

Peace Lutheran Church

4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 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

Pastor Carol remains on vacation and we welcome Pastor Donna Brown from Village Church in Milwaukee to preside and preach this morning.

* 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.**



** Let the Whole Creation Cry* ELW 876

***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



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

2 Chris - te e - le - i - son.

1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy.

2 Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Chris - te e - le - i - son.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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*
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!
thanks be to you for - ev - er!
thanks be to you for -



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



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



 Coda

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

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***The Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray... **Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 21:8-21

⁸The child [Isaac] grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹ But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” ¹¹ The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹² But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³ As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” ¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰ God was with the boy, and he grew up; he

lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. ²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

¹ Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and in misery.

**² Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful;
save your servant who trusts in you.**

³ Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God;
I call upon you all the day long.

**⁴ Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
and abundant in mercy toward all who call upon you.

**⁶ Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer,
and attend to the voice of my supplications.**

⁷ In the time of my trouble I will call upon you,
for you will answer me.

**⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord,
nor anything like your works.**

⁹ All the nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord,
and glorify your name.

**¹⁰ For you are great; you do wondrous things;
and you alone are God.**

¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.

**¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me
may see it and be put to shame; because you, Lord, have
helped me and comforted me.**

Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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



***Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,
the 10th chapter.



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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, ³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

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.

Happy Birthday – Jean Wiechmann – June 24

Happy Anniversary – Kent & Leslie Zahn – June 24

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

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.

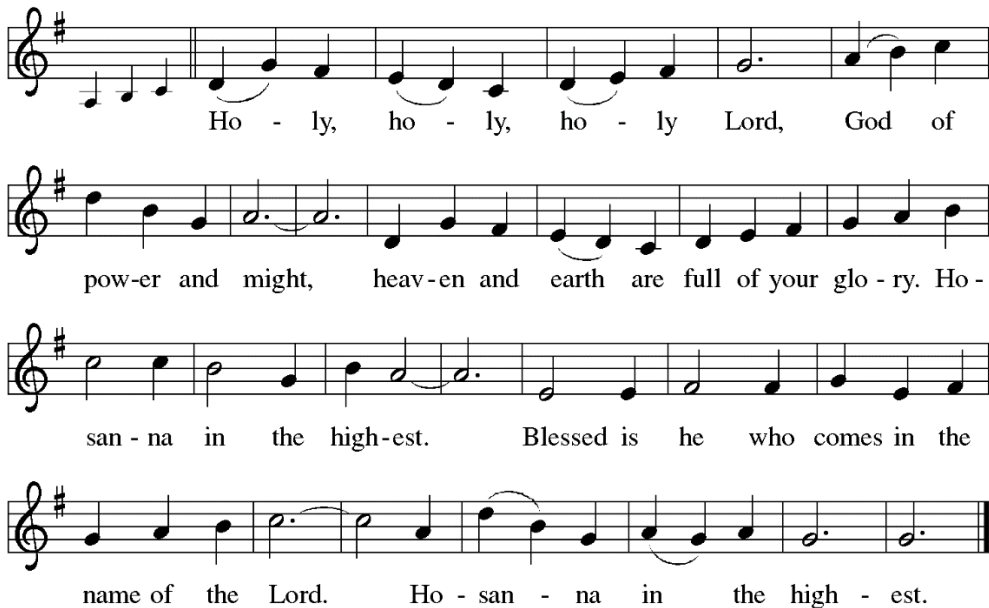
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at the back of the Sanctuary as you depart)*

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.

***Eucharistic Prayer**



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.

***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.**



** O Jesus, I Have Promised*

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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 June 21, 2026

Church Website: www.peacelutheranburlington.org

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Attendance for Sunday, June 14, 2026 – 23 confirmed

General Offerings \$3,530.00

Worship Assistants for today – Council member in charge: Bev Stobber,

Lector: Chris Monsen, Communion Assistant: Bev Stobber, Offering counter:

John Monsen, Tech: Sean McGinty

Office Hours... Pastor Carol will be on vacation until June 23. She will be back for normal office hours Wednesday, June 24. Sharon will be in the office for the normal hours of 9am to noon the other Wednesdays. If you need anything while Pastor is away, please feel free to contact Sharon at 847-361-4209, Marilyn at 262-492-9696, or Renee at 262-492-0718.

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.

TLC... For June we will be collecting healthy snacks; pudding/jello cups, soup, mac & cheese, etc.

Life Choices... in July we will be collecting diapers of all sizes, but especially smaller ones.

50th Anniversary celebrations... June 28 will be our second monthly celebration of our anniversary, focusing on the decade from 1976 to 1986. If anyone became a member during that decade, we would like to recognize you that Sunday. Please let Sharon Ryd or Carol Chaffee know as soon as possible. We will be having an ice cream social from 10:30-noon, hosted by Jeanne Rateike and family. Please sign up in the Narthex so we know how many attendees to expect. **Also, we are very excited that Pastor David Berggren, Peace's first called pastor, will be joining us that day to share in our celebration, and also provide our sermon during worship!**

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.

