Peace Lutheran Church "Peace Through Christ"

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 24, 2023



As We Gather Almighty God, whose ways are higher than our ways and whose thoughts higher than our thoughts, lavishes unbounded generosity upon His children through the Gospel. Dragged down by our sinful nature, our own ways and thoughts tend toward the shriveling and the miserly. Nevertheless, through the Gospel and the Sacraments, the Spirit of Jesus Christ delivers us from bondage to our sinful nature and into glorious liberty. Freed, we enjoy the experience of the Father's unbounded generosity.

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

<u>Welcome Children</u>– If needed, a nursery is located near the church entrance.

PRELUDE WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"



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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the

"May Je - sus

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Christ be praised!"

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Holy Spirit.

The e - ter - nal psalm is heard:

Ring joy - ous with the sound:

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 27:1, 7*

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation;

People: whom shall I fear?

Pastor: The LORD is the stronghold of my life;

People: of whom shall I be afraid?

Pastor: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; **People: be gracious to me and answer me!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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. Amen.

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.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you", as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the blood of peace. (Matt. 5:22-24;Eph. 4:1-3)

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Salvation unto Us Has Come"



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 55:6-9 Seek the Lord.

(After the reading is read.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

To live is Christ, to die is gain.

(After the reading is read.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HANDBELL CHOIR

"Shout to the North"



(Parable of the vineyard laborers)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th

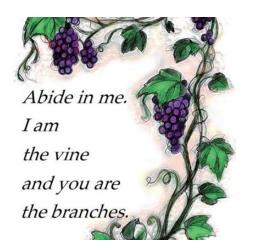
chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

(After the Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord People: Praise to You, O Christ!

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)





MESSAGE

"That's Not Fair!" Nope. It's Better: God's Grace and Mercy For All" Matthew 20:1-16 Pastor Mike Schultze

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 row. The ushers will pick it up after the service.)

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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

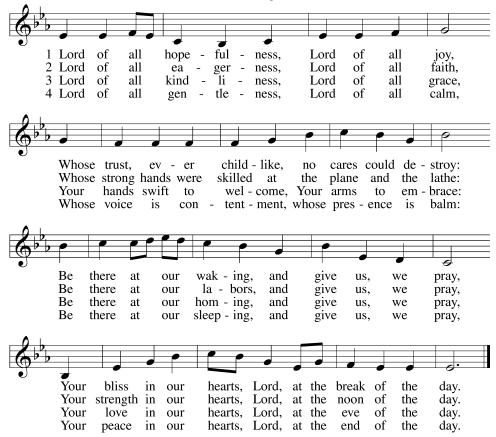
People: Amen.



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CLOSING HYMN

"Lord of All Hopefulness"



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ANNOUNCEMENTS POSTLUDE

Attendance 9/17/23:10:00 AM - 92

Saturday 9/16/23 5:00PM- 31

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God by the members of Peace.

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

10:00 am ONE SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Elder: Scott Klittich
Greeter: Charlo Stuart
Reader: Bob Hutchison
Acolyte: Lucas Williamson
Ushers: Mike McCracken
Tom La Jeunesse

Rick Poore

Altar Care: Linda Young and Irene Hutchison

Cookie & Coffee Service: J. Morici, L. Pommers /S.McCracken

Pianist: Karen Foote

Handbell Director: Linda La Jeunesse

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, 2023

10:00 am ONE SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Elder: Blaine Wanke
Greeter: Donna Pickler
Reader: Dave Schmidt
Acolyte: Michelle Ullerick
Ushers: Gary Taylor
Karen Taylor

Altar Care: Linda and Bill Young

Bill Young

Cookie & Coffee Service: S. Krumdieck, D. Tegt, A. Bongiorno

Pianist: Karen Foote

Choir Director: Linda La Jeunesse

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 @ 5:00pm

Elder: Dave Hutter **Reader:** Brian Nomi

THIS WEEK AT PEACE September 24, 2023

Sunday: 10:00 am Traditional Service

10:20 am Sunday School

11:15 am Elder's BBQ

1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship

4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Monday: Office closed

Tuesday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (PH)

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers

6:30 pm A.C.A. Women's Support Group (PH)

