



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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 and 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.

Offering. Peace Lutheran Church understands and teaches that Offerings are voluntary and to be from the heart. Whether we give or do not give does not determine our salvation. Whether we give much or little does not determine our standing before God. Sharing an Offering is an opportunity to quietly practice generosity with our neighbors. Offerings may be placed in the plates by the doors as we exit the sanctuary.

Serving You

Pastor	Pastor Jeremy Lucke
Music Director	Colleen Schulze
Choir Director	Diane Crocker
Supt. Of Sunday School	Brandy Stokes & Karyn Stanley
Admin Assistant	Daniel Dusek
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Today June 18, 2023

Musician
Reader
Flowers

Colleen Schulze
Debbi Weiler
George & Janice Abele – Anniversary

AS WE GATHER..... The history of celebrating Father’s Day in the United States begins with a church service held in West Virginia in 1908, which recalled and honored the fathers who had perished in a coal mine disaster in the area in the previous year. Two years later, a more general annual observance was begun at a YMCA in Spokane, Washington. But it was not until 1972 that the day was declared to be a national holiday. Among the many qualities of positive fatherhood celebrated on Father’s Day is a sense of compassion. Many centuries ago, the psalmist wrote: “As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him” (Psalm 103:13). Each week in worship we recall and give thanks for the compassionate love of our God, the eternal Father, who bears His people on eagles’ wings and crowns them with steadfast love and mercy.

RINGING OF THE BELL (Following the ringing of the bell we gather ourselves *in silence* to prepare for worship.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

Leader: *We remember our Baptism when the Lord claimed us and adopted us as His own children. In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

People: Amen.

OPENING UP TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

Leader: *God shows His love for us that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

People: Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God.

Leader: *Let us join together and confess our sins to God our Father:*

People: Heavenly Father, even though You have called us to be Your treasured possession, we have not always obeyed Your voice, nor have we abided by our covenant with You. In our thoughts, words, and deeds, we have not behaved like the holy nation You created us to be. Through Your unfailing love and tender mercy, remove our transgressions from us. Speak over us words of life that flow from the cross of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Father, forgive us and restore us as Your children. Amen.

Leader: *All that the Lord has spoken, His Son has done. Jesus' obedient life was lived for you so that, by His death and resurrection, you are now reconciled to the Father. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, announce His grace to all of you and, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus, forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Morning Has Broken”

Written by: Eleanor Farjeon; Public Domain

Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,
Born of the one light, Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: *Let us Pray..... Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets, You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 19:2-8

The Lord calls His people His “treasured possession.”

² They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain,

³ while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel:

⁴ ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.

⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine;

⁶ and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

⁷ So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him.

⁸ All the people answered together and said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Epistle Lesson

Romans 4:6-15

God shows His love for us through the death of His Son.

⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷ “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered;

⁸ blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

⁹ Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness.

¹⁰ How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised.

¹¹ He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well,

¹² and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Jesus sends out His disciples to proclaim His kingdom.

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.

³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

10 And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.

² The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

⁷ And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

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

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN **“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”**

Roger Jones & William Kethe ; © Words: Public Domain Music: 1981 Christian Music Ministries (Admin. by Sovereign Music UK)

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed:
Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

Oh, enter then His gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

SERMON

Pastor Jeremy Lucke

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CREED

Leader: *I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean?*

People: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: *God the Father Almighty, You so loved the world that You gave to us Your only-begotten Son,*

People: to save us from our sin and to make us Your children and heirs of all Your blessings through faith in Him.

Leader: *We pray for our families: for the fathers You have given on this earth,*

People: that they faithfully lead their children in the way of Christ and peace;

Leader: *for mothers,*

People: that they have strength and grace to manage their many responsibilities and to give them joy and fulfillment in their work;

Leader: *and for children,*

People: that they grow in the faith in which You have called them, live long, and develop in all ways pleasing to You.

Leader: *Heavenly Father, for Your children, our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer pains, losses, and illnesses, (especially.....), graciously grant Your healing. Keep their faith firm in times of need and give comfort by Your present and eternal promises. Lord, in Your mercy,*

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: *In this family of believers whom You have called, gathered, and enlightened through Your Spirit, grant that You would open the hearts and minds of Your people to the truth of Your Word. For those who have yet to know of the joy of being heirs of Your kingdom, connect us with them and work through us to proclaim Your love, mercy and grace. Hear these prayers and all others we lift to You, almighty Father, in the name of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

People: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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**

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION SONG “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.
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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.

BENEDICTION

Leader: *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 **“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”**

Author: E. A. Hoffman (1887); Tune: SHOWALTER (Showalter 33321)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus: *Leaning, leaning,
 Safe and secure from all alarms;
 Leaning, leaning,
 leaning, on the everlasting arms.*

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
 leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
 leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
 leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus

DISMISSAL

Leader: *Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!*

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTITY OF LIFE BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER. The Ladies Guild and Peace has partnered with Options Sanctity of Life fundraiser. The fundraiser ends today. Please leave your baby bottle in the green tub in the Narthex. This week Options will come and pick up the bottles from Peace. Then they mail us a certificate with the amount we raised! If you forgot to bring your bottle today, there is a phone number on the tag that you may call and arrange to have the bottle picked up.

FIRST OUTSIDE SERVICE OF THE YEAR. Next Sunday, June 25, we will be having worship service outside on the patio.

FREEZER MEAL MINISTRY. We have meals available in the freezer. Know that the meals are for anyone in need! The team is going to be getting together to make some more meals this summer and fill up our supply.

ADULT SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL. We continue study for the summer on Jesus' parables. All are welcome! We begin at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY. Sandi Labahn has agreed to be Prayer Shawl Coordinator. Now she needs some prayer shawl makers. If you or any of your friends are interested in making a prayer shawl please let her know. Ladies guild will buy the yarn.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CAMP LUTHERWOOD. The Ladies Guild is graciously offering \$250 scholarships for camp Lutherwood this summer. Please see Peggy Krueger for an application.

BLOOD DRIVE THIS FRIDAY AT PEACE. There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive this Friday, June 23, at Peace starting at 12:30. There is a critical blood shortage, and the Red Cross could really use your help. There are several spots still available. We will also need volunteers to provide yummy treats and, of course, for prayers for a successful blood drive.

Long life to you! Good health
to you and your household! And
good health to all that is yours!

1 Samuel 25:6

