

Peace Lutheran Church

50 Years of FAITHFULNESS & MINISTRY

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Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2026 9:00 a.m.

GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME!

Thank you for joining in Worship today. This morning, we continue our six-month celebration of 50 years of faithfulness and ministry at Peace Lutheran, remembering the congregation's fifth decade, 2017-2026.

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
The Fifth Decade of Peace Lutheran Church

***** *The Church's One Foundation* (vs. 1) ELW 654



The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

*** Opening and Litany**

Let us pray... God of life, you gathered this community of believers and planted us in this place. You call us to follow Jesus, to love one another, to love you and your world, and to create a place where all are welcome.

We thank you for your call and for your accompaniment over the years of ministry.

God of love, following your call is not always easy. It requires creativity, strength, patience and most of all, grace.

We thank you for the gifts that made it possible for your people to work together in this place.

God of grace, we thank you this morning for the people during the fifth decade of ministry - the people who strengthened this body to be faithful in ministry.

Thank you for children, parents, grandparents, for confirmands, and for all gathered at the Table in those years. Thank you for lay and clergy leadership during some challenging times.

Thank you for the opportunities we have had to share your love with our community.

Walk with those who give care, and those whose lives are touched by that care.

God of past, present and future, guide this congregation through these months of anniversary celebration and in the coming years.
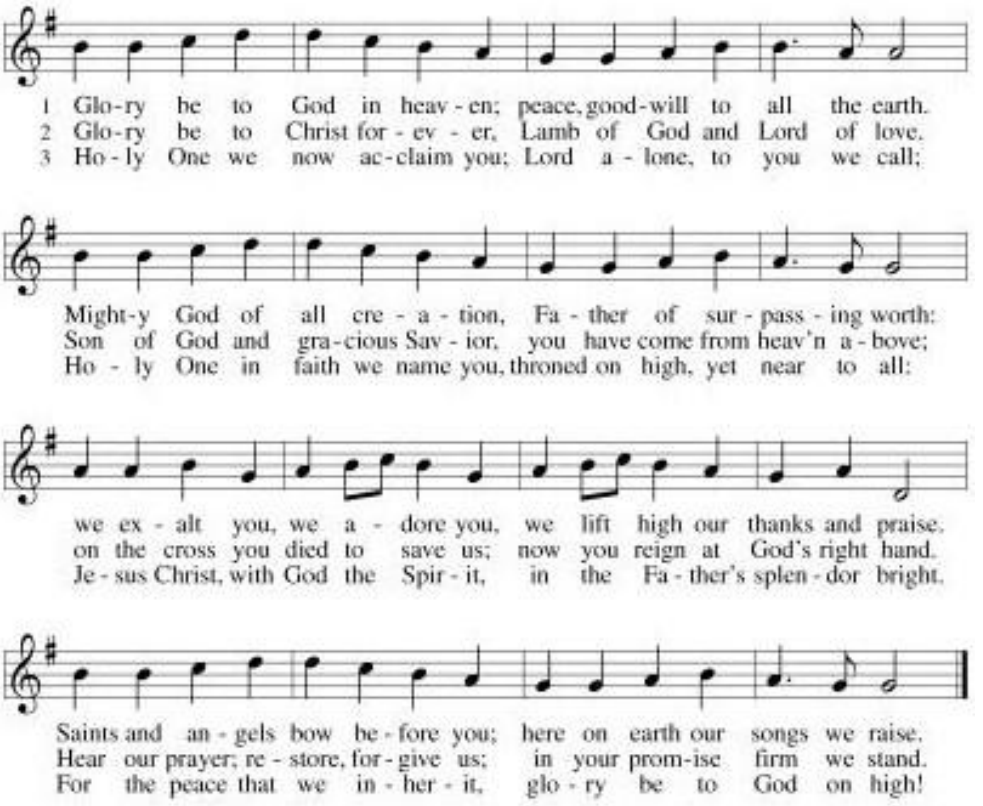
Continue to equip us to be your love and peace in this place. Light our pathways into your future for this congregation. Fill us with faith, courage, peace, compassion and commitment. Amen.

