

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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As We Gather Becoming like children is not on most people’s list of priorities, yet Jesus holds children up as those who will both enter and become the great ones in the reign of God. Among the duties of those in civil authority, leaders are charged to protect children from wrongdoers. Children are the ones for whom the Shepherd searches and finds and harming them incurs severe consequences. Humbling ourselves like children equips Jesus’ followers to work together to resolve conflicts in congregations and homes.

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available. If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.

Welcome Children– If needed, a nursery is located near the church entrance.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Almighty King”



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
 2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 32:6–7*

Pastor: Therefore let everyone who is godly

People: offer prayer to You;

Pastor: surely in the rush of great waters,

People: they shall not reach me.

Pastor: You are a hiding place for me;

People: You preserve me from trouble;

Pastor: You surround me

People: with shouts of deliverance.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Lord God Almighty,

People: When I have a guilty conscience but choose to keep silent, the groaning of my heart makes it feel like my very bones are disintegrating. When I have a guilty conscience, Your hand becomes heavy upon me both day and night. When I have a guilty conscience, my strength dries up like a desert under the scorching heat of summer. I acknowledge my sin to You, and I will not try to cover my iniquity. I confess my transgressions to You, Lord. I ask You, for the sake of Your dear Son Jesus, to be gracious to me and forgive the iniquity of my sin. *ref. Psalm 32:4–5*

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the one against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. *Psalm 32:1–2*

Beloved in the Lord, God has heard your confession and declares you blessed, for Christ our Lord has died for you, has taken your sins upon Himself, and has given you His perfect righteousness. Be it therefore as you believe. For Jesus' sake, all your sins have been forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

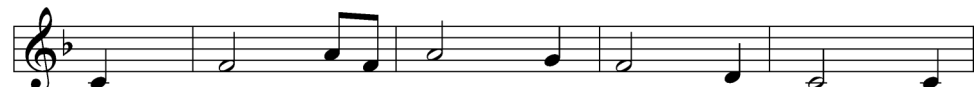
People: Amen.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

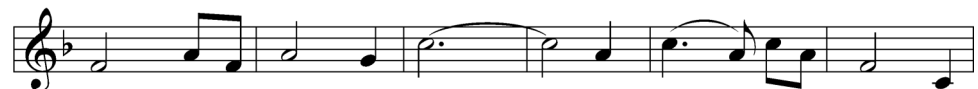
Greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you", as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the blood of peace. (*Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*)

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Amazing Grace"



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Text (sts. 1-3): John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.; (st. 5): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790, Richmond
Tune: Columbian Harmony, 1829, Cincinnati
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+THE WORD OF GOD+

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ezekiel 33:7-9*

(After the reading is read.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 13:1-10*

(After the reading is read.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 18:1-20*

Pastor : The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

(After the Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

MESSAGE

“I’ Am the Greatest”-

Said No One Ever By Inspiration Of The Holy Spirit”

Matthew 18:1-20

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CONFESSION OF FAITH (*Apostles' Creed*)

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence he will come to judge the living and
the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING

*(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your row.
The ushers will pick it up after the service.)*

OFFERTORY

“Create in Me”



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His
face shine on you and be gracious onto You. The Lord
look upon You with His favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.



CLOSING HYMN

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Attendance 9/3/23: 10:00 AM - 98

Saturday 9/2/23 5:00PM - 26

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God by Leslie Stenke and in memory of her father, Henry Stenke.

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

10:00 am ONE SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Elder: Scott Klittich

Greeter: Ken Anderson

Reader: Lori Schultze

Acolyte: Shane Muller

Ushers: Dave Schmidt

Roy Poehler

Jim DeVries

Altar Care: Linda and Bill Young

Cookie & Coffee Service: J. Morici, L. Pommers /S.McCracken

Pianist: Karen Foote

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

10:00 am ONE SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Elder: Scott Klittich

