

# Peace Lutheran Church

## Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### September 29, 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.

*Information in italics* | **Congregation responses in bold** | \* indicates please stand as you are able

#### **THEME**

*Jesus calls us as his disciples to have salt in ourselves. Jesus uses illustrations that call us to make a difference. Jesus calls us the light of the world, the salt of the earth and the leaven that impacts the whole. (Matthew 5:13). Jesus seems to be saying that we are all created to use what God has given us to reflect the nature of love revealed in Jesus Christ.*

#### **PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

Lord Jesus Christ, let us be the fragrance that permeates the world around us. Let us reflect your light, be the spiritual salt that brings flavor to life, and be the leaven that raises others up with your love, mercy, hope and grace. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

**Call to Worship**

“Sing Ye Joyfully!”

Peace Choir



#### **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.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



*\* "Gather Us In"*

ELW 532

### **\*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.**

### **\*The Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray... **Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?' <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come

weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

<sup>16</sup>So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

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

## **Psalm 19:7-14**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one’s own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

### **Second Reading: James 5:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup>you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

**\*Gospel Acclamation, ELW p. 142 (front of hymnal)**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

### **\*Gospel: Mark 9:38-50**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**



<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>“For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

**Sermon** – “Out of the Salt Shaker,” Pastor Grant Quever



\* *“Be Thou My Vision”*

ELW 793

### **\*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**

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God’s good creation, and all who are in need. *(A brief silence.)*

Each petition ends with: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*We pray for Shirley Berndt & Bill Goulding.*

Anniversaries Sept 29-Oct 5: Dan & Renee Knapton

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, 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...**Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.**



### **\*Preface**

\* *“Holy, Holy, Holy”* ELW p. 144 (front of hymnal)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### **\*Words of Institution & Lord’s Prayer (traditional)**

*“Lamb of God”* ELW p. 146 (front of hymnal)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.

### **Invitation to Communion**

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

*Please come forward and surround the altar.*

*\* “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise” ELW 207*

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev’ryone what God has done.  
Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

**\*Post-Communion Prayer**

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table.  
Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord...**Amen.**

**\*Blessing**

God all mighty, God most merciful bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**



*\* “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*

ELW 773

**Announcements for the Good of All**

**Offering** – please place your gifts in the baskets in the back of the Sanctuary.

**\*Dismissal** - Grow in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

**Peace Lutheran Announcements**

*Church Website: [www.peacelutheranburlington.org](http://www.peacelutheranburlington.org)*

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*Attendance for Sunday, September 22, 2024 – 22 confirmed*

*General Offerings for Sunday, September 22, 2024 - \$180.00*

**Town Hall Meeting...** On Sunday, October 6, 10am-12pm, there will be a congregational town hall meeting to review the results of our congregational survey, answer questions and discuss next steps in the call process. I hope you can join us.

***The Chosen Season 4...*** Season 4 of *The Chosen* begins after worship today! This is a really compelling series covering Jesus' life and ministry. Everyone is invited. If you haven't seen the series from the beginning and would like to, the season 1-3 videos are available to borrow on the shelves in the narthex.

**Peace Lutheran Yard Signs & Door Hangers...** Promote Peace Lutheran Church by displaying a sign in your yard or distributing door hangers in your neighborhood. Items available at church - see a council member.

**Joys and Concerns...** If you have any joys and concerns you would like to add to our prayers during worship today, please fill out a 3x5 card found in the Narthex under the bulletin board and hand it to a council member before the service.

**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.

**Peace Lights and Peacepipe Deadline Dates...** Please have all information and/or articles emailed to [peacelca@gmail.com](mailto:peacelca@gmail.com) by the following dates and times:

- ❖ Peace Lights information for the bulletin emailed by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.
- ❖ Peacepipe articles are due the third Saturday of the month

**TLC Giving Baskets...** The requested items for the TLC Giving Baskets are "first aid" items. Tylenol, Children's Tylenol, cough syrup, Benadryl, hydrocortisone cream, Neosporin cream, Band-Aids, and instant ice packs. All items should be new, not outdated, and unopened. Generic items are acceptable.