*** 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**

Glory Be to God in Heaven



*** The Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray… **Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32 It will not be like the covenant
that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out
of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,
says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel
after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it
on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 No longer
shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall
all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will
forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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



**** A Might Fortress Is Our God*** ELW 504

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28
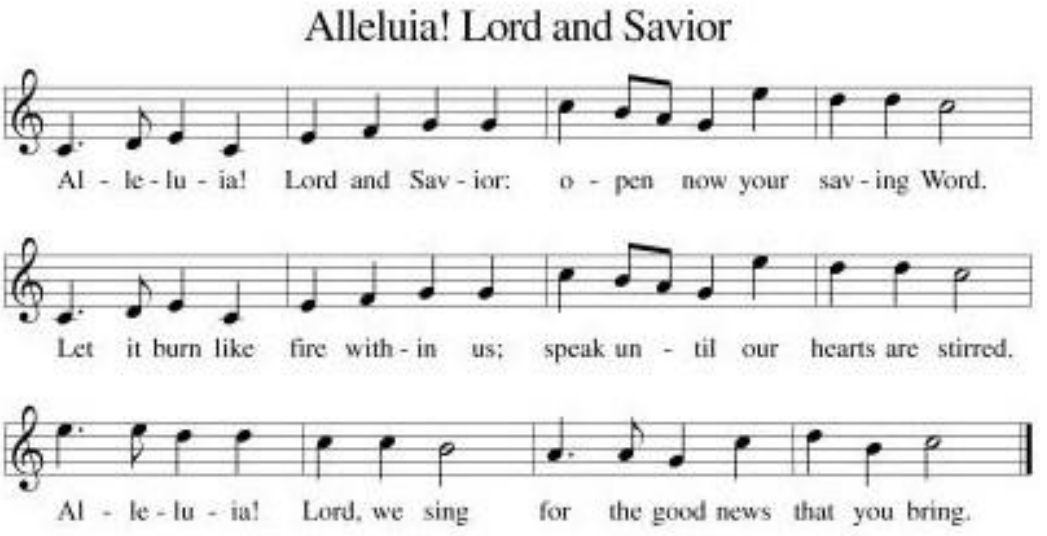
19 Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the
law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held
accountable to God. 20 For no human will be justified before him by deeds
prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed
and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through
the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all
have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his
grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put
forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did
this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had
passed over the sins previously committed; 26 it was to demonstrate at the present
time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who
has the faith of Jesus.

27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law?
That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. 28 For we hold that a person is
justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

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*** Gospel: Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46**

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

34 When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered
together, 35 and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test
him. 36 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" 37 He said to
him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your mind.' 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a
second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two
commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this
question: 42 "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to
him, "The son of David." 43 He said to them, "How is it then that David by the
Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

44 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies
under your feet" '?

45 "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" 46 No one was able to
give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more
questions.

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

Sermon – Pastor Carol Jeunnette



***** *Baptized and Set Free* ELW 453 (vs 1-2)

***Affirmation of Baptism**
I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
I renounce them.
Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
I renounce them.
Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?
We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.
Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**



***** *Baptized and Set Free* ELW 453 (vs 3-4)

*** 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, Sharon McGinty, Ken, David.
Anniversary: Tom & Linda Myers – October 26

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.

*** Prayer and Dedication of Pledges, Gifts and Talents**

Let us pray… **Generous and loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all we are and all that we have is a gift from you. In faith and love, help us to do your will. We are listening. Speak your words into the depth of our souls, that we may hear you clearly.**

We offer to you this day all the facets of our lives, whether it be at home, at work, or at school. We seek to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy. Give us the wisdom and insight to understand your will for us and the fervor to carry out our good intentions.

