

Peace Lutheran Church

6th Sunday after Pentecost

US Semiquincentennial

July 5, 2026 9:00 a.m.



GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME!

Thank you for joining in Worship today.

Whether you regularly worship with us, are here for the first time, or are returning after a time away, your presence is important for the worship we offer to the glory of God. May your experience of God's love be a blessing in your life. If you are visiting with us, please sign the guest register in the Narthex, near the front door. All are welcome at Jesus' table. The center ring in the communion tray has grape juice and the other two rings have wine.

Information in italics | **Congregation responses in bold** | * indicates please stand as you are able. Worship services may involve photography, as well as audio and video recording.

Welcome & Announcements to Prepare Us for Worship

* Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary, glory and peace to the ends of the earth.

Amen.

Let us bring every burden to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of all mercy,

we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation.

Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good is at war with the evil that dwells in us. We lament the evil that holds us captive. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

All-merciful, Almighty God forgive you all your sins through the grace of ✠ Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit's power strengthen you in doing what is good. **Amen.**



** Give Me Jesus*

ELW 770

***Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



* Hymn of Praise

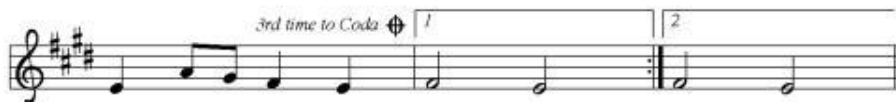
Praise to You, O God of Mercy



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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***The Prayer of the Day**

Lord of all the worlds, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

...the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 145:8-14

⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹² that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion
endures throughout all ages. You, Lord, are faithful in all your
words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed
down.

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want,
but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree
that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that
dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me,
that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but
not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not
want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who
do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies
close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I
see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making
me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched
person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks
be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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***Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,
the 11th chapter.

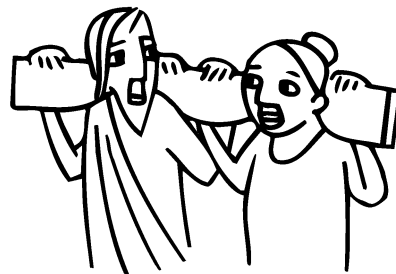
....**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus spoke to the crowd
saying:] ¹⁶ “To what will I compare this
generation? It is like children sitting in the
marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ ‘We played the flute for you, and you did
not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a
demon’; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look,
a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet
wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and
earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the
intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was
your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my



Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord... **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon – Pastor Carol Jeunnette



** O God of Every Nation*

ELW 713

***APOSTLE’S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

Trusting in God’s steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Each petition ends with: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for Michael, Bill, Lynn, Julie, Janet, Crystal, Trish, Kathy, Sean, Tim.

Happy Birthday – Chris Monsen-July 5; Terri Schildt-July 8

Happy Anniversary – Jenn Muffick & Ed Drewitz – July 8

Into your mercy, O God, we entrust our restless hearts and all our cares, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Share the peace with each other as you are comfortable.

*** Offering Prayer**

Let us pray... **Blessed are you, O God, for waves of grain and harvesters, fruitful vines and winepresses, for our labor and our rest, for the gifts of your hand in this land. Transform us and what we offer into the banquet of your compassion, serving your love without limits through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

*(Please place your gifts in the basket
at the back of the Sanctuary as you depart)*

