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**Peace Lutheran Church**  
**VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVED**  
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**AS WE GATHER:** We hear today the extremely encouraging words from the apostle Paul concerning our everlasting life. Paul tells us, “We will always be with the Lord.” What comforting words! What encouraging words! You have the assurance that when Jesus returns, you will spend everlasting life in His gracious presence.

# RINGING OF THE BELL

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING SONG: "Who Am I?" (recorded on October 3)

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Who am I that the Lord of all the earth  
Would care to know my name  
Would care to feel my hurt  
Who am I that the Bright and Morning Star  
Would choose to light the way  
For my ever wand'ring heart  
Not because of who I am  
But because of what You've done  
Not because of what I've done  
But because of who You are

#### **CHORUS**

I am a flower quickly fading Here today and gone tomorrow  
A wave tossed in the ocean A vapor in the wind  
Still You hear me when I'm calling Lord You catch me when I'm  
falling And You've told me who I am  
I am Yours

Who am I that the eyes that see my sin  
Would look on me with love  
And watch me rise again  
Who am I that the voice that calmed the sea  
Would call out through the rain  
And calm the storm in me  
Not because of who I am  
But because of what You've done  
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## **CHORUS**

### **CALLING ON GOD**

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

**C: Amen.**

L: Make haste, O God, to deliver us!

**C: O Lord, make haste to help us!**

L: May all who seek the Lord rejoice and be glad in Him!

**C: May we say evermore, "God is great!"**

L: For Christ is coming soon.

**C: Soon, He will descend from the heavens.**

L: Soon, He will raise the dead.

**C: And we will always be with the Lord.**

L: He is our help and our deliverer.

**C: O Lord, do not delay!**

### **CONFESSION**

L: Christ is coming soon to raise the dead and bring us into everlasting life with Him. Yet there are times when we have lived as if Christ's return was not important and not imminent. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.*

L: Heavenly Father,

**C: we confess that we have ignored You and our neighbors in need. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed by our inactivity. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, that we might be encouraged by Your presence and forgiven of our sin.**

## **FORGIVENESS**

L: God hears your confession and has promised to always be with you. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His Bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Amos 5:18-24**

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

as if a man fled from a lion,

and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,

and a serpent bit him.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

“I hate, I despise your feasts,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;  
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,  
I will not look upon them.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

## HOLY GOSPEL

## Matthew 25:1-13

### *The parable of the ten virgins.*

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord Jesus Christ, through You all things were made. You have entrusted us with the care of all creation. Embolden us to be good and faithful stewards of all that You have made until You return to dwell with us again. For until Your return, we pray,

**C: come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

L: Lord Jesus, in Your incarnation and birth You deigned to dwell among us, even as an infant. Bring comfort to all those who are living through the challengers of infertility and miscarriage. Bring them Your healing, and give them wisdom as they seek to do Your will. For until Your return, we pray,

**C: come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

L: Lord Jesus, in Your earthly life You suffered much at the hands of lawless men. Be with all those who suffer now through abuse, illness, or injustice, (especially.....). Heal them according to Your will. For until Your return, we pray.

**C: come quickly, Lord Jesus.**

L: Lord Jesus, Your people have awaited Your return since Your ascension. During this time when lawlessness and rebellion are rampant in this fallen world, give us comfort and hope, protection and encouragement. Looking forward to joining those who have gone before and now live in Your presence,

**C: come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

## **A TRIBUTE TO OUR PEACE VETERANS**

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

**L:** Lord God of hosts, stretch forth Your almighty arm to strengthen and protect those who serve in the armed forces in our country. Support them in times of war, and in times of peace, keep them from all evil, giving them courage and loyalty. Grant that in all things they may serve with integrity and with honor. Bless our veterans too that their lives would be lived in your peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG: “My Country, ‘Tis of Thee” ***LBW 566*****

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My country, ‘tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing: Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims’ pride, From every mountainside  
Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee, Land of the noble free,  
Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills; My heart with rapture thrills  
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees  
Sweet freedom’s song; Let mortal tongues awake;  
Let all that breathe partake; Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.

Our fathers’ God, to thee, Author of liberty,  
To thee we sing: Long may our land be bright  
With freedom’s holy light. Protect us by thy might,  
Great God, our king.

## **DISMISSAL**