Peace Lutheran Church

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 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.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
grow in peace

Welcome & Announcements to Prepare Us for Worship

*** Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.
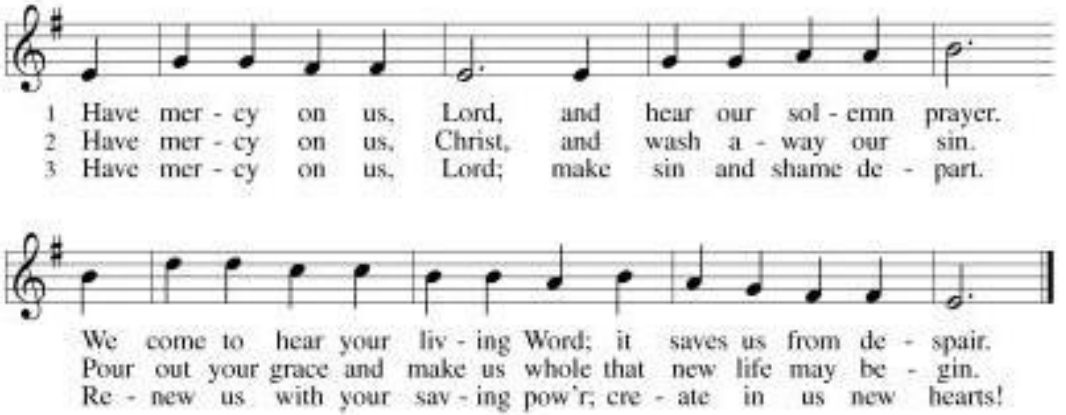


** All Are Welcome* ELW 641

***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.**
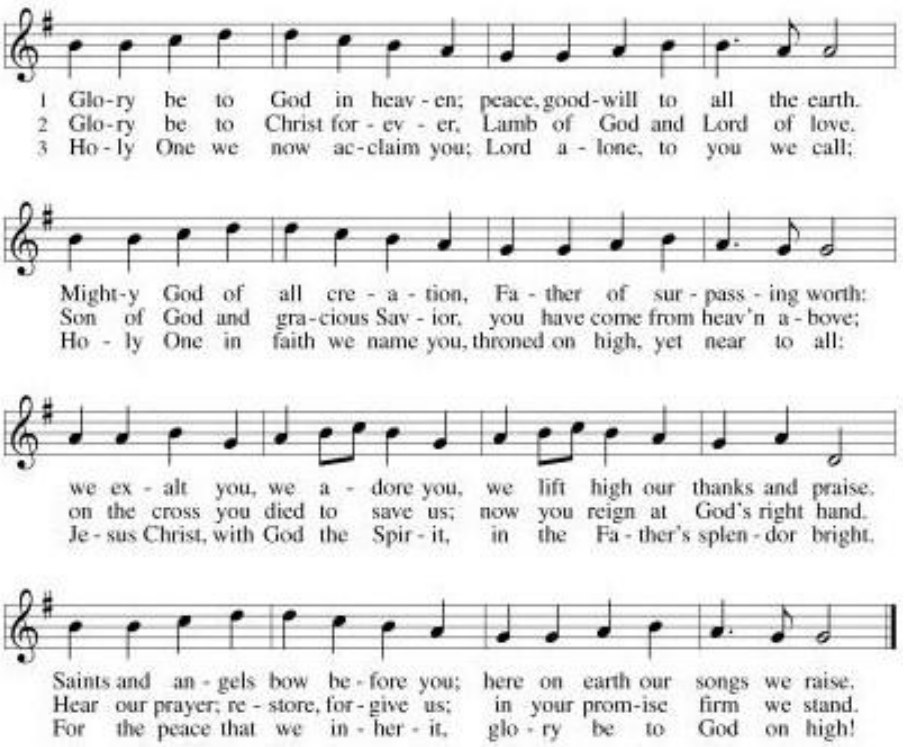
*** Kyrie**

Have Mercy on Us, Lord



***Hymn of Praise**

Glory Be to God in Heaven



***The Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray… **Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own**

abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

First Reading: Jonah 3:10—4:11

10 When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from
their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he
would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

4:1 But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. 2 He prayed
to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my
own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that
you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast
love, and relenting from punishment. 3 And now, O LORD, please take my life
from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." 4 And the LORD said, "Is it
right for you to be angry?" 5 Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east
of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade,
waiting to see what would become of the city.

6 The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give
shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy
about the bush. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm
that attacked the bush, so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God prepared a
sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was
faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to
live."

9 But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?"
And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." 10 Then the LORD said, "You are
concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not
grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should I not
be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a
hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from
their left and also many animals?"

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

Psalm 145:1-8

1 I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

2 **Every day will I bless you**
and praise your name forever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.

4 **One generation shall praise your works to another**
and shall declare your power.

5 I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.

6 **They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,**
and I will recount your greatness.

