

Peace Lutheran Church

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 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...

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

²³ Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

Psalm 82

¹ God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

² **“How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?**

³ Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

⁴ **rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand;
they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶ **Now I say to you, ‘You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.’”

⁸ **Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered

mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

** “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”*

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

***Gospel: Luke 12:49-56**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**



[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹ “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!

⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son

against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” ⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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

Sermon – Pastor Carol Jeunnette



* *“By Grace We Have Been Saved”*

W&P 25

***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**

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near. *(A brief silence.)*

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

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

Birthdays: Adam Bieneman

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. **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.

***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**

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.**



*** “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”**

ELW 815

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 10, 2025 – 21 confirmed

General Offerings - \$2,520.00

Office Hours... Pastor Carol will be in the office on Wednesdays August 20 & 27 from 9a.m.-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.

Rally Sunday Brunch... We will be having a potluck brunch after the service on Rally Sunday, September 7th. A sign up will be posted in the narthex.

Food Pantry Donations... As part of our Caring for the Community for the month of August we will be collecting non-perishable food and personal hygiene items for the Burlington Library Food Pantry. Place items in baskets in the church, and they will be delivered on September 1.

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!

Outreach for Hope... Registration is now open for the Outreach for Hope 2025 Family Ride Run Walk to be held Sept. 27! The goal is to raise \$165K through participating or sponsoring. Funds help Greater Milwaukee Synod communities in need. Sign up now at OFHRRW.org.