



“He told them,  
‘You also  
go and  
*work*  
in my  
*vineyard*,  
and I will pay you  
whatever is right.’”

MATTHEW 20:4, NIV

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY**

**AFTER PENTECOST**

*September 24, 2023*

# Peace Lutheran Church

2540 Applegate Street  
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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.

## 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
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 24, 2023**

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Musician

Colleen Schulze

Praise Team

Reader

Seamus Harrington

Flowers

Dan Dusek (Margaret's Birthday)

Children's Message

Pastor J.

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**AS WE GATHER...**“Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, ‘Who will go and work today?’”  
Each day Jesus calls us closer to Him and in service toward others. Is Jesus calling you closer so that you can witness to another person? Is Jesus calling you to lead little children to His “waiting arms?” We listen a little more intensely to Jesus’ calling.

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**RINGING OF THE BELL**

*After the ringing of the bell, we prepare our minds and hearts in silence for today's worship.*

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**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**CHORAL ANTHEM**      **“Are You Washed in the Blood?”**

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Are you washed in the blood, 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?

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing pow'r?  
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?

*Chorus: 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, of the Lamb?

*Chorus*

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?

*Chorus*

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, of the Lamb!

*Chorus*

*Chorus*

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

**OPENING BLESSING**

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

**People: Amen.**

## WE CONFESS

Leader: *Lord, we come to You as unworthy servants as we are by nature sinful and unclean.*

~~~~~ Silence for reflection ~~~~~

**People: We are by nature sinful. We have not always done what was our faithful duty. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Often our service to others has been rooted in selfishness and our motives have been impure. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

Leader: *We are unworthy servants, for we have sinned and deserve present and eternal punishment. For our sake, our Lord Jesus Christ came into this sinful and selfish world as the perfect Servant. He served us by His perfect life and by giving up His life on Calvary's cross as payment for our sin. At the command and promise of our Lord Jesus Christ and as a called and ordained servant of His Word, I forgive you all your sin in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### "Here I Am, Lord"

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin....  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

## BAPTISM OF STETSON CLIFFORD ANDERTON

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### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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#### FIRST LESSON

#### Exodus 12:1-14

#### *The Passover*

**12** The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup> “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you.

**3** Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household.

**4** And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb.

**5** Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats,

**6** and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

**7** “Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

**8** They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.

**9** Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. **10** And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

**11** In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord’s Passover.

**12** For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord.

**13** The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

**14** “This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



## HOLY GOSPEL

### Matthew 20:1-16

*The parable of the laborers in the vineyard.*

**20** “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

**2** After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.

**3** And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace,

**4** and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ **5** So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same.

**6** And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’

**7** They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’

**8** And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’

**9** And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.

**10** Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius.

**11** And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house,

**12** saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.”

**13** But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? **14** Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you.

**15** Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ **16** So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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

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

## SERMON HYMN

## “Seek Ye First”

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Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
And His righteousness.  
And all these things  
shall be added unto you!  
Allelu, Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek, and ye shall find.  
Knock, and the door  
shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, Alleluia!

Man shall not live by bread alone,  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds  
from the mouth of God.  
Allelu, Alleluia!

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### **SERMON**

*“Ticket to Ride”*

**Pastor Jeremy Lucke**

[Part 1](#)

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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

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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



*Lord God, You have given us the promise that our faith is sustained by You and Your work. As we are often tempted to rely on faith in ourselves rather than in You, guide us with Your Spirit to trust confidently in You. In joyous duty as Your faithful servants, we pray,*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader: Ever-present Lord, throughout time You spoke Your Word and used people to bring encouragement to those in need. Strengthen our faith to trust that You will answer our prayers and to wait patiently for Your will to be done. In joyous duty as Your servants, we pray,*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader: Ever-comforting Lord, physician of body and soul, we lift up to You those who suffer in any way. Strengthen them with Your Spirit and keep them firm in their faith, (especially...). In joyous duty as Your servants, we pray,*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader: Increase the generosity and sincerity of forgiveness among Your people, that we may enjoy an enriched fellowship marked not by dissension but by the righteousness of Christ. In joyous duty as Your servants, we pray,*

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader: It is into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through 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**

## 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

### *“Lift High the Cross”*

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*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

*Refrain*

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks combine.

*Refrain*

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.

*Refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

*Refrain*

## HEARING FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNER

## DISMISSAL

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## POST-SERVICE MUSIC

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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.

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

Have you seen the beautiful quilt in the fellowship hall? It was lovingly made by our own Kay G. and Peggy K. You could win that quilt!

Please consider purchasing a raffle ticket (or 2 or 3)! Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each. See Maggie to purchase. The drawing will be held on November 4.

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.

**NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER.** The new Portals of Prayer for Oct – Dec is out. There are copies available in the Narthex.

**POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP.** Next Sunday, October 1, will be a potluck fellowship. Please consider bringing your favorite dish to share with everyone.

*From the cloud came a*



*"This is my Son,  
the Beloved;  
listen to him!"*

MARK 9:7, NRSV

*Welcome to God's Family  
Stetson Clifford Anderton*