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

8 **The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,**
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
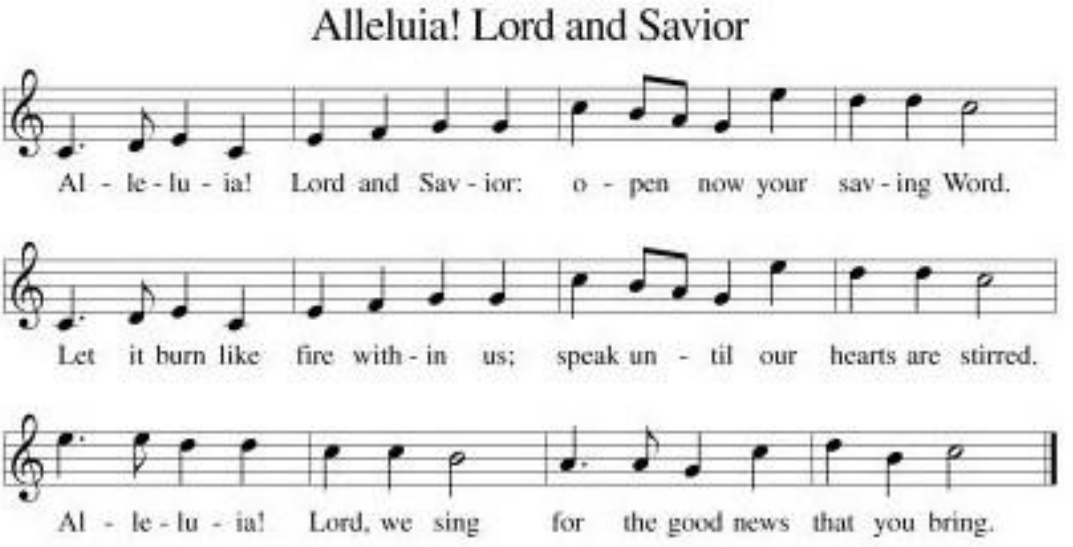
Second Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

21 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. 23 I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, 24 but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. 25 Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, 26 so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

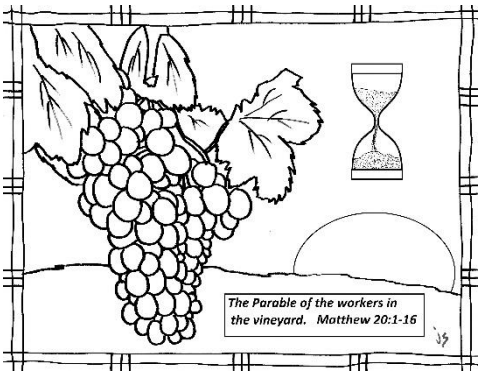
27 Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel 28 and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. 29 For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, 30 since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

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***Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16**



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' 9 When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. 10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. 11 And when they

received it, they grumbled against the landowner, [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 the same as I give to you. [15] Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' [16] So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

Sermon – Pastor Carol Jeunnette



** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* ELW 588

***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**

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.
A brief silence.

Each petition ends with: Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for Michael, Bill, Lynn, Julie, Janet, Crystal, Trish, Kathy, Sean, Tim, Don, Sharon McGinty, Ken, David.
Birthday: Bev Stobber – September 21

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.
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.

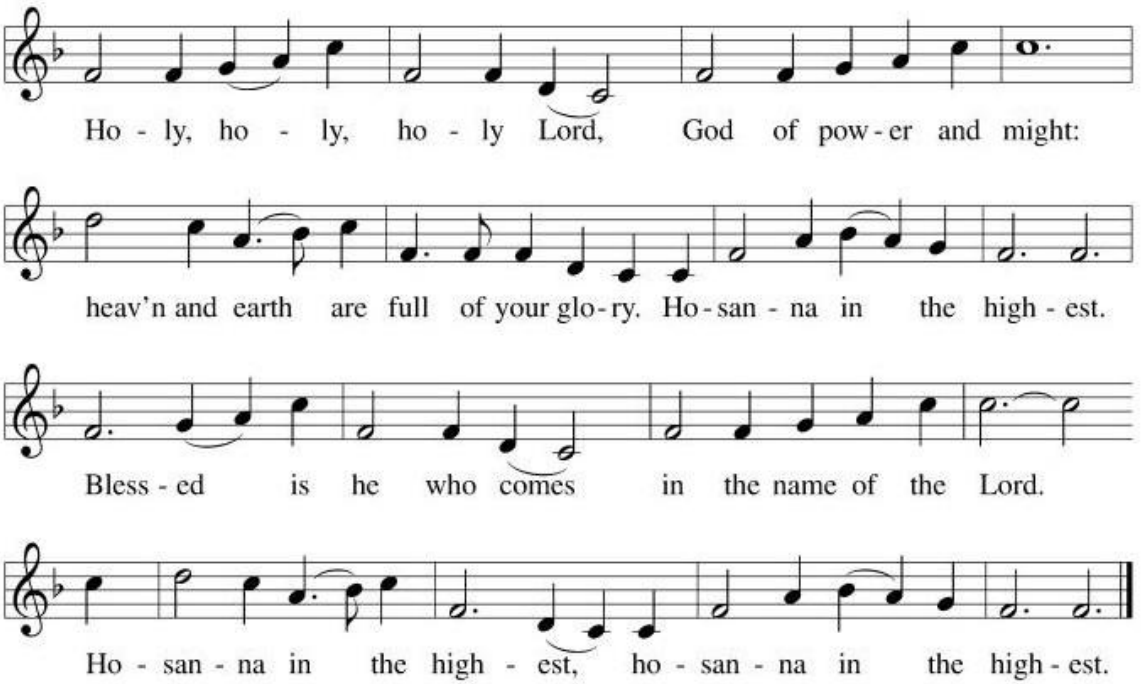
*** Offering Prayer**
Let us pray… **God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**
(Please place 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.