The Meal

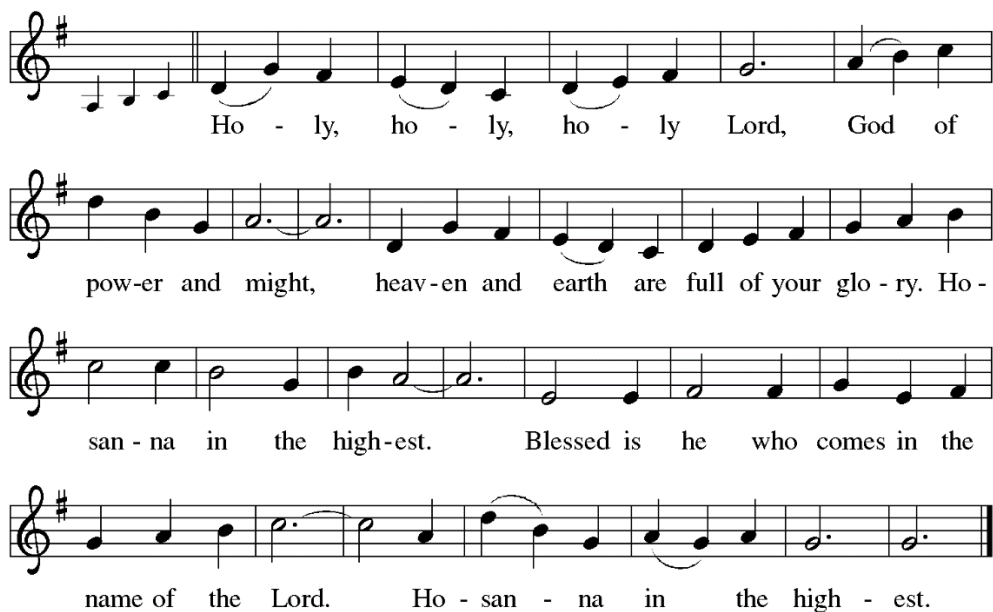
***Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Eucharistic Prayer

***Lord's Prayer** (*sung – see laminated sheet*)

*Invitation to Communion

Citizens of the
commonwealth of
heaven: Taste and
know that God is
good to all.

*Please come
forward as you are
able to receive
communion.*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***Post-Communion Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and forever.

***Prayer after Communion**

We thank you, God of heaven and earth, that you fill our deepest need with the very gift of Jesus Christ, broken and poured out for us. Pour us out into a broken world. Channel our common life toward the common good, following the way our Savior leads us now and forever.

Amen.

***Blessing**

The Author of life, the Word of salvation, the Breath of new birth,
✝ one God, bless you and equip you for living and serving, today and every day.

Amen.



** This Is My Song*

ELW 887

Announcements for the Good of All

***Dismissal**

Grow in peace. Seek liberty and justice for all.
Thanks be to God.



Peace Lutheran Announcements for July 5, 2026

Church Website: www.peacelutheranburlington.org

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Pastor Carol's email: pastorcarol.peace@gmail.com

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Attendance for Sunday, June 28, 2026 – 32 confirmed

General Offerings \$1,155.00 Mt Meru \$52.00

Worship Assistants for today – Council member in charge: Marilyn Hart, Lector: Marilyn Hart, Communion Assistant: Renee Knapton, Offering counter: Kent Zahn, Tech: Sean McGinty

Office Hours... Pastor Carol's office hours are Wednesdays from 9am to noon. Feel free to stop in and say "hello." She can also be reached by phone, if needed. (303) 909-3064.

Growing Relationships... Please contact Renee Knapton by phone (262-492-0718) or by e-mail at reneeknapton@gmail.com with any joys, sorrows, prayer requests, etc. that you wish shared with fellow members.

Life Choices... in July we will be collecting diapers of all sizes, but especially smaller ones.

Ground Zero Veteran's Outreach... currently has 2 locations. In Union Grove it is the Fresh Start where food and personal items are stored, and in 2024 they opened a farm oasis. They are currently serving 18 veterans. Small tools are needed as well as non perishable food. We will be collecting items in August, to be delivered September 1st. A more detailed list of needs will be posted August 1st.

50th Anniversary photos needed... As we continue our anniversary journey, we would like to include as many photos from our history as possible. Please look through what you may have at home to see what you might have that we could add to our collection. Give them to Sharon and she can scan them and return to you immediately.

Concert... Kerry Bieneman is doing a Singer-Songwriter Showcase with Ryan Charles on July 11 from 6-8pm in the fellowship hall of Norway Lutheran Church. It is a fundraiser for their music program. Ticket are \$30 in advance and \$40 at the door, and includes food and beverages. Anyone interested in attending should contact Kerry or Marilyn.