



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 16, 2024

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.

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	Anne Schroeder & 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, Joyce Long, Oscar Gutbrod, Sam Worth, Rick Durling, Jim Holroyd, Debbi Weiler, Dan Dusek
Praise Team	Rick Durling, Patrick Kamins, Ginny Tonelli, Karyn Stanley, Nora Stanley, Diane Crocker, Kaia Lucke

Today, June 16, 2024

Musician	Colleen Schulze
Reader	Margaret Phillipott

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

AS WE GATHER..... The Lord has promised a secure future in His presence in the eternity of life in the resurrection. Though we experience the weakness and maybe even dread of growing old, by faith we are like firm trees planted by the strength of God. That faith is the very creation of God the Holy Spirit, which grows and remains strong regardless of our circumstances. Be encouraged today that greater growth is always the outcome when we are planted so close to the Lord—which we are!

“Good, Good Father”

Anthony Brown | Pat Barrett; © 2014 Capitol CMG Paragon; Common Hymnal Digital; Housefires Sounds; Rising Springs Music; Tony Brown Publishing Designee; Vamos Publishing; worshiptogether.com songs

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

Chorus:

*You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are
It's who You are
It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am
It's who I am
It's who I am*

I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word

Chorus

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

Chorus

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

“Here I am to Worship”

Tim Hughes; © 2000 Thankyou Music

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus:

*So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Chorus

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

Leader: We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God,

People: a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Leader: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked.....

People: but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night.

OPENING UP TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

Leader: Let us prepare to receive God's strengthening of our faith this day as we confess our weakness and sin.

~~ We reflect upon our need for Jesus' rest and forgiveness. ~~

Leader: We confess.

People: Merciful God, we confess to You our discouragements; all our sins of thought, word and deed; and the inward groaning of our souls. For the sake of Your Son's own bitter suffering and death on behalf of all, grant us forgiveness and the strength of renewed faith that we may live today as joyful citizens of heaven.

Leader: You are the planting and the harvest of the Lord. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us Pray. Lord, we thank You for planting the seed of faith in our hearts by means of Your Word entering our ears. Grant, we pray, the strengthening of this faith that we may walk with confidence in our lives now, taking great courage in the promise of eternal life with You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Epistle: [2 Corinthians 5:1-10](#)

Awaiting the new body and a new creation

5 For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. **2** For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,

3 if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. **4** For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

5 He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. **6** So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, **7** for we walk by faith, not by sight.

8 Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. **9** So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL:

Mark 4:26-34

The growing seed and the mustard seed

26 And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. 27 He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how.

28 The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. 29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

30 And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? 31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth,

32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” 33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it.

34 He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

Text: J. Rippon, A selection of Hymns, 1787, alt. Tune: early American; © Public Domain

How firm a foundation,
O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in
His excellent word!
What more can He say
than to you He has said,
who unto the Savior
for refuge have fled?

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“Fear not, I am with you,
Oh, be not dismayed,
For I am your God,
and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you,
and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous,
omnipotent hand.”

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“The soul that on Jesus
has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not,
desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell
should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never,
no never forsake!

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“When through fiery trials
your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient,
shall be your supply;
The flames shall not hurt you;
I only design
your dross to consume,
and your gold to refine.

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Throughout all their lifetime
my people shall prove
My sov’reign, eternal,
unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs
shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still
in my bosom be borne.

Sermon

Pastor Jeremy Lucke

[Part 1](#)

[Part 2](#)

[Part 3](#)

[**WE SHARE OUR FAITH**](#)

People: I believe in God, who has created all things and continues to create new life within us.

I believe in Jesus, son of God, son of man, the Savior of the world. By His life, His death and resurrection, I can know the true depth of human possibility, and experience the true joy of an abundant life.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is present, now and always, calling us to faith, giving us gifts and empowering us for service.

I believe that the community of believers called the church can experience the fullness of life through the word, the sacraments, and all that we do. Amen.

OFFERING

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

[**OFFERTORY – Alyssa Stanley**](#)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Heavenly Father, we give thanks to You that You have planted Your Word among us. Give healthy growth to Your Church, that she may weather the storm-winds of this world, ever bearing the fruits of love and singing praises to Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: O Lord, the great I AM, what You have spoken You will surely do. We implore You for the sake of Christ and Your many precious promises to bless and defend our homes, to make the efforts of parents fruitful in the teaching of their children. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Father, we are bold to ask for all things because You have given us Your Spirit as a guarantee. Hear us as we intercede in Jesus' name for those in every need [especially _____]. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood is named, we give You thanks for earthly fathers. Give them confidence in their station and zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully. Make them examples to their children of godly life and love of You. Bless their work of bringing up children in the Lord and give them the comfort of Your forgiveness over all their shortcomings; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 HYMNS

“Freely, Freely”

Words & Music by: Carol Owens, adapted from: Matt. 10:7,8; © 1971 by William J. Gaither. The Fellowship Publication

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name;
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to.
He said, “Freely, freely you have received:
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
Others will know that I live.”

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His pow'r as He told me to.
He said, “Freely, freely you have received:
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
Others will know that I live.”

“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.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

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:

“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

Leader: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- June 23 – First Outside Worship Service on the Patio
- June 30 – Confirmation Sunday
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FATHER'S DAY POTATO BAR. The men of Peace will be preparing a baked potato bar for fellowship today after the service. We hope you can attend and partake in a wonderful opportunity to socialize with our church family.

OUTSIDE WORSHIP SERVICE. Does the nice weather we have been having this past week make you want to get outside? Our first opportunity for an outside worship service this year will be next Sunday, June 23. Mark your calendars and pray for pleasant temperatures on that day.

PEACE'S NIGHT AT THE CORVALLIS KNIGHTS. Peace is organizing a night out at the Corvallis Knights ball game on June 20th when the Knights will host the Springfield Drifters at the OSU ball field. The church will be providing the tickets for this event, and it will be a great opportunity to come out and socialize with your Peace family and enjoy an evening at the ballgame. Please let Rachel Harrington know if you are interested in attending so that we can be sure to get enough tickets.

TABLES OF PEACE. The sign-up sheets for Tables of Peace are in the hallway to the Fellowship Hall. Tables of Peace is a great way to socialize and get to know others in the congregation and share a great meal in the process.

SINGING AT STONEYBROOK. Peace will be taking a break from singing at Stoneybrook in June, July and August. We'll pick it back up in the fall.

IMMIGRATION & CITIZENSHIP PRESENTATION. Next Tuesday at noon in the Fellowship Hall, the Philomath Rotary Club will be hearing a presentation on Immigration and the track to Citizenship by Win Eaton, founding attorney of Eaton & Associates in Bakersfield California. Win will also give a vocational talk on his history from an electrician and Rotarian in Philomath to his law firm serving clients in Oregon and California. All Peace members are invited to attend and please contact Dan if you plan on attending as lunch will be provided.

