

Peace Lutheran Church

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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As We Gather Through the prophet Isaiah God invites one and all to come to Him to eat and to drink without cost, as if to a free banquet. Paul laments that many of his fellow Jews have not responded to the invitation, even though they have received blessings throughout history. When Jesus feeds the 5,000 families, it is a tangible reminder of the heavenly banquet to which we are invited. We cannot be content that we are included, though, for at the end of the reading from Isaiah, the Lord lifts our eyes to look toward those who do not yet know the promises of God made to Israel and fulfilled in Jesus. Our worship today follows the sequence of a banquet prepared, an invitation extended to us, and the call to invite others still.

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

“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun Thy dai - ly
2 In con - ver - sa - tion be sin - cere, Thy con - science
3 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast re -
4 Lord, I my vows to Thee re - new; Dis - perse my



stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth and
as the noon - day clear; Think how the all - see - ing
fleshed me while I slept; Grant, Lord, when I from
sins as morn - ing dew; Guard my first springs of



joy - ful rise To pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
God thy ways And all thy se - cret thoughts sur - veys.
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
thought and will And with Thy - self my spir - it fill.

- 5 Direct, control, suggest this day
All I design or do or say
That all my pow'rs with all their might
In Thy sole glory may unite.
- 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins.

To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul.

Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 55:1-5*

55 “Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
3 Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
4 Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
5 Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 9:1-5*

9 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— **2** that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. **3** For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers,^[a] my kinsmen according to the flesh. **4** They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. **5** To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

PEACE PRAISE BAND

HOLY GOSPELMatthew 14:13-21

Pastor : The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY "Father, We Thank Thee"

1 Fa - ther, we thank Thee who hast plant - ed Thy ho - ly
2 Watch o'er Thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, Save it from
name with - in our hearts. Knowl - edge and faith and life im -
e - vil, guard it still, Per - fect it in Thy love, u -
mor - tal Je - sus, Thy Son, to us im - parts.
nite it, Cleansed and con - formed un - to Thy will.
Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy plea - sure, Didst
As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides, Was
give us food for all our days, Giv - ing in Christ the
in this bro - ken bread made one, So from all lands Thy
Bread e - ter - nal; Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.
Church be gath - ered In - to Thy king - dom by Thy Son.

MESSAGE

Meager Means Are the Stuff of Mighty Miracles:
God's Only Limitations Are the Ones We Put On Him!
Matthew 14:13-21

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

“Christ the Eternal Lord”



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;
Whose time - less teach - ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip - ture's page;
And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;
Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,
In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,
That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.
That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.

- 5 Christ the ascended King Exalted high above,
Whose praise unending ages sing, Whom yet unseen we love;
When mortal life is past Your voice from heaven's throne
Shall call Your children home at last To know as we are known.

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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 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, and we will ask communicants to wear their face masks (when not ingesting the 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, 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), 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:

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.