (PH)
<b>Saturday – September 9</b>	8:30-9:30am 9:30a-12:30pm	Pilates (PH) Stage Door (PH)
<b>Sunday – September 10</b>	9:30am	Service of the Word and Sacrament

## Announcements For September 3, 2017

**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 this week are given to the glory of God.

**Birthdays** – Those celebrating birthdays this week are:

**Tuesday** - Betty Erickson

**Wednesday** - Aimee Rotting

**Anniversary** – Happy anniversary:

**Tuesday** - Tom & Jennifer Richards

**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.

**Hurricane Harvey** - The LCMS is standing with the Texas District to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey and flooding. Please pray for all involved. To give online, visit [lcms.org/harvey](http://lcms.org/harvey). Text "LCMSHARVEY" to 41444 to give by text. Call the LCMS toll-free gift line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time at 888-930-4438. By mail, make checks payable to "LCMS." On the memo line, write "Disaster Response/Relief," and mail to the LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO, 63166-6861. Gifts also can be designated specifically for Hurricane Harvey and/or affected areas by stipulating in the memo line.

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# **Weekly Devotional Helps**

## **September 3 – September 9, 2017**

### **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 4**

Psalm 17  
2 Samuel 11:2-26  
Revelation 3:1-6

#### **Tuesday – September 5**

Psalm 17  
2 Samuel 11:27b-12:15  
Revelation 3:7-13

#### **Wednesday – September 6**

Psalm 17  
Jeremiah 17:5-18  
Matthew 12:22-32

#### **Thursday – September 7**

Psalm 119:33-40  
Ezekiel 24:1-14  
2 Corinthians 12:11-21

**Friday – September 8**

Psalm 119:33-40  
Ezekiel 24:15-27  
Romans 10:15b-21

**Saturday – September 9**

Psalm 119:33-40  
Ezekiel 33:1-6  
Matthew 23:29-36

**Scripture Readings For Next Sunday****Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Ezekiel 33:7-11**  
**Psalm 119:33-40**  
**Romans 13:8-14**  
**Matthew 18:15-20**

**Commemorations**

**September 9 - Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia, died 1654:** Born into Spanish nobility, Claver became a Jesuit missionary, and served in present-day Colombia. His ministry was focused on the slaves that arrived there. He gave them food and medicine, learned their dialects, and taught them Christianity.

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