

Peace Lutheran Church

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 7, 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... **Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and

length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

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

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:14-18, 26-27

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

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

*** Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**

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***Gospel: Luke 14:25-33**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter

...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

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



* *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?* ELW 659

***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.

Service of Installation

***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 Knapton, & Bill Goulding.

Birthdays: Betty Olson-September 8

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.**

***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 – found on Liturgy Sheet*

***Words of Institution**

***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.

***Invitation to Communion**

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Please come forward as you are able to receive communion.

*** *Lamb of God* – found on Liturgy Sheet**

***Post-Communion Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you and keep you in his grace, now and forever.

***Prayer after Communion**

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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.**



*** *Will You Come and Follow Me?***

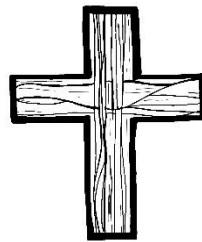
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Announcements for the Good of All

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

***Dismissal**

Grow in peace. Live by the Spirit. **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, August 31, 2025 – 24 confirmed

General Offerings - \$3,645.00

Mt Meru Donations - \$20.00

*Worship Assistants for today – Council member in charge: Carol Chaffee, Lector: John Jeunnette,
Communion Assistant: Elaine Sherry, Offering counter: Pam Mueller*

Special thank you to Pastor Afi Dobbins-Mays for leading our Service of Installation today. Please be sure to join us following worship for a potluck brunch to celebrate!

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.

TLC Giving Baskets... In recognition of our generous support of TLC we are invited to be a guest at Taste and Thanks on September 18th from 5-7 at Low Daily. This is also a yearly fund raiser for TLC. As a Peace congregation if we collect \$300 before Sept. 8th, we can be listed as a sponsor for this event. RSVP by Sept 8th to 262-492-2218 if you would like to attend this event. Place donations in baskets by Sept 7th to be delivered on the 8th.

Women's Mid-Day Gathering... The Women's Mid-Day Gathering will begin their 2025-2026 activity year on September 10th, at 11:30 am in the Peace fellowship hall. Bring your own lunch and beverage, dessert will be provided. Also bring your ideas for the upcoming year. Bev Stobber will host.

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.