We offer our gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect our love for you and our neighbors. Help us to reach out to others as you have reached out to us.

In Jesus name. Amen.

*** 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)

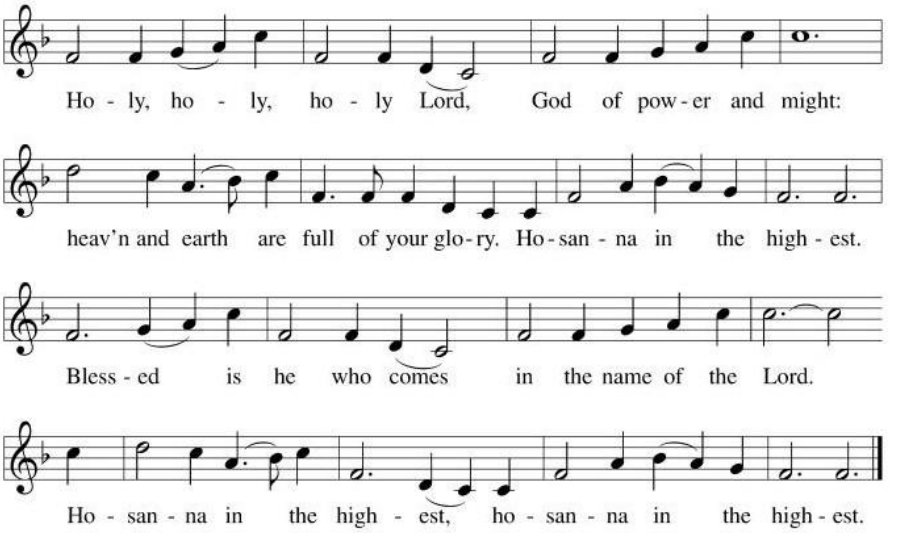
The Meal

***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
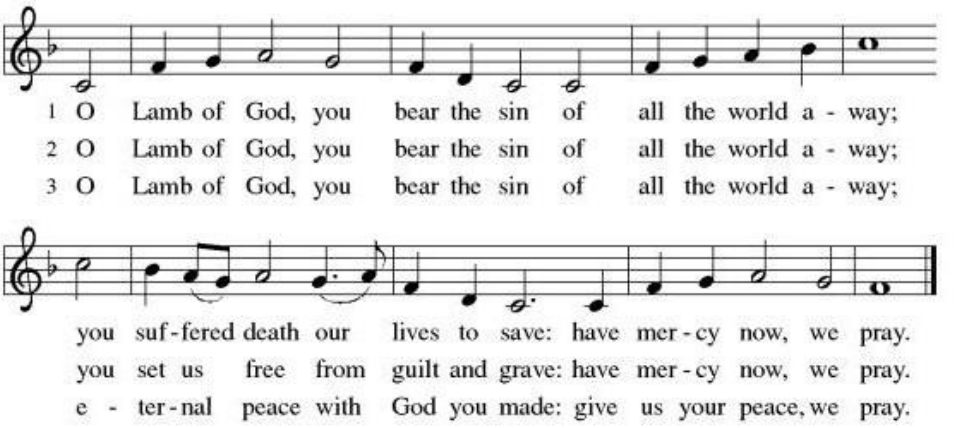


***Eucharistic Prayer**

***Lord's Prayer** *(traditional version)*

***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.**

* *On Our Way Rejoicing* ELW 537

Announcements for the Good of All

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



Peace Lutheran Announcements for October 25, 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 18, 2026 –24 confirmed
General Offerings $310.00
Worship Assistants for today – Council member in charge: Marilyn Hart, Lector: Chris Monsen, Communion Assistant: John Jeunnette, Offering counter: Sharon Ryd, 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.

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.

KNAPTON'S SOCIAL EVENT… November 7th, an international wine, cheese, and chocolate evening. We will also have a European selection of wine and beer. Look for the sign up sheet in the Narthex. It will be held here at church starting at 6:30.

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