



Peace Lutheran Church

The Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026 9:00 a.m.



GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME!

Thank you for joining in Worship today. This morning, we begin our six- month celebration of 50 years of faithfulness and ministry at Peace Lutheran! We will tell the stories of the “pre-history” of Peace – from the time the decision was made to begin a new congregation up to Charter Sunday. We are glad you have joined us.

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,
whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins. burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.



** The Church's One Foundation* (vs. 1)

ELW 654

*** Opening Litany and Candle Lighting**

Over 50 years ago, a group of 26 families, after much prayer and consternation, decided that following Jesus required leaving their congregation and starting a new one. It was a hard decision, made in order to honor the gifts and leadership of both men and women.

Today, we light a candle in honor of the faith, courage and commitment of the people who followed God's call and formed this congregation, Peace Lutheran Church.

We remember the early years - when people trusted that wherever two or three gathered in Christ's name, Christ was present. We remember the church that gathered in a bank, and in a masonic hall. We remember the challenges of setting up and taking down everything needed for worship every Sunday, and of finding leadership. We remember the joy of women in leadership positions. We remember the search for a larger church home, and for a pastor.

Today, over 50 years later, we recognize that following the call of God is challenging, and at times leads to unexpected places. We trust that

God continues to call us. God of the journey, you called your people to walk in paths untrodden and create a new community of faith called Peace Lutheran Church.

God of life, you knit your people together into the body of Christ.

We thank you for your call and for your accompaniment over the past 50 years.

Thank you for the faithful founders of this congregation.

Continue to equip us to be your love and peace in this place.

God of past, present and future, guide this congregation through these months of anniversary celebration and in the coming years.

Light our pathways always. Fill us with faith, courage, peace, compassion and commitment.



** Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

ELW 414

***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

1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Music: Dinah Reindorf, b. c. 1927

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* 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!

Text and music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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***The Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray... **Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and

over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

Psalm 8

¹ O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

² you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴ what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶ You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:

⁷ all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸ the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹ O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

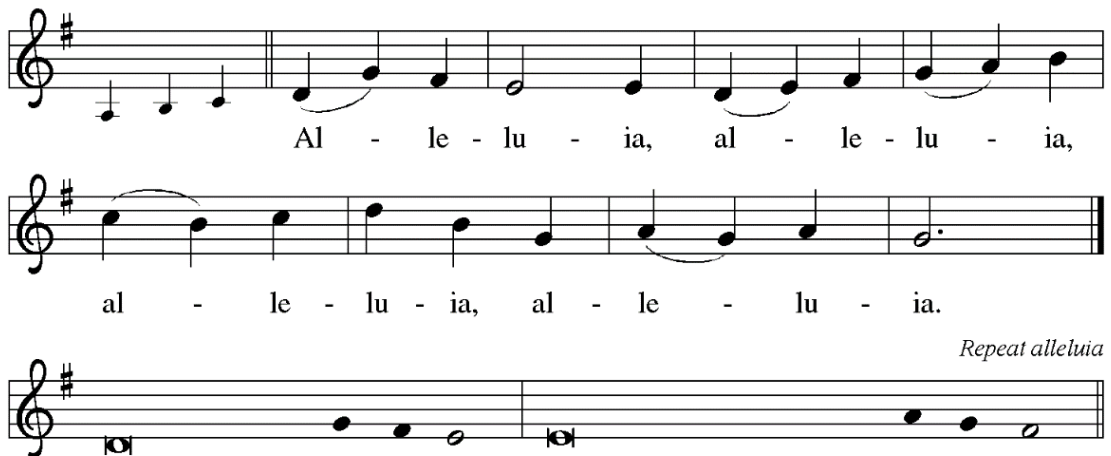
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

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The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia," with lyrics written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." and ends with a double bar line. The third staff is a simplified bass line with notes corresponding to the lyrics, also ending with a double bar line. The instruction "Repeat alleluia" is written to the right of the third staff.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

***Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,
the 28th chapter.



...Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee,
to the mountain to which Jesus had directed
them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they
doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and
on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all
nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of
the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have
commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the
age.”

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

Sermon – Pastor Carol Jeunnette



*** The Church Song**

W&P 135

Stories of Charter Members and presentation of roses.

***Prayers of Intercession**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the
needs of the world.

(A brief silence.)

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

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

Happy Anniversary – John & Chris Monsen – June 6

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus 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... **Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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.

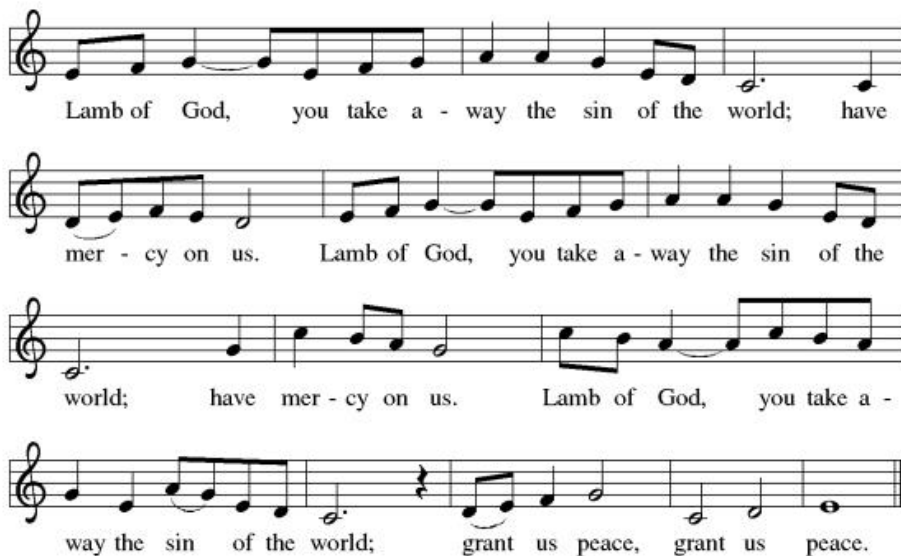
***Eucharistic Prayer**

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

***Invitation to Communion**

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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.

***Sending Prayer**

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***Blessing**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

Amen.



Announcements for the Good of All

***Dismissal**

Grow in peace, serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God.



Peace Lutheran Announcements for May 31, 2026

Church Website: www.peacelutheranburlington.org

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Attendance for Sunday, May 24, 2026 – 27 confirmed, 2 unconfirmed

General Offerings \$1,355.00 Mt. Meru \$47.00

Worship Assistants for today – Council member in charge: Renee Knapton, Lector: Bev Stobber, Communion Assistant: Bev Stobber, Offering counter: John Monsen, 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. (262) 900-8212.

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.

TLC... For June we are collecting healthy snacks; pudding/jello cups, soup, mac & cheese, etc.

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

50th Anniversary t-shirts... are available to order. See sign up in the narthex, as well as samples for sizing.

Important reminder – Annual Congregational Meeting... will be next Sunday, June 7 following worship, in the Sanctuary. On the agenda will be a review of council member's annual reports, and the election of 2026-2027 council members. This is an important meeting in the life of our church. Please be sure to attend.

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.