***Proper Preface**
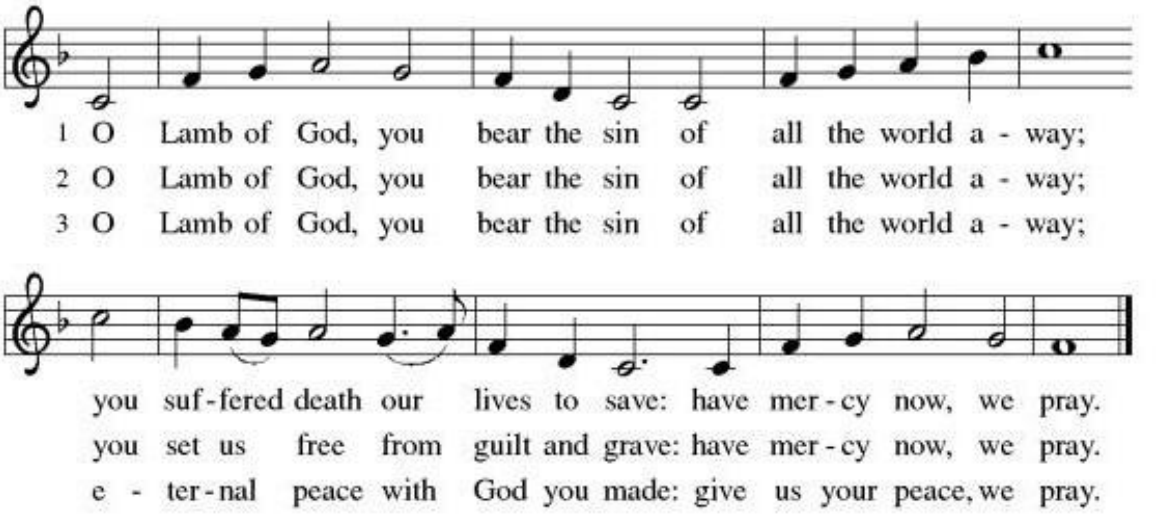
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



***Eucharistic Prayer**

***Lord's Prayer** *(modern version)*
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

***Invitation to Communion**
Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!
Please come forward as you are able to receive communion.



***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**
Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

***Blessing**
The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**
The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**
The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

* *We Are All One in Mission* ELW 576

Announcements for the Good of All

***Dismissal**
Go out in joy and grow in peace.
Thanks be to God.

Peace Lutheran Announcements for September 20, 2026
Church Website: www.peacelutheranburlington.org
Church Email: peacelca@gmail.com
Pastor Carol's email: pastorcarol.peace@gmail.com
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Attendance for Sunday, September 13, 2026 –28 confirmed
General Offerings $1,290.00 Mt. Meru $20.00
Worship Assistants for today – Council member in charge: Marilyn Hart, Lector: Pam Mueller, Communion Assistant: Carol Chaffee, Offering counter: John Monsen, Tech: Sean McGinty

Office Hours… Pastor Carol's office hours are Wednesday 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.

Compassionate Corner… This month our giving will focus on this adult daycare. Their wishes are for art supplies such as coloring books, yarn, glue, construction paper, children's books or easy reading, etc. Gently used is fine.

Outreach For Hope… We have a team of walkers participating in a 2-mile walk to support Outreach for Hope. The walk takes place on September 26. If anyone is interested in sponsoring our walkers, you can donate online at ofhrrw.org or make a check out to Outreach For Hope and give to Dan Knapton or place it in the offering basket.

Community Meals… As part of our Anniversary celebration, September we will be hosting a free meal for the community. This will be on Monday, September 28 with one session at 11:30am-1:00pm and again at 4pm-5:30pm. We will need volunteers during each of these sessions. Please sign up in the Narthex.