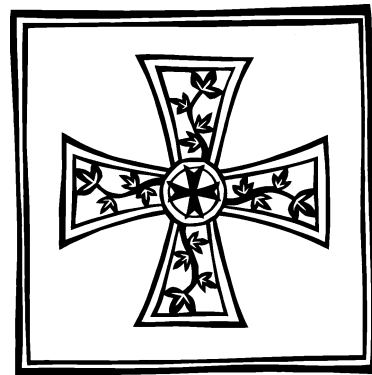


# Peace Lutheran Church

## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Holy Cross Day

September 14, 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... **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, 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: Numbers 21:4b-9**

[From Mount Hor the Israelites set out,] <sup>4b</sup>but the people became discouraged on the way. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon

a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

### **Psalm 98:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup> **O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup> You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup> **Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

### **Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:18-24**

<sup>18</sup> The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” <sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

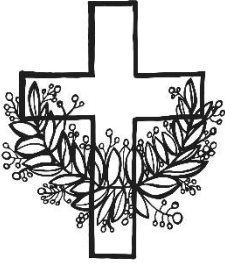
<sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

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

**\* Halle, Halle, Hallelujah**

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah  
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**\*Gospel: John 3:13-17**



The Holy Gospel according to John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter  
**...Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup> “No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

**Sermon** – Pastor Carol Jeunnette



**\* Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus** ELW 802

## **\*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 Knapton, & Bill Goulding.*

Birthdays: Tom Myers-September 17

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 (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**

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.**



*\* Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

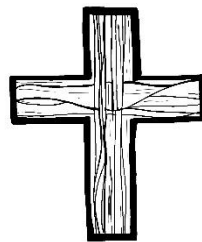
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### **Announcements for the Good of All**

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

### **\*Dismissal**

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



# Peace Lutheran Announcements

*Church Website: [www.peacelutheranburlington.org](http://www.peacelutheranburlington.org) Church Email: [peacelca@gmail.com](mailto:peacelca@gmail.com)*

*Pastor Carol's email: [pastorcarol.peace@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcarol.peace@gmail.com)*

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*Attendance for Sunday, September 7, 2025 – 33 confirmed, 2 unconfirmed, 2 virtual*

*General Offerings \$2,505.00*

*Mt Meru Donations - \$38.00*

*TLC \$250.00*

*Misc. \$25.00*

*Worship Assistants for today – Council member in charge: Sharon Ryd, Lector: Marilyn Hart, Communion Assistant: Elsie Goulding, Offering counter: Janet McGinty*

**Office Hours...** Pastor Carol's office hours are normally Wednesdays from 9am-noon, however this week she will be out of town Sunday through Wednesday, so her office hours will be Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Drop in and say "Hi"!

**Growing Relationships...** Please contact Renee Knapton by phone (262-492-0718) or by e-mail at [reneeknapton@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**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.

**Coffee Time & Homily Hash...** We invite you to stay for coffee, treats and fellowship following worship most Sundays, as well as our Homily Hash.