



**“Whoever welcomes  
one such child  
in my name  
welcomes me.”**

MARK 9:37, NRSV

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

*September 22, 2024*

# 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.

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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	Anne Schroeder & Karyn Stanley
Admin Assistant	Daniel Dusek
Parish Nurse	Kathy Durling
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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, Anne Schroeder, John Mergl

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## Today, September 22, 2024

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Musician	Alyssa Stanley
Reader	Lindy Young

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

**AS WE GATHER.....** Prayer will take a different look in today's worship. We'll be praying through the words of Psalm 37. Psalm 37 says, "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart." This is encouragement to center ourselves on what pleases the Lord. Psalm 37 continues by saying, "Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act." This is encouragement to trust in God's timing and God's ability to intercede. Psalm 37 also says, "Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him." Our goal today is to be more aligned with God—His ways, His actions, His love.

 **YOU**  
  
**BELONG**  
 **HERE!**

OPENING BLESSING AND FOCUS

*Leader: In the name of the Father,*

**People: who created the ocean and the sky, the rivers and the clouds, the rain and the snow.**

*Leader: In the name of the Son,*

**People: who stilled the storm of the sea and quieted the thunder with his voice.**

*Leader: In the name of the Spirit,*

**People: who hovered over the waters of creation and was present in the winds of Pentecost. Amen.**

*Leader: Sometimes in life, we don't know where to go.*

**People: God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.**

*Leader: Sometimes in life, we wonder what is in store for us.*

**People: God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.**

*Leader: Sometimes in life, we feel afraid and alone.*

**People: There is only One we can turn to. With confidence we seek the Lord today.**

## **WE CONFESS**

*Leader: Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened unto you."*

**People: "For everyone who ask receives, and those who seek find, and to each who knocks it will be opened."**

*Leader: God knows our needs before we ask and in our asking prepares us to receive the gift of his grace. Let us open our hearts to God's healing forgiveness and forsake all that separates us from him and from one another. Let us be mindful of all personal evil done in thought, word, and deed and confess to God what has wounded others and us through our sin.*

*Leader: We confess,*

**People: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have turned away from you and from each other in our thoughts, words, and actions. We do repent and are truly sorry for our sins. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Brother, Jesus, your Son. Forgive us all that is past, renew us with the power of the Holy Spirit, and move us to faithful service in the kingdom of Jesus our Lord.**

*Leader: Almighty God, in His boundless love sent His Son, Jesus, to die and rise for our forgiveness and eternal life. Because of Jesus, we are restored, body and soul. Therefore, by Jesus' authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

i am...

LOVED

[ROMANS 5:8]

worthy

[1 THESSALONIANS 2:12]

cherished

[EPHESIANS 5:29]

forgiven

[1 JOHN 2:12]

chosen

[COLOSSIANS 3:12]

## HYMN OF PRAISE:

## “Oh, How I Love Jesus”

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There is a name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
It sounds like music in my ear,  
The sweetest name on earth.  
O, how I love Jesus, O,  
how I love Jesus,  
O, how I love Jesus  
Because He first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love,  
Who died to set me free;  
It tells me of His precious blood,  
The sinner's perfect plea.  
O, how I love Jesus,  
O, how I love Jesus,  
O, how I love Jesus  
Because He first loved me!

It tells of One whose loving heart  
Can feel my deepest woe,  
Who in each sorrow bears a part  
That none can bear below.  
O, how I love Jesus,  
O, how I love Jesus,  
O, how I love Jesus  
Because He first loved me!

## PRAYER FOCUS

*Leader: Let us Pray. O God—You delight not in pomp and show, but in a humble and contrite heart. Too often in our lives we seek after knowledge as if it will solve our problems. We understand Your wisdom is what we need to guide us in life and through our problems. Give us a heart to seek Your wisdom for our lives. We pray this in Jesus' name.*

**People: Amen.**

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## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

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### FIRST LESSON:

I Corinthians 14:1-5

**14** Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. **2** For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit.

**3** On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. **4** The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church.

**5** Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL:

Mark 9:30-37

**30** They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know,

**31** for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.”

**32** But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

**33** And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?”

**34** But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. **35** And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”

**36** And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, **37** “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

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

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



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



## SERMON HYMN

## “Amazing Grace”

Edwin Othello Excell; John Newton; John P. Rees; William W. Walker; Words: Public Domain ;  
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Amazing grace how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found;  
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

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**Sermon**  
*“Building Up”*  
**Pastor Jeremy Lucke**  
[Part 1](#)  
[Part 2](#)

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[APOSTLES’ CREED](#)

**People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come 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—  
ourselves, our time, our possessions.*

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[OFFERTORY](#)

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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### *Praying through Psalm 37*

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

**People: Guide protect us and Christ's whole church to proclaim the Gospel. We dearly want all people to hear the Good News.**

*Leader: Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.*

*Leader: Let us pray for people in power through politics, those in businesses growing and distributing the resources of this world, armed forces protecting and defending us, and others who provide opportunities to use the talents You have given to us.*

**People: Work faith in their hearts, O God, so that they may meet the needs of all people in peace, and we may follow their lead in serving You.**

*Leader: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act.*

*Leader: Let us pray for those who make and adjudicate the laws of our country and others.*

**People: Turn the hearts of those who seek to harm us or our nation and work against peace around the world, O God. Let us see Your justice.**

*Leader: He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.*

*Leader: Let us pray for those near and dear to us, (including.....), that God would heal, restore, and comfort them according to all His good plans for them.*

**People: Grant doors of opportunity for health care professionals, first responders, and us, that we may work together with them for the good of those for whom we pray.**

*Leader: Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him.*

*Leader: Finally, let us pray for all who oppose our gracious God.*

**People: Open the hearts of our enemies, O God, and all who oppose Your reign of love, so that they may know Your grace and mercy.**

*Leader: Fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices! Delight Yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart!*

**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

*Leader: Now may the God of heaven and earth, of sky and sea, bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you, his children, and be gracious unto you. May our Creator look upon you with favor and give you peace.*

**People: Amen.**

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations,  
is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged,  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who with all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness,  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge,  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise,  
forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,  
thou wilt find a solace there.

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**HEARING FROM OUR MINISTRY PARTNER**

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**“We Care”**

**[Part 1](#)**

**[Part 2](#)**

## 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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#### **BAZAAR NEWS....**

Do you love baking? Please consider making cookies for “The Cookie Jar” where our guests can purchase an assortment of cookies by the dozen(s). This is an incredibly popular area of the bazaar. If you can believe it, last year we sold out of over 150+ DOZEN cookies! Yowza! You can bake now and freeze!

And of course, bazaars are the best place to find delicious Tasty Treats such as pies, cupcakes, muffins, holiday breads, cookie mixes, candy creations, snack mixes, and more. Most can be made ahead and frozen as well.

**Note: We will have a supply of packaging items available for you if needed. See Kay if you want some to use.**

**WHAT IS GRANNY'S ATTIC?** For those of you that don't know, Granny's Attic is an extension of our annual bazaar. We take in donations of gently used items. Proceeds from the sale of these items benefit organizations in and around Philomath. During the bazaar, Granny's Attic will be set up in two of the classrooms off the Fellowship Hall. The bazaar is rapidly approaching. Meaning it's time to think about how you can help. Donations will be accepted now through Sunday, October 20th (please NO clothes, shoes, or large items). So, think about cleaning out a drawer, closet, or garage, and please keep us in mind. For questions, pick up, or delivery contact Jani B. 541.740.4650

