

Peace Lutheran Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025 9:00 a.m.



GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME!

Thank you for joining in Worship today.

Whether you regularly worship here, are here for the first time, or are returning after a time away, your presence here 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 who believe Jesus comes to us in the bread and wine are welcome at his 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

Welcome & Announcements to Prepare Us for Worship

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful and loving God, **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found.

In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **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.**

** Now the Feast and Celebration – found on Liturgy Sheet*

***The Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray... **God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, ⁶buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

⁷The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

Psalm 113

¹ Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

² **Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

³ From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the Lord be praised.

⁴ **The Lord is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵ Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,

⁶ **but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**

⁷ The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸ **enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.**

⁹ The Lord makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: I Timothy 2:1-7

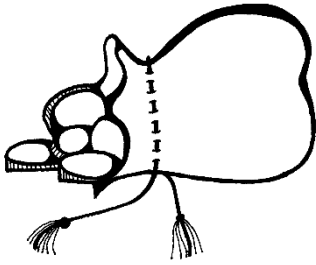
¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

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

** Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

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***Gospel: Luke 16:1-13**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16th chapter
...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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



***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**

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need. *(A brief silence.)*

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

We pray for Dianna Shamel, Michael Knaption, & Bill Goulding.

Birthdays: Bev Stobber-September 21

We entrust these prayers to you, o God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **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... **Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Lord's Prayer**

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.

***Blessing**

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

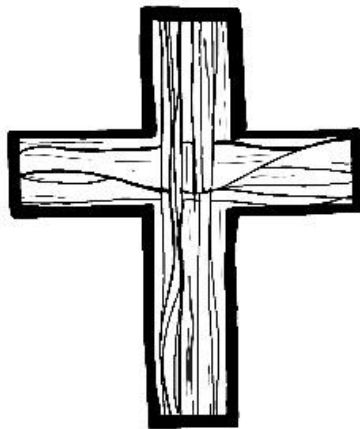


Announcements for the Good of All

Offering - Please place your gifts in the baskets in the back of the Sanctuary.

***Dismissal**

Grow in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**



Peace Lutheran Announcements

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 14, 2025 – 31 confirmed, 1 virtual

General Offerings - \$1,220.00 Mt Meru Donations - \$20.00 TLC - \$50.00

*Worship Assistants for today – Council member in charge: Chris Monsen, Lector: Janet McGinty,
Offering counter: John Monsen, Worship leaders: Renee Knapton & Sharon Ryd*

Office Hours... Pastor Carol's office hours are Wednesdays from 9am-noon.
Drop in and say "Hi"!

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.

Food Pantry Donations... We continue to collect non-perishable food items for the Burlington Library Food Pantry. They will be delivered on Oct 1. November we will be donating socks and mittens for both children and adults. A line will be hung at church to display. These will be delivered December 1.

Lay Pastoral Care Team... When Pastor Carol was at Peace (2018), a team of lay pastoral care givers was trained to offer care to congregation members. We are planning to re-establish the team this fall. If you are interested in being part of this important ministry, please contact Pastor Carol.

TLC... We are collecting bleach, toilet paper, Kleenex, cleaning supplies, paper towels, dish detergent and laundry soap to be delivered November 1.

Also, the holidays are fast approaching and we have asked for a family from TLC to support for Christmas. We will receive this information by October 15.

The Chosen... Season 5 of The Chosen (the life of Jesus and his followers as told by those that were closest to him) is here. We will view the first episode today following worship in the narthex. Whether or not you've been watching from the beginning, you're likely to enjoy this wonderful production. Please consider checking it out!

Outreach for Hope... This year we don't have any participants from Peace, however this remains a very worthy cause that benefits the poor and outcast in the inner cities of our synod. Please consider donating, either online at outreachforhope.org (click on "learn more" and the donate option will be off on the left side of the page), or give a check made out to Peace and designate "Outreach for Hope."