

Peace Lutheran Church

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 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, 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. Our 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.



*** Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**

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***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:

3rd time to Coda 1 2
thanks be to you for - ev - er! ev - er!
thanks be to you for -
thanks be to you for -

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

to stanza 3
mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

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

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***The Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 25:19-34

¹⁹ These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹ Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife because she was barren, and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²² The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. ²³ And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other; the elder shall serve the younger."

²⁴ When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵ The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle, so they named him Esau. ²⁶ Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel, so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷ When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸ Isaac loved Esau because he was fond of game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰ Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹ Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." ³² Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³ Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore

to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

Psalm 119:105-112

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light upon my path.

¹⁰⁶ **I have sworn and am determined
to keep your righteous judgments.**

¹⁰⁷ I am deeply troubled; preserve my life,
O Lord, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸ **Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips,
and teach me your judgments.**

¹⁰⁹ My life is always in danger, yet I do not forget your teaching.

¹¹⁰ **The wicked have set a trap for me,
but I have not strayed from your commandments.**

¹¹¹ Your decrees are my inheritance forever;
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹² **I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes
forever and to the end.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those

who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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***Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,
the 13th chapter.

....Glory to you, O Lord.



¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!”

¹⁸ “Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

Sermon – Pastor Carol Jeunnette



** For the Fruit of All Creation*

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***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, Don.

Happy Birthday – Sharon Ryd-July 15; Ryan Bieneman-July 17

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **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

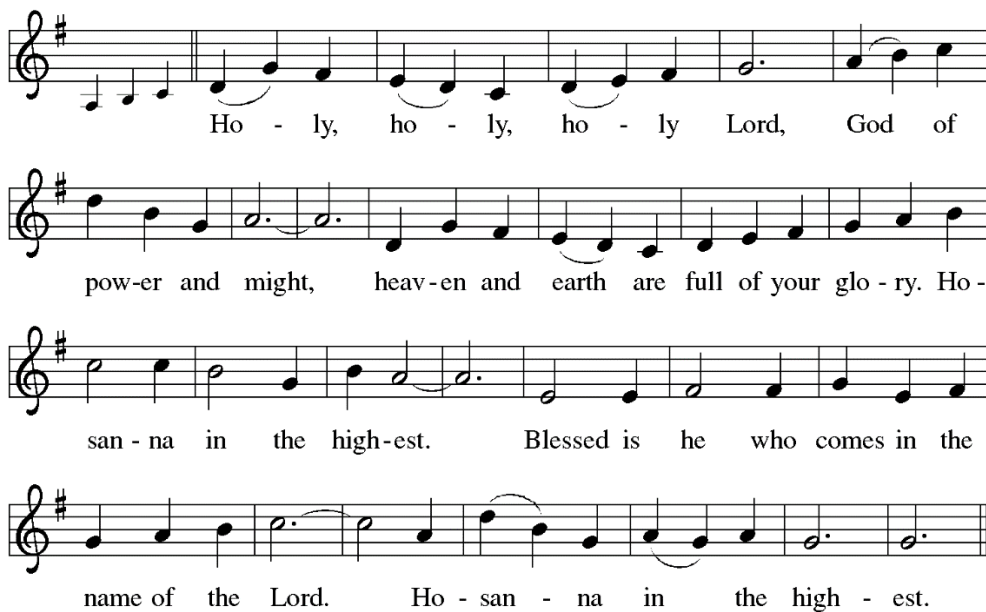
*Great Thanksgiving

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.

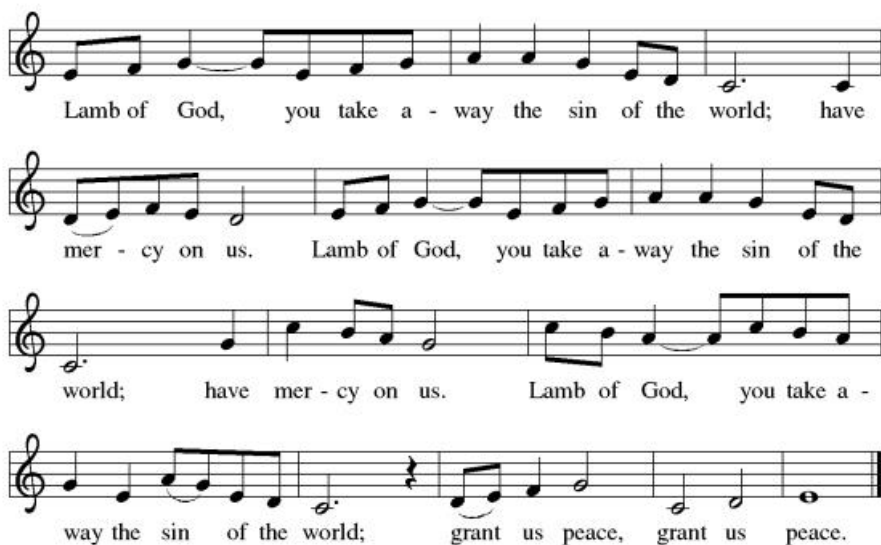
*Eucharistic Prayer

***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.

***Prayer after Communion**

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

***Blessing**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**



** Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

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Announcements for the Good of All

***Dismissal**

Heaven has come near. Grow, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.



Peace Lutheran Announcements for July 12, 2026

Church Website: www.peacelutheranburlington.org

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Attendance for Sunday, July 5, 2026 –22 confirmed, 1 virtual

General Offerings \$2,320.00 Mt Meru \$12.00

Worship Assistants for today – Council member in charge: Janet McGinty, Lector: Dan Knapton, Communion Assistant: Bev Stobber, Offering counter: Janet McGinty, Tech: Sean McGinty

Office Hours... Pastor Carol's office hours this week will be Wednesday from 9am to 11am. 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 picnic-July 26... Pastor Robert Suhr will be joining us July 26 for our next anniversary celebration. We will be having a church picnic following worship. Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex.

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.

Council Retreat... A reminder that there will be a combined Council Retreat and July Council meeting this coming Saturday, July 18 at 9am. We will meet at Pastor Carol's home. Please bring a dish to share.