



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 24, 2022

Peace Lutheran Church

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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.

Serving You

Pastor	Pastor Jeremy Lucke
Music Director	Colleen Schulze
Choir Director	Diane Crocker
Supt. Of Sunday School	Brandy Stokes & Karyn Stanley
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Today, July 24, 2022

Guest Pastor	Pastor Doellinger
Musician	Colleen Schulze
Reader	Carole Gutbrod
Ushers	Rick & Kathy Durling



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

AS WE GATHER.... In the long, difficult path of persevering in faith, sometimes it can seem as if God is distant from our everyday problems, not responding to our prayers. This is a common experience faced by the people of God. Today's Reading work together to encourage us as we travel the arduous path of following Jesus. Abraham pleads with God on behalf of mercy for the righteous people in the city of Sodom. Will God spare the city for 50 righteous people? 45? 30? 20? 10? The Lord hears Abraham's pleas and agrees that He will spare the city if even 10 righteous people dwell there. Lot and his family were delivered from Sodom. Abraham asked, he sought, he knocked. And God answered. Jesus encourages us to ask, to seek, to knock. Jesus promises that those who ask, receive; those who seek, find; and those who knock a door will be opened. This doesn't mean that the answers will always be what we want or that bad things will not happen to us. It does mean that no matter the circumstance, God is there with mercy.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"This is the Day"

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(Twice Through)

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord hath made,
that the Lord hath made.
I will rejoice,
I will rejoice and be glad in it,
and be glad in it,

This is the day that the Lord hath made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it,
This is the day,
this is the day that
the Lord hath made.

OPENING WORDS

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: *Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!*

People: In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Pastor: *Enter not into judgment with your servant,*

People: For no one living is righteous before you.

Pastor: *I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;*

People: I ponder the work of your hands.

Pastor: *Answer me quickly, O Lord! My spirit fails!*

People: Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.

Pastor: *Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, FOR IN YOU I TRUST!*

People: Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul!

OPENING UP TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

Pastor: *God wants us to be certain about our standing before Him. The Bible tells that “God chose us in Him before the foundation of the world” (Ephesians 1:4). This passage, however, does not give us the right to judge others and their standing before God. During our time of silence today, we reflect on the ways we have fallen short by being too quick to judge others.*

~~~Silence for reflection~~~

Pastor: *We confess...*

**People: Lord, we confess that we have missed the mark. Wanting us to claim our position before You, we have instead focused on where other people should be in their standing with You. Too often we have kept track of the shortcomings of others and their faults. Too often we have forgotten to keep track of the goodness You daily provide right before us. Give us a new heart today – one that trusts You to be the judge of all living things.**

Pastor: *God, our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all people and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in the person of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, who died for our sin that we might have new life. The distance between God and ourselves has been brought together by love made perfect in the sacrifice of Jesus. To those who believe God’s word of truth comes the power to be the people of God. Praise God for the gift of love to us.*

**People: Amen.**



Jesus Prays  
in Gethsemane

Mark 14:32-34

**HYMN OF CONFIDENCE “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”**

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I am weak but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

*Refrain: Just a closer walk with Thee,  
Grant it, Jesus is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Through this world of toil and snares,  
If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

*Refrain*

When my feeble life is o'er,  
Time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

*Refrain*

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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*Pastor: Let us Pray... Lord Jesus, You invite us to ask, to seek, to knock. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, lead us to turn to You in all things, that we live as those who have received forgiveness in you, the source of all truth, having opened our lives to Your grace. We pray these things through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.*

**People: Amen.**

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## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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### OLD TESTAMENT

### Genesis 18:20-33

*Abraham pleads to God, and He relents.*

<sup>20</sup> Then the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave,

<sup>21</sup> I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

<sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord.

<sup>23</sup> Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?

<sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it?

<sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?”

<sup>26</sup> And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

<sup>27</sup> Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.

<sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.”

<sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.”

<sup>30</sup> Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.”

<sup>31</sup> He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.”

<sup>32</sup> Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

<sup>33</sup> And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

## **Colossians 2:6-15**

*Paul encourages the Colossian Christians to persevere in Christ.*

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

<sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

<sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

<sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

<sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Jesus teaches about prayer.*

<sup>11</sup> Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread, <sup>4</sup> and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; <sup>7</sup> and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’?

<sup>8</sup> I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup> And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

<sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

<sup>11</sup> What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup> or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

<sup>13</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Pastor: *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**People: Praise to You O Christ.**

**SERMON HYMN**

**“Children of the Heavenly Father”**

Text: Caroline V. Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958

Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in his bosom gather,  
Nestling bird or star in heaven  
Such a refuge ne'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish,  
In his holy courts they flourish,  
From all evil things he spares them,  
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord his children sever;  
From all evil things he spares them,  
In his mighty arms he bears them.

Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.



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## SERMON

Pastor Doellinger

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## 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 born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
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.**

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## OFFERING GATHERED

*We offer our thanksgiving for what God has first given us – ourselves, our time, our possessions.*

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## OFFERTORY

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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*Pastor: Our Lord Jesus invites to ask, and we shall receive; to seek, and we will find; and to knock, and the door will be opened. So we bring prayer for the Church, the world, and ourselves before almighty God, trusting in the promise of our Lord.*

*For the Church, that rooted and built up in Christ and established in faith, we abound in thanksgiving by offering our lives as instruments of serving the lost and the least of this world:*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: *For this nation in which we live, in thanksgiving for the abundance of life and freedom that we enjoy; for the president and Congress, for our governor and local elected officials, that all work for the common good, and serve not themselves, but chiefly those who are cast down; that this nation so divided along political lines would repent of our hatred of those who differ from us and, based on our one common humanity, discuss our differences with reason and kindness:*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: *For those in need in our community – the sick, those facing surgery, those with terminal illness – that they receive mercy and healing according to God’s will, that they find peace in the love of Jesus, and that their hearts may be opened to receive the love of Christ. For those harmed by natural or man-made disasters, that they experience renewal through those who donate and do relief work.*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: *For this congregation, that, having been buried with Christ in Baptism and also raised with Him to new life, we find ways to connect with people in our community in order to share the amazing treasure of the love of Christ:*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: *In faith we entrust our prayers to Your, heavenly Father. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.*

**People: Amen.**

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### THE LORD’S PRAYER

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**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.*

**People: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN: "This is My Father's World"

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This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings,  
and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
He shines in all that's fair.  
in the rustling  
grass I hear him pass;  
He speaks to me ev'ry where.

This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong  
seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world,  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let the heavens ring;  
God reigns, let the earth be glad!

## DISMISSAL

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## POST-SERVICE MUSIC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**CORVALLIS KNIGHTS BASEBALL GAME.** Peace Lutheran Church night at the Corvallis Knights is Tuesday, July 26 at 6:35 pm at Goss Stadium. Come and enjoy a night with your friends from Peace at the ballpark. If you'd like to attend, speak with Pastor so he can get you the tickets.

**STAR GAZING AT PEACE.** John Cowens' Presentation and Stargazing will be Thursday, August 4 at 7:00 All are invited as we hear from our friend, John Cowens, about what is going on in the night sky. We'll have some prizes and treats to share.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS.** We will be starting a new member class soon. If you would like to become a member of the congregation, please let Pastor Lucke know. Dates and times will be promulgated shortly.