



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 22, 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, 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. 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. 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 partake. 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.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

AS WE GATHER... What is your favorite family tradition? Perhaps it is an annual celebration such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas. Perhaps it is a more common tradition—an old family recipe or a favorite game. Traditions are passed down from generation to generation. They are often wonderful and meaningful. But sometimes we pass down traditions that are not good for us or the world. The Israelites had passed down traditions related to divorce and giving that were not what God had intended. Jesus rightly criticizes such traditions. Today we consider the most trustworthy tradition that we continually pass from generation to generation: Jesus.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

“Shine, Jesus, Shine” *Graham Kendrick, 1987*

Make Way Music (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.)

Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirror’d here may our lives tell Your story,
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

CALLING ON GOD

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

People: Amen

Pastor: *The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear?*

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Pastor: *When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.*

People: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

Pastor: *One thing have I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.*

OPENING UP TO GOD...

Pastor: *The prophet Isaiah once said, "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me." The Lord desires that we have a clean and upright heart before Him. To make sure that our hearts are clean, we dedicate time each week to confess our wrongdoings, our sins. During this time of silence let us think about the misplaced motives and actions of our hearts.*

Silence for reflection

Pastor: *Let us confess together,*

People: Lord we need Your mercy. In this hour, help us to see our sins and pain and pray for a fresh start. Help us to see the shortcomings in our lives and look to You for the answers to our problems. Give us a new vision of what life can be like. Teach us to hope, to love, to give and to have faith. Lord, we need Your mercy.

Pastor: *In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus 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

SONG OF CONFIDENCE

How Great Thou Art “Red Book” 78

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O Lord my God When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out The universe displayed

Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art How great Thou art
Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art How great Thou art

When through the woods And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds Sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook And feel the gentle breeze

Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art How great Thou art
Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art How great Thou art

And when I think That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the cross My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died To take away my sin

Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art How great Thou art
Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art How great Thou art

When Christ shall come With shout of acclamation
And take me home What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow In humble adoration
And there proclaim My God how great Thou art

Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: *Let us Pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You are one who is greater than any earthly temple. Strengthen us as we pass on the faith to our families and neighbors so that we may not pass on mere preferences, but the full power of You, our Lord and Savior; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 29:11-19

The people honor the Lord with their lips, but their hearts are far from Him

And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?"

You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?

Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see.

The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL:

Mark 7:1-13

Jesus' disciples break with traditional ways

Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.)

And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, " "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men." And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition!

For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.'

But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, "Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban"' (that is, given to God)—

then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You O Christ

SERMON HYMN

"Are You Washed in the Blood?" *Elisha Albright Hoffman, Words:*

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Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb

Are you washed in the blood
In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb
Are your garments spotless are they white as snow
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb

Are you walking daily by the Savior's side
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb
Do you rest each moment in the Crucified
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb

Are you washed in the blood
In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb
Are your garments spotless are they white as snow
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb

When the Bridegroom cometh will your robes be white
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb
Will your soul be ready for the mansions bright
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb

Are you washed in the blood
In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb
Are your garments spotless are they white as snow
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb

Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean
O be washed in the blood of the Lamb

SERMON

[PART 1](#)

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[APOSTLES' CREED](#)

Pastor:

**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**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: *In peace, let us pray to the Lord:*

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: *For a true faith, that we would honor God not just with our lips, but serve Him faithfully with all of our heart, mind and strength, let us pray to the Lord:*

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: *For husbands and wives, that wives submit to their husbands and husbands love their wives as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her, and that husbands love their wives and wives respect their husbands, let us pray to the Lord:*

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: *For all Christians, that we not reject God's commandments for the doctrine of men, but rather that we be given grace to keep God's commandments in thought, word and deed, honoring God in all that we do, let us pray to the Lord:*

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: *For children of all ages, that they would honor their mother and father, so that they would not despise or anger their parents, but honor them, serve and obey them, and love and cherish them, let us pray to the Lord:*

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: *For those who are physically, emotionally, and spiritually suffering on account of illness, [including _____,] that God would encourage them with His Word and grace, and that He would bless all medical professionals with the skills necessary to alleviate such suffering and pain where it is possible, let us pray to the Lord:*

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

Pastor: *Amen.*

LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

CLOSING SONG

I Have the Joy "Red Book" 150

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I've got that joy joy joy joy
Down in my heart, Down in my heart, Down in my heart
I've got that joy joy joy joy
Down in my heart, Down in my heart to stay

And I'm so happy, So very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart
And I'm so happy so very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart

I've got the peace that passes understanding
Down in my heart, Down in my heart, Down in my heart
I've got the peace that passes understanding
Down in my heart, Down in my heart to stay

And I'm so happy, So very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart
And I'm so happy so very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart

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.*

People: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: *Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF AUGUST 15		
Date	Time	Event
Sun. Aug. 22	8:30 9:30	Adult Bible Study Communion Service
Mon. Aug 23	8:15 9:00-12:00 10:00	TOPS Group Office Open Pieces by Peace
Tue. Aug 24	9:00-12:00 12:00-1:00	Office Open Rotary Meeting
Wed. Aug 25	7:30 9:00-12:00	Eat, Chat, Pray Office Open
Thu. Aug 26	7:00 9:00-12:00	Men @ Imagine Office Open
Fri. Aug 27	9:00-12:00	Office Open
Sun. Aug 29	8:30 9:30	Adult Bible Study Communion Service

FALL & WINTER HOURS. Peace will return to the fall and winters hours starting on Sunday, September 12. Sunday school will begin at 9:45 and service at 11:00.

WATCH YOUR DOORSTEP ON AUG 28 for a package to arrive at your house. Among other items, you will receive a “Being Challenge” book which is the next in the Red Letter challenge series. More to follow, but we will be starting that book following our Rally Day on September 12.

FALL BAZAAR. Mark your calendars for the return of the Fall Bazaar at Peace. It will be held Saturday Nov 6 here at the church. If you have any questions, please contact Jani Burton.