Greeter: Carol Yung

Reader: Steve Herman

Acolyte: Michelle Ullerick

Ushers: Glenn Bennitz

Scott Ehlers

Altar Care: Linda and Bill Young

Cookie & Coffee Service: J. Morici, L. Pommers /S.McCracken

Pianist: Karen Foote

Elder: Dave Hutter

Reader: Richard Bongiorno

THIS WEEK AT PEACE September 10, 2023

- Sunday: 10:00 am Traditional Service
10:20 am Sunday School
11:15 am Adult Bible Study
1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship
4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)
- Monday: Office closed
- Tuesday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (PH)
- Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers
6:30 pm A.C.A. Women's Support Group (PH)
- Thursday: 7:30 am Men's Bible Study (FH)
9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study
10:00 am Life Light Bible Study via Zoom
5:45 pm Handbell rehearsal
7:00 pm Choir rehearsal
- Friday: ++++++
- Saturday: 5:00pm Sunset Praise Service

**THERE WILL BE ONLY
ONE SERVICE @ 10AM EACH SUNDAY.**

A traditional service of liturgy & hymns,
accompanied with the piano,

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

(WHILE WE BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY)

SATURDAY SERVICE

"Sunset Praise Service at 5"

A contemporary service with the Praise Band,
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 10, 2023

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS—is held in the Proverbs House, our class will meet 15 minutes after service. We will begin our study of "Recovering the Joy of Theology" watching Pastor Bryan Wolmueller present theological content in an interesting way. More info, call Kevin Krumdieck @805-551-8507.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets @ 10am in the Coffee House. Our study is on the book of John. Come join us! For more info, contact Connie at 805-987-5116.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY— This study of 1Peter is held on Thursdays 7:30-8:30am with a continental breakfast, in the Fellowship Hall. Join us. For more info, call Kevin Krumdieck @ 805-551-8507.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets @ 9:30AM in rotating homes, with a study of the "Gospel of John." If you have any questions please call Dave Schmidt at: 805-482-3867.

LIFE LIGHT BIBLE STUDY will begin a new 9 week study on 1st and 2nd Chronicles held on Thursdays, via Zoom at 10 AM. This study is part of the Life Light Bible study series, with sections on 1 and 2 Chronicles such as "I Will Build the House" and "Rebellion in the House." If you would like to join this study, please contact Blaine or Diana Wanke @ 805-490-8212.

PRAYER CHAIN- If you have a prayer request please call *Sandi Stepp* at: 805-625-0479 or e-mail: footstepps@verizon.net.

THE 2023 FLOWER CHART SIGN-UP is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up for the Sunday (s) of your choice. 2 signups are available for each Sunday. They are \$40.00 each. You may take them home after service.

THE FOOD BANK- Donations for the food pantry at St. Columba's Episcopal Church can be put in the donation box in the Fellowship Hall.

OCT. 21ST PUMPKIN FEST TRAIN HELP NEEDED- Please contact Dave Miller if you can help him run the GREAT train setup for that day and also if anyone has an enclosed trailer, toy hauler, etc. with a folding ramp, to help him transport the equipment to the church. Dave's cell 805-402-2398.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Whatever your passion, whatever your talents, you can be an active part of the team at Peace Lutheran. All the Boards, Evangelism, Fellowship, Social Ministry, Trustees, and Youth Ministry can use new members, new thoughts, and new ideas. Contact Irene Hutchison any Sunday morning or by email at irenehutchison@verizon.net to get more information. We need and want your help!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Fall Voters Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, **October 1, 2023**. Information on the time and agenda items will be coming in the weeks ahead. Plan to attend this important meeting. The current Active and Inactive Voter lists are posted on the large whiteboard on the patio. If you have questions regarding your status, contact Linda Young at nephronurse@verizon.net.

SPRING CLEANING IN THE FALL - Mark your calendars to join us if you are able to help clean the kitchen in the fellowship hall. Next cleaning date is Saturday, **October 14th at 9AM**. We usually are done in a couple of hours. Hope you can join us.

JOIN A CHOIR! - Add a night (Thursday) of praise to your week and join us in our music ministry. On September 14th we will be back to weekly rehearsals. Handbells rehearse at 5:45pm and the Choir rehearses at 7pm. For more info, call Linda La Jeunesse @ 805-443-3527.

Remember in your Prayers:

HEALTH AND HEALING: Edith Anderson, Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Brandee Brand, Brian Derozer, Michael Draper, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), John Gingerich, Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Susan Klein, Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Carol Marker, Ryan Scott Morrison, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Norma Regalia, Mike Reuter, Tim Schmidt, Don Schultz, David Stafford, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Karl Wittmann, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung and Ele Zorkocy.

Pray for all military men, women and their families: Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Lucas Wentland, Henry Andermann, Avery Chapman and Adam Volpei.