



**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST**

*September 10, 2023*

# Peace Lutheran Church

2540 Applegate Street

Philomath, OR 97370

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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.

**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.

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### Serving You

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Pastor	Pastor Jeremy Lucke
Music Director	Colleen Schulze
Choir Director	Diane Crocker
Supt. Of Sunday School	Brandy Stokes & Karyn Stanley
Admin Assistant	Daniel Dusek
Parish Nurse	Kathy Durling
Webmaster	Jim Holroyd
Audio-Visual	Johnathon Holroyd, George Abele, Nicholas Abele, Merv Munster, Callie Santora, Caleb Santora, Joyce Long, Oscar Gutbrod, Sam Worth, Rick Durling, Jim Holroyd, Nora Stanley, Debbi Weiler, Daniel Dusek, Rick Durling
Praise Team	Rick Durling, Patrick Kamins, Karyn Stanley, Nora Stanley, Diane Crocker, Kaia Lucke, Sarah Grassel, Caleb Santora

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### Today September 10, 2023

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Musician	Colleen Schulze
Flowers	Oscar & Carole Gutbrod
Children's Message	Pastor J.

**As We Gather.....** The word mentor can be both a noun describing a trusted counselor or a verb meaning to guide someone in new learning. The word originally was the name of a person from classical literature: Mentor was a friend of the Greek hero Odysseus who was entrusted with the education of his son Telemachus. You may have had special mentors throughout your life. We are reminded that Jesus our Lord is our best and most devoted mentor. A well-loved hymn by German writer Sigismund von Birken begins with these words: "Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure." Jesus is our merciful mentor who gently leads us day by day along the path that leads to eternal life. We follow gladly in His footsteps!

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CHOIR OPENING SONG

## “We Will Come to Praise the Lord”

We will come to praise the Lord.

He is our salvation.

Shout His praises evermore,  
Lord and King of every nation.

Brothers, Sisters everywhere,  
we are God's creation.

He gives us His love to share:  
come and join in celebration.

Sing praises, Alleluia.

Alleluia, God our King.

For He is our Lord and  
worthy is His name.

Lift your voice, and sing!

*(Repeat from Beginning)*

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Brothers, Sisters everywhere,  
we are God's creation.

He gives us His love to share:  
come and join in celebration.

Come praise the Lord.

Come praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord!

## INVOCATION

Leader: *In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

Leader: *I lift up my eyes to the hills—*

**People: from where will my help come?**

Leader: *My help comes from the Lord,*

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: *He will not let your foot be moved;*

