

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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As We Gather We always want to know why. The rulers of the people wanted to know why Jesus was saying what He said and doing what He did. But Jesus challenged them with His Word and with the prophetic voice of John the Baptist. Why did they not listen, and why did they not repent? Why do we not listen and repent? Jesus told a parable of two sons—one whose words were yes but his heart was no, and the other whose words were no but whose heart said yes. We are called to listen, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and we shall be saved.

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm-wood and the gall,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your tro-phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.



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- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
[To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.]
- 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
[We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.]

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 25:4–5, 9 alt.*

Pastor: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD;

People: teach me Your paths.

Pastor: Lead me in Your truth

People: and teach me,

Pastor: for You are the God of my salvation;

People: for You I wait all the day long.

Pastor: You lead the humble in what is right,

People: and teach the humble Your way.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father,

People: We confess with Your Word that “the soul who sins shall die.” (Ezekiel 18:4) We confess that we are sinful souls from birth, each responsible for our thoughts, words, and actions that turn us against You, against ourselves, and against others. Forgive us for Jesus’ sake, and empower us by Your Holy Spirit to live as humble citizens of Your Kingdom in love and service to others.

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, the Lord says, “I have no pleasure in the death of anyone . . . so turn, and live.” (Ezekiel 18:32)
And by God’s Holy Spirit we do turn, we turn away from sin to the hope and promise of the cross and the empty tomb. We turn to Jesus, our victorious Lord and Savior. For His sake God forgives you all your sins. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Teach Me Your Way, O Lord”



1 Teach me Your way, O Lord, Teach me Your way! Your guid - ing
2 *When I am sad at heart, Teach me Your way! When earth-ly*
3 *When doubts and fears a - rise, Teach me Your way! When storm-clouds*
4 *Long as my life shall last, Teach me Your way! Wher - e'er mv*



1 grace af-ford—Teach me Your way! Help me to walk a-right, More by faith,
2 *joys de-part, Teach me Your way! In hours of lone - li-ness, In times of*
3 *fill the skies, Teach me Your way! Shine thru the wind and rain, Thru sor-row,*
4 *lot be cast, Teach me Your way! Un - til the race is run, Un - til the*



1 less by sight; Lead me with heaven-ly light— Teach me Your way!
2 *dire dis-tress, In fail - ure or suc-cess, Teach me Your way!*
3 *grief and pain; Make now my path-way plain—Teach me Your way!*
4 *jour-ney's done, Un - til the crown is won, Teach me Your way! A-men.*

PSALM 147:1-5

Pastor: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

People: for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Pastor: The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

People: he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

Pastor: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

People: He determines the number of the stars;

Pastor: He gives to all of them their names.

**People: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.**

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have called us by the Gospel to live as citizens worthy of Your Kingdom. Grant us Christlike humility that we may do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but may count others more significant than ourselves; through Jesus Christ, 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 *Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32*

(“If a wicked man turns . . . he will save his life.”)

(After the reading)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18*

(“Look . . . to the interest of others.”)

(After the reading)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HANDBELL CHOIR

“Bless the Lord O My Soul”

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 21:23–27*

(Jesus and the elders; Parable of the man with two sons)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(After the reading)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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MESSAGE

“By Whose Authority”

Matthew 21:23–27

Pastor Mike Schultze

HYMN

"Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give
2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's
3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner
surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy
saints on earth Pour out the strains of



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.
joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

- 6 At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain
- 7 Praise Him who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God forevermore. Refrain

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

(Offering plates will not be passed but are located near the sidewalk as you leave.)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to
pray:**

**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.**

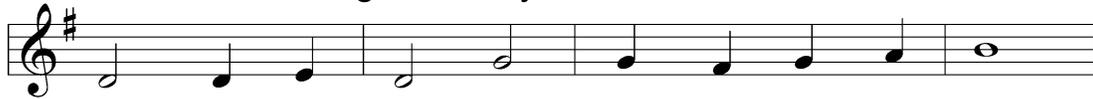
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the
glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

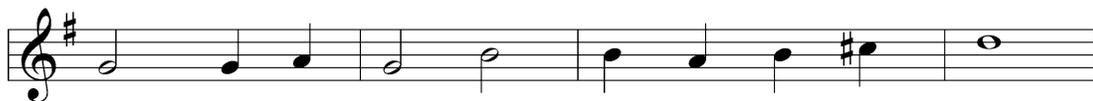
Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto You. The Lord look upon You with favor and + give you His peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"