Thursday: 7:30 am Men's Bible Study (FH)

9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study 10:00 am Life Light Bible Study via Zoom

5:45 pm Handbell rehearsal

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Friday: 4:00 pm Girl Scouts

Saturday: 5:00pm Sunset Praise Service

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE SERVICE @ 10AM EACH SUNDAY

A traditional service of liturgy & hymns, accompanied with the piano, IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

(WHILE WE BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY)

SATURDAY SERVICE "Sunset Praise Service at 5"

A contemporary service with the Praise Band, IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 24, 2023

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS—is held in the Proverbs House, our class will meet 15 minutes after service. We will begin our study of "Recovering the Joy of Theology" watching Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller present theological content in an interesting way. More info, call Kevin Krumdieck @805-551-8507.

<u>TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</u> meets @ 10am in the Coffee House. Our study is on the book of John. Come join us! For more info, contact Connie at 805-987-5116.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – This study of 1Peter is held on Thursdays 7:30-8:30am with a continental breakfast, in the Fellowship Hall. Join us. For more info, call Kevin Krumdieck @ 805-551-8507.

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 at: 805-482-3867.

LIFE LIGHT BIBLE STUDY will begin a new 9 week study on 1st and 2nd Chronicles held on Thursdays, via Zoom at 10 AM. This study is part of the Life Light Bible study series, with sections on 1 and 2 Chronicles such as "I Will Build the House" and "Rebellion in the House." If you would like to join this study, please contact Blaine or Diana Wanke @ 805-490-8212.

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

THE 2023 FLOWER CHART SIGN-UP is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up for the Sunday (s) of your choice.2 signups are available for each Sunday. They are \$40.00 each. You may take them home after service.

THE FOOD BANK- Donations for the food pantry at St. Columba's Episcopal Church can be put in the donation box in the Fellowship Hall.

OCT. 21ST PUMPKIN FEST TRAIN HELP NEEDED- Please contact Dave Miller if you can help him run the GREAT train setup for that day and also if anyone has an enclosed trailer, toy hauler, etc. with a folding ramp, to help him transport the equipment to the church. Dave's cell 805-402-2398.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Whatever your passion, whatever your talents, you can be an active part of the team at Peace Lutheran. All the Boards, Evangelism, Fellowship, Social Ministry, Trustees, and Youth Ministry can use new members, new thoughts, and new ideas. Contact Irene Hutchison any Sunday morning or by email at irenehutchison@verizon.net to get more information. We need and want your help!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Fall Voters Meeting has been scheduled for NEXT Sunday, October 1, 2023. Information on the time and agenda items will be coming in the weeks ahead. Plan to attend this important meeting. The current Active and Inactive Voter lists are posted on the large whiteboard on the patio. If you have questions regarding your status, contact Linda Young at nephronurse@verizon.net.

<u>SPRING CLEANING IN THE FALL</u> - Mark your calendars to join us if you are able to help clean the kitchen in the fellowship hall. Next cleaning date is Saturday, **October 14th at 9AM**. We usually are done in a couple of hours. Hope you can join us.

<u>JOIN A CHOIR!</u> - Add a night (Thursday) of praise to your week and join us in our music ministry. On September 14th we will be back to weekly rehearsals. Handbells rehearse at 5:45pm and the Choir rehearses at 7pm. For more info, call Linda La Jeunesse @ 805-443-3527.

<u>DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER</u> we'll be collecting new or gently used coats & rain gear for Dos Caminos Elementary School. We included rain gear this year as a lot of rain is predicted this coming year. Dos Caminos is expecting a large number of migrant workers' children to start in January. If you purchase a new coat, please leave the tags on the coat as some children have never received a new coat before. We 'll have a couple of totes outside the Fellowship Hall to collect the coats.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WALT & BEV LUSK!

On Thursday, 9/28/23, they will celebrate their 60th wedding



OUR ANNUAL ELDERS BBQ - TODAY! September 24 after the 10:00 service, so around 11:15. Chicken, Tri Tip, bread, beans and drinks will be provided. The congregation is asked to bring a side or dessert to share if they would like, but please attend even if you are not able to bring anything.

JOIN YOUR ELDERS FOR LUNCH! We hope to see everyone there!



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