

# *Peace Lutheran Church*

## **“Peace Through Christ”**

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## **SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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**As We Gather** The Christian faith is the way of humble trust in the Lord. In Jesus God Himself unites His power and the weakness of man to overcome sin, death, and the devil and his temptations. Through the Word and Sacrament ministry of the Church faith grasps and hopes in and possesses the same victory established in our Lord's crucifixion and resurrection. With the Apostle Paul we confess, "For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong" (*2 Corinthians 12:10*).

**People Have Asked**, if they are not able to attend services, how can they continue to support the congregation with their regular giving? Whether we are holding regular Sunday worship services or not, the expenses will continue. We ask you to remember this is not a giving holiday. We have easy options.

You can mail you offering to the church or You can sign up for Vanco giving. Vanco is a convenient way to give directly from your bank account or credit card. There is information about it on our website, or if it is easier for you, you can call them and they will walk you through the process on the phone. You will need to know the church address, 71 Loma Drive, Camarillo, and have your account information handy. Vanco moves your offering from your account directly into ours. We have been using this service for some time now and people have found it to be easy and one less thing to worry about.

You can sign up on our website, [peacecamarillo.com](http://peacecamarillo.com), or call 1-800-675-7430. Choose option #1 for client services and they will help you get started.

Council also decided, to be good stewards of the resources we have available, that all major projects around the church will be put on hold for the present time.

If you have a special need we can help you with, please call the church office.

## + PREPARATION +

### OPENING HYMN "O Worship the King"

1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.  
2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?

O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;  
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;  
Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old,  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,

Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,

Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.  
And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

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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 *Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19*

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

People: **How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

Pastor: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

People: **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Because we cannot fully understand God, we are prone to question His judgments and wonder why He allows evil people to oppose Christ's Church from without and from within. But none of us is without error. Let us reflect on our own sinful human condition as we come into the presence of the Almighty God.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

Pastor: Through Isaiah the Lord declared, "I am the first and I am the last; besides Me there is no god." *Isaiah 44:6b*

**People: We confess that we have allowed ourselves, our friends, and the things around us to determine our actions; they have become as gods to us. We have not loved You, heavenly Father, with all our heart, mind, and strength. Forgive us.**

Pastor: Paul wrote that "we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us." *Romans 8:26*

**People: We confess that in our pride we have thought we knew what was good for us, and when we did not receive it, doubted that You, O Holy Spirit, had even heard our prayer. Forgive us.**

Pastor: In His parable about the wheat and weeds, Jesus explained that in the day of judgment "all causes of sin and all law-breakers" will be sent to a place of "weeping and gnashing of teeth." *Matthew 13:41-42*

**People: We confess that we have judged the people around us, hurting many in the process and failing to see our own faults and failures. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, nor have we trusted Your plans, Lord Jesus. Forgive us.**

Pastor: God's calming word through Isaiah was, "Fear not, nor be afraid." Even while we stumble, the promise is that "the Spirit helps us in our weakness." In the End we who have been made righteous by Christ's sacrifice for us shall be gathered as wheat into God's eternal harvest. By your faith in Jesus as your Savior and Redeemer, and for His sake, God forgives you all your sins. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Isaiah 44:8a; Romans 8:26a*

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: "He who has ears, let him hear." *Matthew 13:43b*

**People: We hear and rejoice. To God be the glory forever.  
Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment,

**People: we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter;**

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**

## +THE WORD OF GOD+

### OLD TESTAMENT READING ..... *Isaiah 44:6–8*

<sup>6</sup> Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup> Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,  
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

<sup>8</sup> Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any.”

