

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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As We Gather Green is the color that dominates the season of Pentecost--- a visual reminder of the growth God desires for His Church and for each of us as individual members of His Church. Though on earth we are assaulted by many enemies and hindered by our own weakness, God is with us. He provides us with strength in temptation, with courage under trial, and with gifts that build and equip us with all we need. Though it sometimes appears that the world is strong and His Church is weak, it is just the opposite. Today we pray for courage and strength---individually as Christians and as the Church of Jesus Christ, that we may accomplish His purpose in our daily lives.

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

All worshippers please sign and fill out the fellowship book as it is passed down the pew during the offering. Thank you.

Pre-Service Meditation

"Take heart; it is I."

These words followed Jesus' miracle of walking on the water. It was evening. The disciples rowed hard against the wind. Jesus had remained on land to pray. Then He appeared to them as He walked on the water. This terrified them because they thought He was a spirit. Jesus spoke to them words that cut through their terror: "Take heart! It is I. Do not be afraid." (*Mark 6:50*) This was exactly what the disciples needed---His presence and assurance and words of peace.

In the midst of trouble and fear and doubt, Jesus likewise comes to us. He might not walk on the water but He walks upon the Word of His Holy Scriptures. He is our firm Rock and sure Foundation. He is our Anchor in every storm of life, in every accusation of sin. Because of this, we are never alone. We have the promise of His constant and continuing presence among us, daily blotting out all our sin.

A child is cheered and assured with the presence of father or mother nearby. As the children of God, we are assured that our heavenly Father watches over us and guards and protects us. Jesus continues to say to us: "Take heart! It is I. Do not be afraid." There is nothing that men or circumstances can do to separate us from the care and concern of our ever-present Savior.

Lord God, heavenly Father, continue to grant us the assurance of the presence of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who promises to be with us and daily forgives us all our sin. Amen.

Taken from *Guide Me Ever---365 Classic Devotions from Portals of Prayer®*, edited by Erik Rottman.

RINGING OF THE BELL**PRESERVICE MUSIC****WELCOME****+ PREPARATION +****OPENING HYMN “I Sing The Mighty Power Of God”**

I sing the mighty power of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God’s command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
Who formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where’er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There’s not a plant or flower below, but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God art present there.

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

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

People: **How unsearchable His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**
Romans 11:33

All: **For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things and to Him be glory forevermore.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

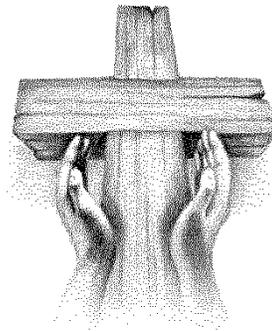
Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Come, therefore, let us confess the ways we have acted without integrity. Let us admit our faults and failings and so be true to ourselves in God, so that we may know ourselves forgiven.

(Silence for reflection)

People: Lord, we have been false to one another and have not always spoken the truth. We have sinned in our anger, we have not worked honestly, and we have not always shared with the needy. Evil talk has come out of our mouths and our words, have not offered grace to those who hear. We have not lived in love. By all these things and more we have grieved you. Give us the grace of your forgiveness, O God. Remind us that to be your beloved children means to take on your burdens and to love all your people, it means not being complacent about our gifts. Help us to be honest through and through, so that we may praise you with our whole being and a clear conscience.

Pastor: The God of love who formed us from conception knows all the workings of our hearts. As he saved Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, he has saved you through the cleansing waters of baptism. By your faith in the Son, know that you have been forgiven in Christ, and become whole. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.



I Love to Tell the Story

Arabella Katherine Hankey, 1866

William Gustavus Fischer, 1869

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1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, Of Je - sus and His
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems Than all the gold - en
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis plea - sant to re - peat What seems, each time I
 4. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best Seem hun - ger - ing and

glo - ry, of Je - sus and His love. I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know 'tis
 fan - cies of all our gold - en dreams. I love to tell the sto - ry, it did so much for
 tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet. I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have ne - ver
 thirst - ing to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new

Refrain

true; It sa - tis - fies my long - ings as no - thing else can do.
 me; And that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.
 heard The mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly Word. I love to tell the
 song, 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

sto - ry, 'twill be my theme in glo - ry, To tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and His love.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray . . .

Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; 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+

FIRST READING. Genesis 9:8-17

(God established His covenant with Noah and placed a rainbow as the sign of this covenant.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Ephesians 3:14-21

(To Him be glory in the Church and in Christ for all generations.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“How Wide the Love of Christ”



1 How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race But
2 How long the love of Christ! Its pa - tience will not cease Un -
3 How high the love of Christ! Be - yond all thought it soars, And
4 How deep the love of Christ, De - scend - ing to a cross! He
5 All praise to You, O Christ, For love whose depth and height, Whose



holds our one hu - man - i - ty With - in its broad em - brace.
til this bro - ken world is bound In ev - er - last - ing peace.
yet up - on our pass - ing lives Un - mea - sured mer - cy pours.
bears with - in His wound - ed hands All hu - man pain and loss.
length and breadth fill time and space With end - less life and light!

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HOLY GOSPEL Mark 6:45-56

(Jesus walks on water.)

Pastor : The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark , the 6th chapter.

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

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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MESSAGE

Noah Was A Brave Man To Sail In A Wooden Boat With Two Termites:
The Grownup Story Behind God's Rainbow
Genesis 9:8-17

HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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 pew. When finished, pass it back down your pew to the center aisle seat and the ushers will pick it up after the service.)

HYMN DURING OFFERING

“Praise and Thanksgiving”



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - om and wood.
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

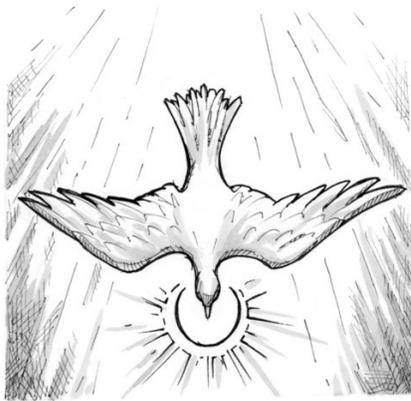
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 unto You. The Lord look upon You with favor and + give you His peace.

People: Amen.



CLOSING HYMN

“Entrust Your Days and Burdens”



1 En - trust your days and bur - dens To God's most lov - ing
2 Re - ly on God your Sav - ior And find your life se -
3 Take heart, have hope, my spir - it, And do not be dis -
4 Leave all to His di - rec - tion; His wis - dom rules for

hand; He cares for you while rul - ing The
cure. Make His work your foun - da - tion That
mayed; God helps in ev - 'ry tri - al And
you In ways to rouse your won - der At

sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the
your work may en - dure. No anx - ious thought, no
makes you un - a - fraid. A - wait His time with
all His love can do. Soon He, His prom - ise

tem - pests A - long their thun - d'rous ways Will
wor - ry, No self - tor - ment - ing care Can
pa - tience Through dark - est hours of night Un -
keep - ing, With won - der - work - ing pow'rs Will

find for you a path - way And guide you all your days.
win your Fa - ther's fa - vor; His heart is moved by prayer.
til the sun you hoped for De - lights your ea - ger sight.
ban - ish from your spir - it What gave you trou - bled hours.

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- 5 O blessèd heir of heaven, You'll hear the song resound
Of endless jubilation When you with life are crowned.
In your right hand your maker Will place the victor's palm,
And you will thank Him gladly With heaven's joyful psalm.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God by Charlo Stuart in memory of her husband, David Stuart.

THOSE WHO SERVE US Today July 25, 2021

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>9:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
Elder:	Blaine Wanke	Dave Hutter/ Bob Weaver	Al Bosman
Greeters:			Luci Pommers
Readers:	Todd Harter	Steve Herman	Linda Elbert
Acolytes:	Logan Krause		Connor Stevenson
Ushers:	Blaine Wanke Keith Hedrick Todd Harter		Mike McCracken
Altar Care:	Linda Young		
Organist:	Karen Foote		

THOSE WHO SERVE US Next Sunday August 1, 2021

	<u>8:00am</u>	<u>9:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
Elder:	Dave Schmidt	Bob Weaver/ Tom Waddell	Bob Hutchison
Greeters:	Karen Taylor		Donna Pickler
Readers:	Bill Young	Susan Weaver	Peggy Frye
Acolytes:	Daniel Stevenson		Rebecca Nomi
Ushers:	Craig Frye Karen Taylor Gary Taylor Bill Young		Rick Poore Tom Taylor
Altar Care:	Linda Young		
Organist:	Karen Foote		

