

Peace Lutheran Church

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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As We Gather God's mercy is for all people. God's love for His people in Christ is deep and broad and high indeed! From Isaiah we hear that "the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, 'I will gather yet others to Him besides those already gathered'" (Isaiah 56:8). Paul boldly declares that "God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew," but desires that they receive mercy through the Church (Romans 11:2). Jesus, who makes clear that His mission was first to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, marvels at the faith of one who was doubly an outsider—a Canaanite and a woman! Today's readings challenge our habit of treating strangers and outsiders with suspicion, and invite us to find ways to show the mercy and welcome of God to everyone—even to those we might think are the least likely people in our community to be welcomed by God.

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, 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

“How Great Thou Art”



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion And there pro - claim: “My God, how great Thou art!”



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



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Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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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 67:1–3*

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us

People: and make His face to shine upon us,

Pastor: that Your way may be known on earth,

People: Your saving power among all nations.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

People: let all the peoples praise You!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Merciful and mighty God, we come to You with sins that need to be forgiven.

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

Pastor: Our failure to keep justice and do righteousness,

People: we confess to You, Lord.

Pastor: Our suspicion of and lack of welcome to outsiders and strangers,

People: we confess to You, Lord.

Pastor: Our arrogance that assumes that we alone are Your treasured people,

People: we confess to You, Lord.

Pastor: All the ways in which we disobey Your will for our lives,

People: we confess to You, Lord.

Pastor: Hear and rejoice in God's Good News! Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Lord of all nations, through Your Son, You call people of all tribes, nations, and languages into Your Kingdom of grace. Give us the wisdom and mercy we need to witness to others who might be different than we are; 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 56:1,6-8*

56 Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my righteousness be revealed...

⁶ “And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

⁸ The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32*

11 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew...

¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴ in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?...

⁸ As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PEACE PRAISE BAND

HOLY GOSPELMatthew 15:21-28

Pastor : The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.

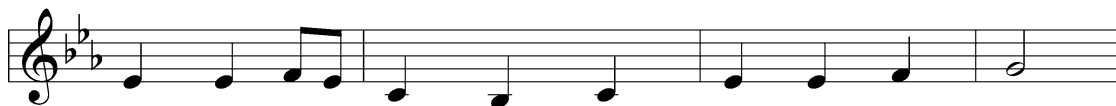
People: Glory to You, O Lord!

²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord of All Hopefulness"



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

MESSAGE Where Do You Turn When It Seems Like God Has Left The Building?
There's Enduring Help For The Hopeless In Christ Jesus
Matthew 15:21-28

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 6:24–26*

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign”



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOTER'S MEETING AUGUST 25TH @ 7:00 P.M. via Zoom or phone. Instructions will be forthcoming in an email.

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 the Holy Spirit. 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.

SERVICE OF CONFESSION AND COMMUNION

Each week, for the time being, we will open the sanctuary every Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon for a time of Confession & Communion for small groups of parishioners under the 10-person maximum limit at any one time. Each table will maintain social distancing. We ask communicants to wear their face masks (when not ingesting Elements). Please call the church office 805-482-3313 to confirm the time you wish to attend. Please note the new time on Tuesday.

Tuesday 6:00 pm - with Pastor Mike

Wednesday 2pm & 3pm - with Pastor Rob

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, Bill Fitch, 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, Rawlin Radle, Mark Reuter (Son of Rita & Ken Reuter), 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, David Stuart (Charlo Stuart's husband), Bev Toro, Jon Volpei (Connie Morris' son), Blaine Wanke, Carol Yung, Sue Zinger.

For peace and comfort:

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

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.