Peace Lutheran Church Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 20, 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

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection*.

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **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...

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Amos 8:1-12

¹This is what the Lord God showed me: a basket of summer fruit. ²He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me, "The end has come upon my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. ³The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day," says the Lord God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!"

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, ⁵ saying, "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, ⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat." ⁷ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. ⁸ Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

⁹ On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight. ¹⁰ I will turn your feasts into mourning and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son and the end of it like a bitter day. ¹¹ The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. ¹² They shall wander from sea to sea and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

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

Psalm 52

- ¹ You mighty, why do you boast of wickedness against the godly all day long?
- ² Continually you plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor that commits deceit.
- ³ You love evil more than good and lying more than speaking the truth.
- ⁴ You love all words that devour, O you deceitful tongue.
- ⁵Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living!
- ⁶ The righteous shall see and be awestruck, and they shall laugh at you, saying,
- ⁷ "This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, but trusted in great wealth and found strength in destruction."
- ⁸ But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.
- ⁹ I will thank you forever for what you have done; in the presence of the faithful I will long for your name, for it is good.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

¹⁵ [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—

²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

* "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

*Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**



³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not

care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." Glory to you, O Lord...**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon – Pastor Carol Jeunnette



* "Give Me Jesus"

ELW 770

*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

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world. (A brief silence.)

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

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

Birthdays: Janet McGinty

Anniversaries: Tom & Karen Erhardt

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Sharing of the Peace

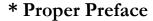
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**Share the peace with each other as you are comfortable.

*Offering Prayer

Let us pray... Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.





^{* &}quot;Holy" – found on Liturgy Sheet

*Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer (traditional)

*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

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

*Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**





* "O Savior, Precious Savior"

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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

> Attendance for Sunday, May 25, 2025 – 20 confirmed, 4 virtual General Offerings - \$1,361.00

Homily Hash returns!... Homily Hash returns today following worship. Watch for more "Being Different Together" discussions in the future.

Prayers of the People... You are encouraged to send Pastor Carol your prayer requests throughout the week, at pastorcarol.peace@gmail.com. Please write "prayer request" in the subject line, and send them no later than Saturday evening. If you are unable to submit the request through email, please give Pastor Carol (or a council member) your request before worship.

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 Giving Baskets... There are no specific suggestions for the Giving Baskets for the remainder of the summer. However, if you are inclined to make a monetary donation so they are able to buy more fresh foods, that would be much appreciated!