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** ..... *Romans 8:18–27*

<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PEACE PRAISE BAND**

**HOLY GOSPEL** ..... *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

Pastor : The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

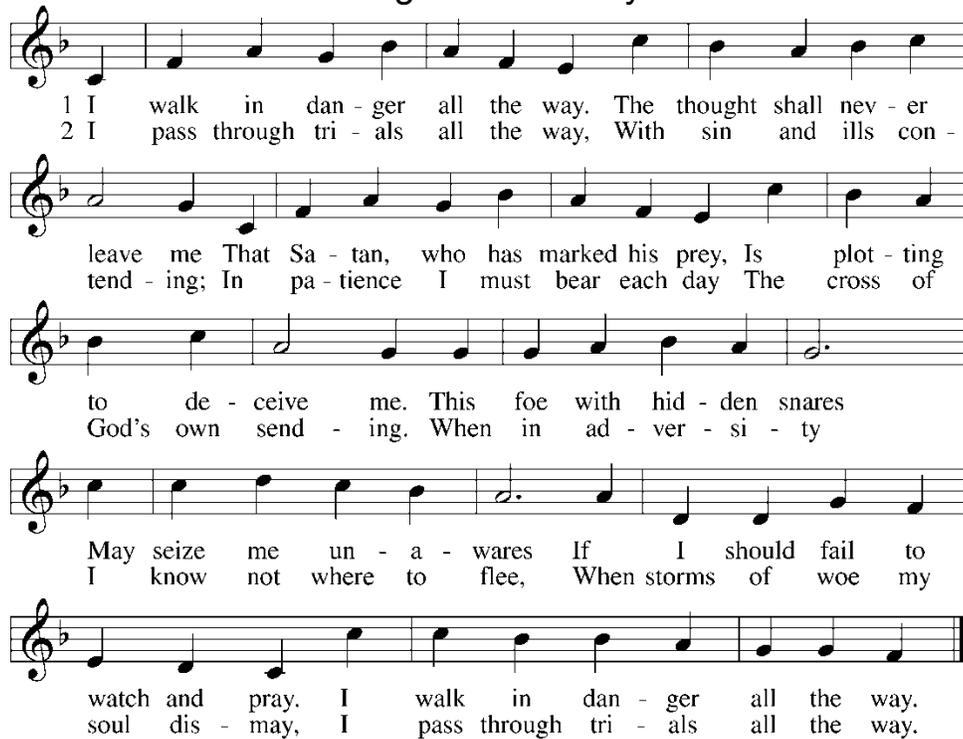
<sup>24</sup> He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, <sup>25</sup> but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds<sup>[a]</sup> among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. <sup>27</sup> And the servants<sup>[b]</sup> of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ <sup>28</sup> He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup> But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup> He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, <sup>42</sup> and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord

**People: Praise to You, O Christ!**

## HYMN OF THE DAY "I Walk in Danger All the Way"



1 I walk in dan - ger all the way. The thought shall nev - er  
2 I pass through tri - als all the way, With sin and ills con -  
leave me That Sa - tan, who has marked his prey, Is plot - ting  
tend - ing; In pa - tience I must bear each day The cross of  
to de - ceive me. This foe with hid - den snares  
God's own send - ing. When in ad - ver - si - ty  
May seize me un - a - wares If I should fail to  
I know not where to flee, When storms of woe my  
watch and pray. I walk in dan - ger all the way.  
soul dis - may, I pass through tri - als all the way.

- 5 I walk with Jesus all the way,  
His guidance never fails me;  
Within His wounds I find a stay  
When Satan's pow'r assails me;  
And by His footsteps led,  
My path I safely tread.  
No evil leads my soul astray;  
I walk with Jesus all the way.
- 6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;  
Await, my soul, the morrow,  
When God's good healing shall allay  
All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow.  
Then, worldly pomp, begone!  
To heav'n I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay;  
My walk is heav'nward all the way.

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## MESSAGE

Give A Weed An Inch And It'll Take A Yard:  
Let Evil Catch You Napping And The Seeds Of Destruction  
Will Be Planted Side By Side With The Children Of God  
*Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*

## **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 PRAYER**

## **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 to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace. *Numbers:24-26*  
People: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.  
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;  
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.  
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;



Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.  
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.  
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.  
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead  
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;  
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.  
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see



Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.  
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.  
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.  
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for July-September 2020 are in the church office and can be picked up during office hours, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

### JOIN A BIBLE STUDY:

Women's Bible Study with a study on, "Patience, Hope and Trust". Please contact Connie Morris (805)987-5116 to join or for more information

Men's Bible Study "Hard Sayings of Jesus" meets via Zoom Tuesday mornings at 8:30. Call Dave Hutter (805)386-7007 to join or for more information.

LifeLight Bible Study "The Life of David" meets via Zoom Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Call Diana Wanke (805)482-7524 to join or for more information.

## **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), Crystal (Phil Deck's niece), Remi Chatelain (Carol Yung's friend), Marshall Denninger, Dwayne Field, Bruce Fraser, Beverly Gandy, Stephanie Gary (sister of Joyce Snow & Melissa Hamilton), Goesch family, Rory Hall (Jim & Lily Mainland's granddaughter), Ken Haugrud, Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), Jim Hogan (Robin Schmidt's brother-in-law), Vickie Hutter, Jan Irwin (friend of David Zinger), Karen Johnson, Dale Larson, Dawn Logan (Pat Massey's niece), Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Scott McComas, Michelle & family (friend of Melissa Hamilton), Seza Mirzarian (Phil Hamilton's son-in-law's aunt), Ryan Scott Morrison, Ken Nipstad, John O'Loony (friend of the Hamiltons), Linda Packham, Jim Pedersen, Hedy Pein, Ingrid Poehler, Rawlin Radle, Mark Reuter (Son of Rita & Ken Reuter), Joanne Riccardi (friend of Pat Massey), Orion Solu (nephew of Craig & Peggy Frye), Llewyn Rae Spencer (infant grandson of Gary & Char Spencer), Leslie Stenke, David Stuart (Charlo Stuart's husband), Bev Toro, Jon Volpei (Connie Morris' son), Blaine Wanke, Carol Yung, Sue Zinger.

### **For peace and comfort:**

Rita Reuter and family as they mourn the death of her brother Ray Fichter.

Gary Spencer and family as they mourn the death of his mother.

Family and friends of Hedi Pein as they mourn her 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.