**People: he who keeps you will not slumber.**

Leader: *He who keeps Israel*

**People: will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Leader: *The Lord is your keeper;*

**People: The Lord is your shade at your right hand.**

Leader: *The sun shall not strike you by day,*

**People: nor the moon by night.**

Leader: *The Lord will keep you from all evil;*

**People: he will keep your life.**

Leader: *The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in*

**People: from this time on and forevermore.**      *Psalms 121*

Leader: *If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us then confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

~~~~~ Silence for self-examination ~~~~~

Leader: *Most merciful God,*

**People: We confess to You that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted You with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In Your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by Your Spirit that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.**

Leader: *With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN:**

**“You Are My All in All”**

Dennis Jernigan, 1991 Shepherd's Heart Music, Inc. (Admin. by PraiseCharts Publishing, Inc.)

You are my strength when I am weak,  
You are the Treasure that I seek,  
You are my All in All.  
Seeking You as a precious jewel,  
Lord to give up I'd be a fool.  
You are my All in All.

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
rising again I bless Your name.

You are my All in All.

When I fall down, You pick me up;

When I am dry, You fill my cup.

You my All in All

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

### **FOCUSED PRAYER**

*Leader: Let us pray. O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**People: Amen.**

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## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

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### **[Prince of Egypt Video → The Burning Bush](#)**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT**

#### **Exodus 3:1-12**

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

<sup>2</sup> And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed.

<sup>3</sup> And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned."

<sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

<sup>5</sup> Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

<sup>6</sup> And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup> Then the Lord said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings,

<sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

<sup>9</sup> And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.

<sup>10</sup> Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”

<sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”

<sup>12</sup> He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE



At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

<sup>2</sup> And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them

<sup>3</sup> and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup> Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup> “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me,

<sup>6</sup> but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup> “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!

<sup>8</sup> And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire.

<sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup> “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

<sup>12</sup> What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray?

<sup>13</sup> And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray.

<sup>14</sup> So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

<sup>15</sup> “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

<sup>16</sup> But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

<sup>17</sup> If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup> Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup> Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

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

**People: Praise to You, O Christ!**



Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

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**MESSAGE**

“Moses’ and Our Change”

**Pastor Jeremy Lucke**

**[Part 1](#)**

**[Part 2](#)**

**[Part 3](#)**

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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 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.**

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## **OFFERING**

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

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## OFFERTORY

## **MITE BOX COLLECTION**

## PRAYER

*Leader: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.*

*Leader: Lord, grant that we not judge without mercy but forgive without limit, that we who have known the fullness of Your mercy in Christ also manifest a compassionate*

*heart against those who sin against us. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Leader: Lord, grant to those who lead us in this nation and in all the nations wisdom and integrity, that they pursue what is good and right and just according to Your Word and commands, and serve the common good. Deliver us from terror and threat, and give Your peace to the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Leader: Lord, grant to the sick and all who suffer any affliction of body, mind, or soul the blessing of Your mercy, with forgiveness according to Your will, and Your presence and comfort to sustain them through the day of trouble. Hear us especially on behalf of those for whom our intercession has been requested, (names.....), and those we name in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

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

**People: Amen.**

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**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**

## PRAYER FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Leader: *Let us pray.*

Leader: *O Lord, give to our Sunday School teacher and our Sunday School Superintendents the gifts of wisdom, kindness and faithfulness, so that they may effectively teach and guide. We also pray that You would give to all our children and youth a ready willingness to learn. Let the knowledge of Your Word be preserved and extended among us so that all may know and praise You now and forever. We pray these things through Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**People: Amen.**

Leader: *The Most High God now sends us out to praise His name and declare His love wherever we go!*

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.**

## BENEDICTION

### CLOSING HYMN: "Let All Things Now Living"

Katherine Kennicott Davis; 1939. Renewed 1966 E.C. Schirmer Music Company (Admin. by ECS Publishing Corporation)

Let all things now living  
A song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us,  
Protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us,  
His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished  
And darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light

His law He enforces,  
The stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains,  
The rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.

We too should be voicing  
Our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living  
Unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest Hosanna and praise!"

## DISMISSAL

## POSTLUDE

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**RALLY DAY.** Today after the service we will be having the Rally Day BBQ & Picnic. It will be lots of fun so please stay and partake in the festivities.

**OUTSIDE WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY.** We will be having our last outside worship service next on the patio. Right now, the forecast is for good weather and will probably be in the mid to low 60's. Please dress accordingly.

**UPDATING PICTURES OF THE CONGREGATION.** We are continuing to take photos of the congregation to update the pictures in the hallway between the narthex and fellowship hall. Carole and Trudy will be available today and next Sunday to take pictures after service. It's surprising how many people use the pictures in the hallway to learn each other's names, so please consider updating or adding your picture to our wall.

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY.** We are starting to work on the new church directory. As we make plans, we are considering an online directory so that it can be maintained with up-to-date information. This would allow members to see the directory directly from their computer or phone. Additionally, individual members can update their own information and it would be completely up to them how much information they would like to include. We feel this service would provide a secure means of storing your information to a level commensurate with our current internal measures. Of course, a print version of the directory will also be available. If you have any questions or concerns, please let Daniel know.

**NEW BIBLE STUDY.** David Leding started a new Bible Study today leading an exploration into the Augsburg Confession using a small book, "The Lutheran Toolkit" and The Augsburg Confession as our guide. We will continue this study for the next several weeks. As Lutherans we are a confessional body of believers in the risen Lord Jesus Christ and one of our primary confessions is the Augsburg Confession. By digging deeper into this confession, we will together learn more about the roots of our church and the teachings that are the foundation of our Lutheran heritage.

**MEDICARE PRESENTATION.** Ms. Becky Lippman will lead an information session at Peace Lutheran Church on Wednesday, September 13th at 2:00 pm. Many of our members have questions around choosing Medicare plans and the road through these decisions is a little tricky. Becky knows these rules and products very well and can help folks make informed decisions. Becky will be here to talk about the different options and answer your questions.

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR UPDATE.** Bazaar News...

One of the most sought-after items at the bazaar are the incredibly beautiful gift baskets put together by our talented team. The baskets are centered around themes with items purchased by our generous congregation members. Kay G. will be providing more details! Some great shopping places include TJ Maxx, HomeGoods, and World Market. Please remember to check expiration dates on food items. Nothing that will expire sooner than March 2024.

If this would be easier...would you consider donating money for the baskets and our team of shoppers can purchase items?

More to come...

**GETTING THE CHOIR BACK TOGETHER.** The Peace choir is back and singing again. If you like to sing, the choir would be glad to have you. Please see Colleen or Diane for more information.

