



Peace Lutheran Church

May 9, 2021

We welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus. We are honored with your presence. If you do not have a church home, you are invited to join us regularly. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jeremy Lucke or one of the Ushers as you leave today and sign the guest book in the entryway. We continue to observe the guidelines for health safety, if you have any questions about that, please see an usher. Everyone is welcome.

The ringing of the bell and the lighting of the Christ candle mark the beginning of our service and a time for quiet meditation, prayer and inward reflection as we begin our worship.

Children are welcome at our worship services. However, if you prefer, Peace Lutheran has a playroom equipped for children three years old and younger, the room is unstaffed and can be accessed in the fellowship hall where the service is also being live streamed for your convenience and enjoyment.

Holy Communion is celebrated every first and third Sunday and will follow the order of service in the bulletin. First Sundays are a drive in Communion Service and the Third Sunday is in the sanctuary. Guests, if you are a baptized Christian and share our faith in Jesus as Savior and have been instructed in the meaning and use of the Lord's Supper, you are invited to come to the altar. We have pre-wrapped communion wine or juice and wafers. We also have gluten-free wafers available. If you desire a gluten-free wafer, ask the server. May the body and blood of Jesus, present in the bread and wine, be a blessing to you.

There are times during the service when you will be asked to stand if you are able. Please feel free to remain seated if standing is difficult.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 2021

MOTHER'S DAY

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

AS WE GATHER... A simple and poignant Sunday School song says simply, "God sees the little sparrow fall. It meets His tender view; if God so loves the little birds, I know He loves me too." The central theme of the song is the care of God for His creation. The words also serve as a reminder that God sees us, His children, in a special way. We are the crown of His creation, as are all the people He has fashioned. Seeing people as God sees them is central to our lives of faith!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

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

People: Amen!

WE CONFESS OUR SINS...

Pastor: Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

People: Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sin-stained people by nature. Each day we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We have not seen people in the loving way that You see them. We have not always been ready to care and quick to help. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.

Silence for Reflection

...AND RECEIVE GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our requests. By the command of my Lord Jesus and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

SONG OF PRAISE "Psalm 8"

TOSB 175

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O Lord, our Lord, how majestic your name is!
How great is your name in all the earth!
Your glory is chanted above the high heavens,
You still all your foes through a child in his birth.

When I think of the heavens, the work of your fingers,
The moon and the stars you have set far in space,
What is man in your mem'ry a man that you're mindful,
The son of man that you're caring for him.

You made him, Lord in your own image and likeness,
and crowned him with honor and glory;
You gave him dominion o'er all of the wide earth,
and over the creatures that pass through the sea.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 98

People: Oh, sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

Women: The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Men: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Women: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

Men: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

People: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

Women: Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for He comes to judge the earth.

Men: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

People: Glory be the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE:

I John 5:1-8

The victory of Christ overcomes the world.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL:

John 15:9-17

Obeying Christ's commands and remaining in His love

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON HYMN “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

TOSB 33

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Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee, may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

SERMON: Loving Deeper

APOSTLES' CREED

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And was born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate.
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs.

Pastor: We thank God for the Church and pray that God's people live confidently and joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we pray that we be blessed with all grace and evidence the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, be with us and bless us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for our families, especially for mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers on this special day. We ask the blessing of our bounteous God on all those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also we pray for those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all those whose needs are known to us, (especially...). Lord, grant that we bring Your blessing to situations in need in all places. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Most merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives, seeing each person through Your loving eyes, until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

TOSB 118

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Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, hail Thee as the sun above,
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of the unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the Joy Divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning over us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newsletter – There is always a Peace Progress in the works, so if you have something you would like to see in print or some news you want to get out into the church family, please let Callie, know. It is easiest to have the article or pictures e-mailed to the main office. But, if you are not able to provide that please bring in a physical copy and we will see what we can do.

Altar Flowers – The beautiful flowers on the Altar are a wonderful addition on each Sunday. We need your help to keep up the tradition. Carole Gutbrod has been instrumental in coordinating and getting the flowers up onto the altar...so give her a call or email and let her know that you would like to help by either bringing flowers or donating funds to have flowers purchased.

In-Person Bible Study – Each Sunday the Adult Bible Study is available in-person in the sanctuary and via ZOOM. Youth Sunday School is also in-person, each Sunday in the fellowship hall. Elementary School Sunday School is ZOOM only.

OFFICE HOURS

Peace Lutheran Church's Office will be open
Tuesday through Friday
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun., May 9	Drive in Communion Service	
Mon., May 10	Office Closed	
	Pieces by Peace	10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Tue., May 11	Office Open	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Wed., May 12	Eat, Chat, Pray	7:30 AM
	Office Open	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
	Men's Bible Study	2:00 PM
	Elder's Meeting	4:00 PM
Thu., May 13	Men @ Imagine	7:00 AM
	Office Open	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Fri., May 14	Office Open	9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Sat., May 15	Office Closed	
Sun., May 16	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Worship	11:00 AM

Happy Mother's Day!!

