Peace Lutheran Church

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 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.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
grow in peace

Welcome & Announcements to Prepare Us for Worship

*** Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.



** Sing to the Lord of Harvest* ELW 694

***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**

Have Mercy on Us, Lord



***Hymn of Praise**

Glory Be to God in Heaven



***The Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray… **Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. In Jesus name, Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 1:20-25

20 And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures,
and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." 21 So God created
the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with
which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw
that it was good. 22 God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill
the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 And there was
evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

24 And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind:
cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it
was so. 25 God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle
of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And
God saw that it was good.

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

Psalm 148:7-14

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, 8 fire and hail,
snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! 10 Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
12 Young men and women alike, old and young together!

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

[14] He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him.

Praise the LORD!

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

[14] May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. [15] For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! [16] As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

[17] From now on, let no one make trouble for me, for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. [18] May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

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***Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30**



The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

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

25 At that time Jesus said, "I thank you,
Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because
you have hidden these things from the wise
and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; 26 yes, Father, for such
was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father,
and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father
except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I
will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle
and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is
easy, and my burden is light."

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

Sermon – Pastor Carol Jeunnette

* *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* W&P 95

***Prayers of Intercession**

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

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

We pray for Michael, Bill, Lynn, Janet, Crystal, Trish, Kathy, Sean, Tim, Don, Sharon McGinty, Ken, David, Elsie.

Birthday: Tom Erhardt – October 9; Marilyn Hart – October 10
Anniversary: Dan & Renee Knapton – October 4;
Matt & Kerry Bieneman – October 8

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Blessing of the Animals**
…for those companions who have died
Let us pray… **Gracious God, we are filled with the memories of those beloved animal companions who have died - especially those we are before you silently or aloud. They enriched our lives, and we delighted in their company. We will always remember the loyalty and mischief of these animal friends, and we will always miss them. May these pets who have died carry on with you forever, until we join them in new life. Amen.**

… and those that are with us now.
Let us pray… **Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call of them brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless these pets we name before you, silently or aloud. By the power of your love, enable it to live a full life. May we always praise you for all your beauty in season. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creature! Amen** *(You may wish to bless your pet at home this afternoon, using this prayer.)*

***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… **God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we**

have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

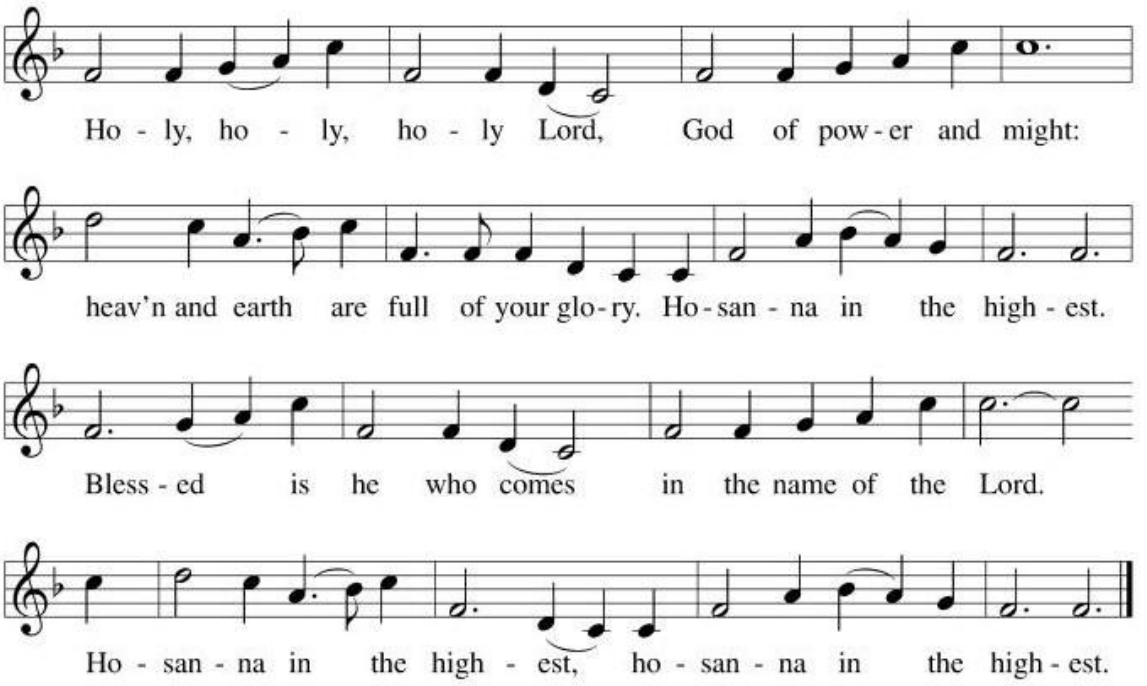
(Please place your gifts in the basket
at the back of the Sanctuary as you depart)

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.

***Proper Preface**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



***Eucharistic Prayer**

***Lord's Prayer** *(modern version)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

***Invitation to Communion**

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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**

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

***Blessing**

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



***** *For the Beauty of the Earth* ELW 879

Announcements for the Good of All

***Dismissal**

Go out in joy and grow in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Peace Lutheran Announcements for October 4, 2026
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, September 27, 2026 –19 confirmed
General Offerings $702.00
Worship Assistants for today – Council member in charge: Open, Lector: Janet McGinty, Communion Assistant: Jen Muffick, Offering counter: Kent Zahn, Tech: Sean McGinty

Office Hours… Pastor Carol's office hours are Wednesday from 9am to noon. Feel free to stop in and say "hello." She can also be reached by phone, if needed. (303) 909-3064.

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.

Mid-Day Women's Gathering… The Mid-Day Women's Gathering will be meeting for lunch at the Country Rose Bakery Café in Union Grove (corner of Hwys 20 & 45) on Wednesday October 14th. Please meet in the church parking lot at 11:00 am if you wish to car pool.

The Thursday Bible Study Group… will meet Thursday, October 15th from 10:30 to 11:30. All are welcome.

Stewardship… Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to participate in the year ahead. We ask that you return your completed pledge card to the church on Reformation Sunday, October 25.

Anniversary Celebration: Remembrance of Baptism and Family Brunch Potluck…The last of our monthly anniversary celebrations before the BIG celebration on November 15 is Sunday, October 25. (Which also is Reformation Day and Stewardship Sunday - big day!). This month's celebration will focus on the *families* of Peace, and on our remembrance of our baptismal vows. Join us for worship at 9:00, and for a family potluck brunch. Wear red in honor of Reformation Day, please. See sign up for brunch in the Narthex.

All Saints Day – November 1… On All Saints Day, we remember all who have died in the faith. You are invited to bring a picture of a loved one to display in the front of the church, and during worship you will be invited to light a candle (or candles) in memory of your loved one(s).

Community Meal recap… Last Monday was our community meal as part of our anniversary celebration. We served a total of 27 guests in 2 time slots, sent 5 takeout meals, and served our 21 volunteers. Special thanks to Pastor Carol, Jim & Marilyn, Elsie, Elaine, Bev, Janet & Sean, Jack & Betty, Jeanne, Julie, Chris & John, Sue, Pam, Kent, Dave, Sharon, Lynn, and a very special thanks to Carol Chaffe! It was a wonderful event and our guests were very gracious!