THIS WEEK AT PEACE July 25, 2021

Today: 8:00 & 11:00 am Traditional Services
9:30 am Praise Communion Service (FH)
10:42 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse)
1:30 am New Life Christian Fellowship

Monday: *Office closed*

Tuesday:

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers
6:00 pm High School Bible Study

Thursday: 6:45 am Men's Bible Study
9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study
10:00 am LifeLight Bible Study via zoom

Friday:

Saturday: 10:00 am-noon Praise Band practice

Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00 am Traditional Communion Services
9:30 am Praise Service (FH)
9:30 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse)
10:42 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse)
1:30 pm New Life Church Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF July 25, 2021

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY:

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY– This study of “Joshua” is on Thursdays, at 6:45am with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. The study will also be available on Zoom. For more info, call Dave Hutter (805)386-7007.

THE LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY- A Zoom Bible study on Thursdays, at 10 AM, will explore a 5 week DVD study by Ray Vander Laan “Faith Lessons – Walk as Jesus walked Making Disciples”. The class will be on Zoom and will last about one hour which includes a 22 minute DVD. Contact *Blaine or Diana Wanke* 805-465-0485 to join us.

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 @ 805-482-3867*.

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

THE FOOD BANK- Donations for the food pantry at St. Columba's Episcopal Church can be put in the donation box in the narthex. All donations will be taken to the pantry on a weekly basis. Shelf stable milk, cereal, canned vegetables, tuna, and peanut butter are always needed, but all non-perishable, unexpired donations are greatly appreciated. The pantry serves our Camarillo seniors and families that need a helping hand. We thank you for your continued support.

IN-SERVICE CHILD CARE NEEDED-As we are planning to re-open our Nursery in the Fellowship Hall, we are in need of 2 people to care for the children during the 9:30am service and the 11am service. This is a paid position. Please contact the church office, if you are interested.

LUTHER'S ATTIC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: Since the pandemic Luther's Attic has been open only on Wed. Thurs. Fri.& Sat. Wednesday was our day to work but since the pandemic we have had only one person willing to volunteer on a regular basis. Volunteers from Simi have filled in so were able to keep the store open. Since the money is divided by the number of hours each church's volunteers work, most of the Wed. hours have, rightly, gone to Simi. We need more volunteers. To help call or see Nancy Fitch, 805-484-5900 or Carol Yung 805-987-5952.

CALLING ALL ALTAR CARE VOLUNTEERS: The Altar Committee is once again looking for volunteers for the remainder of the year. The signup sheet has been posted in the Narthex on the white board outside the Nursery / Cry Room. Beginning with August, please choose your favorite month and volunteer to help with this important work. Sign up with a family member, a friend, or if you prefer, you can do it alone. If you have never assisted with this job and are interested in volunteering, we are happy to be a mentor to assist you. If you have forgotten what this entails or have any other questions about it, call Linda Young at 805 236 4820 or Carol Yung at 805 987 5952.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Social Concerns Ministry is collecting school supplies and backpacks to be given to Lutheran Social Services for their families in their transitional housing program. Please pick a tag off the display board and return your chosen supplies, with the tag, to the collection tote by Sunday August 1st. Thank you for your continued generosity and care for others.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Pray for...

HEALTH AND HEALING: Ralph Alcoser, Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Lili Baehr, Barbara (Diana Wanke's sister), Brandee Brand, Terry Breckinridge, Marshall Denninger, Jordan Dye, Mike Elbert, Bill Fitch, Bruce Fraser, Beverly Gandy, Larry Goesch, Ken Haugrud, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Judy (friend of Schultze family), Jacque Hendricks (Pat Massey's daughter in-law), Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Ryan Scott Morrison, Gene O'Neal, Jim Pedersen, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Toni Rizer, Lil Rodriguez (Luther's Attic worker), Tim Schmidt, Shane Shelton (relative of Melissa Hamilton), Dale Sieber, Llewyn Rae Spencer (grandson of Gary & Char Spencer), Gertrude Stenke, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Bev Toro, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung and Ele Zorkocy.

Pray for all military men and women especially: Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Palos, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Amy Waddell, Lucas Wentland.

Also remember their families in your prayers.