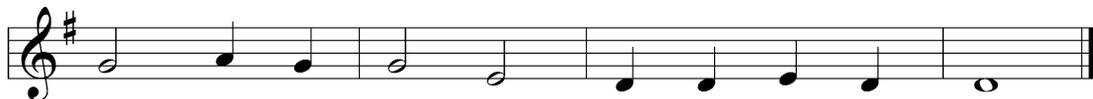
1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise
2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.
Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.
That in this house have called up - on Thy name.
For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.
Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God by Ken Anderson in remembrance of Jan's birthday.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR INGRID POEHLER will be held here at Peace this Friday, October 2nd at 11:00 a.m.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for October-December are now available for you to pick up either at the check-in table or in the church office during the week.

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY:

Women's Bible Study with a study on the Holy Spirit. Please contact Connie Morris (805)987-5116 to join or for more information.

Men's Bible Study This new study, "Bible Symbols", meets via Zoom **Tuesday mornings at 8:30.** **Call Dave Hutter (805)386-7007 to join or for more information. Please pick up your copy of the study in the church office.**

LifeLight is meeting with Zoom classes for now: Contact Blaine or Diana Wanke (805)482-7524 if you would like to join one of these studies.

Wednesday 9/16 @ 5:45 and Thursday 9/17 @ 10 AM.
Our study will be on "End Times".

Each individual life certainly comes to a conclusion. But what about the whole thing? Is humanity doomed just to muddle along as it has in the past? Or is there a goal, a final reckoning, an ending that makes sense? Christians believe not only that the world had a beginning (Creation) and a glorious middle (our Lord's death and resurrection), but that it will also have an end.

But day after day, year after year, generation after generation, the world goes on as it has in the past. The narratives of the Bible may inspire us; the truths of our faith may encourage us; but we long for the promised ending, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Without it, even the Christian "story" makes no sense. Over the course of 9 sessions, this study explores what the Bible has to say about the end times and what the divine Author has prepared, which is far greater than any of us could write or imagine, for His story ends in glory—the glory of Jesus' return and the resurrection of God's faithful into that glory forever.

Peace Preschool is hosting an Axxess Fundraiser and we would love your support!

Axxess Fundraising is in full swing! This year you will order your books online at <https://axxesscard.com/fundraising/> Click on "Buy Now". You will pick Peace Preschool under **schools** no need to enter a child's name.

Axxess Memberships are only \$40 and now include all merchants in both Santa Barbara & Ventura Counties!

The Axxess Fundraiser goes through Friday, October, 2nd.

Remember in Your Prayers

For health and healing: Edith Anderson, Lili Baehr, Mrs. Cheung (Veronica Lee's friend), Brody (grandchild of Dave Schmidt's friend), family of Rodger & Carolynn Bronner, Crystal (Phil Deck's niece), Remi Chatelain (Carol Yung's friend), Marshall Denninger, Dwayne Field, Bill Fitch, Bruce Fraser, Father of Gail Goesch, Beverly Gandy, Rory Hall (Jim & Lily Mainland's granddaughter), Ken Haugrud, Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), Jim Hogan (Robin Schmidt's brother-in-law), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Dale Larson, Dawn Logan (Pat Massey's niece), Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Scott McComas, Ryan McCracken, Ryan Scott Morrison, Ken Nipstad, Jim Pedersen, Rawlin Radle, Joanne Riccardi (friend of Pat Massey), Shane Shelton (relative of Melissa Hamilton), Orion Solu (nephew of Craig & Peggy Frye), Llewyn Rae Spencer (infant grandson of Gary & Char Spencer), Leslie Stenke, Bev Toro, Jon Volpei (Connie Morris' son), Carol Yung, Sue Zinger.

For peace and comfort:

Charlo Stuart as she mourns the death of her husband David.

Roy Poehler and family as they mourn Ingrid's death.

Pray for all military men and women especially: Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Palos, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Amy Waddell, Lucas Wentlandt. Also remember their families in your prayers.

Please keep the nation and all those in authority in your prayers, along with front line healthcare workers. We will get through this together, because we never go through anything alone.