Peace Lutheran Church

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 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.



** Rise Up, O Saints of God!* ELW 669

***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… **Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 33:12-23

12 Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but
you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I
know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' 13 Now if I have
found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you
and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people."
14 He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." 15 And he
said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. 16 For
how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people,
unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from
every people on the face of the earth."

17 The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked, for
you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." 18 Moses said,
"Please show me your glory." 19 And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass
before you and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD,' and I will be
gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show
mercy. 20 But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and
live." 21 And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall
stand on the rock, 22 and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the
rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; 23 then I will
take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

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

Psalm 99

1 The LORD is king; let the people tremble.
The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

[2] **The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**
[3] Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.
[4] **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;**
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
[5] Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool;
God is the Holy One.
[6] **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those**
who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you
answered them,
[7] you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.
[8] **O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God**
who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.
[9] Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

[1] Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.
[2] We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly [3] remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
[4] For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, [5] because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. [6] And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, [7] so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. [8] For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. [9] For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God [10] and to wait for his

Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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

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***Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22**



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,
the 22nd chapter.
....**Glory to you, O Lord.**

15 The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in
what he said. 16 So they sent their disciples to him,
along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know
that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and
show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell
us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" 18 But Jesus,
aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you
hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a
denarius. 20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" 21 They
answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the
things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they
heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

Sermon – Pastor Carol Jeunnette



** Take My Life, That I My Be* ELW 685

***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**

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

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

We pray for Michael, Bill & Elsie, Lynn, Janet, Crystal, Kathy, Sean, Tim, Don, Sharon McGinty, Ken, David.

Anniversary: Sean & Janet McGinty – October 21

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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)

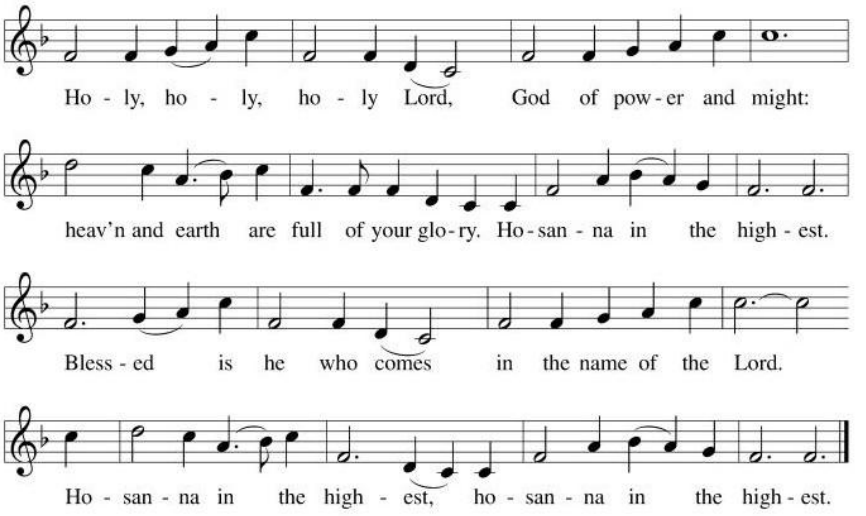
The Meal

***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.**

 * *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* ELW 413

Announcements for the Good of All

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

Peace Lutheran Announcements for October 18, 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, October 11, 2026 –21 confirmed, 1 unconfirmed, 1 virtual
General Offerings $475.00
Worship Assistants for today – Council member in charge: Renee Knapton, Lector: Dan Knapton, Communion Assistant: Renee Knapton, Offering counter: John Monsen, Tech: John Jeunnette

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.

STEWARDSHIP… Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to participate in the year ahead. We ask that you return your completed pledge card to the church on Reformation Sunday, October 25.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM AND FAMILY BRUNCH POTLUCK…The last of our monthly anniversary celebrations before the BIG celebration on November 15 is Sunday, October 25. (Which also is Reformation Day and Stewardship Sunday - big day!). This month's celebration will focus on the ***families*** of Peace, and on our remembrance of our baptismal vows. Join us for worship at 9:00, and for a family potluck brunch. (Wear red in honor of Reformation Day, please. See sign up for brunch in the Narthex.

ALL SAINTS DAY – NOVEMBER 1… On All Saints Day, we remember all who have died in the faith. You are invited to bring a picture of a loved one to display in the front of the church, and during worship you will be invited to light a candle (or candles) in memory of your loved one(s).

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING NOTICE… The congregational meeting to ratify the 2027 budget will be held November 22, 2026 following worship. Please try to be in attendance so we are sure to have a quorum.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT - SAVE THE DATE…
Sunday, November 29, 2026

KNAPTON'S SOCIAL EVENT… As promised, here is more information for the November 7th social event. It will be here at church starting at 6:30. We are calling it, European memories. The evening will consist of Renee's memories, photos and descriptions, and snacks with a European flavor. Hope to see you there.

AI DISCUSSION… by John Jeunnette, originally scheduled for today, is postponed at least until February.