

Peace Lutheran Church

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026 9:00 a.m.

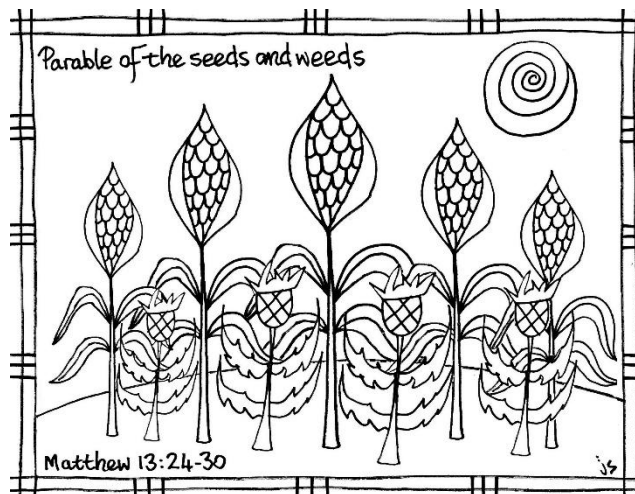
GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME!

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.

Welcome & Announcements to Prepare Us for Worship



*** Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.
Amen.



**** Praise & Thanksgiving***

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***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.**

* Hymn of Praise

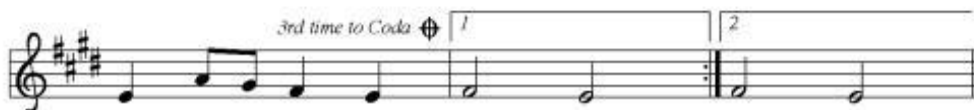
Praise to You, O God of Mercy



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly;
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

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***The Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray... **Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 28:10-19a

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ^{19a} He called that place Bethel.

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

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

¹ Lord, you have searched me out; O Lord, you have known me.

**You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³ You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**⁴ Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**

⁵ You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

⁷ Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

**⁸ If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

**¹⁰ even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.**

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"

**¹² darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.**

²³ Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my restless thoughts.

**²⁴ Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs

of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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



***Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew,
the 13th chapter.

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

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in



his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away.²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’²⁸ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’²⁹ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.’³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.”³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

Sermon – Pastor Carol Jeunnette



** Beauty For Brokenness*

W&P 17

***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**

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

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

We pray for Michael, Bill, Lynn, Julie, Janet, Crystal, Trish, Kathy, Sean, Tim, Don, Betty.

Happy Birthday – Janet McGinty - July 22

Happy Anniversary – Tom & Karen Erhardt – July 24

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

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... Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

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

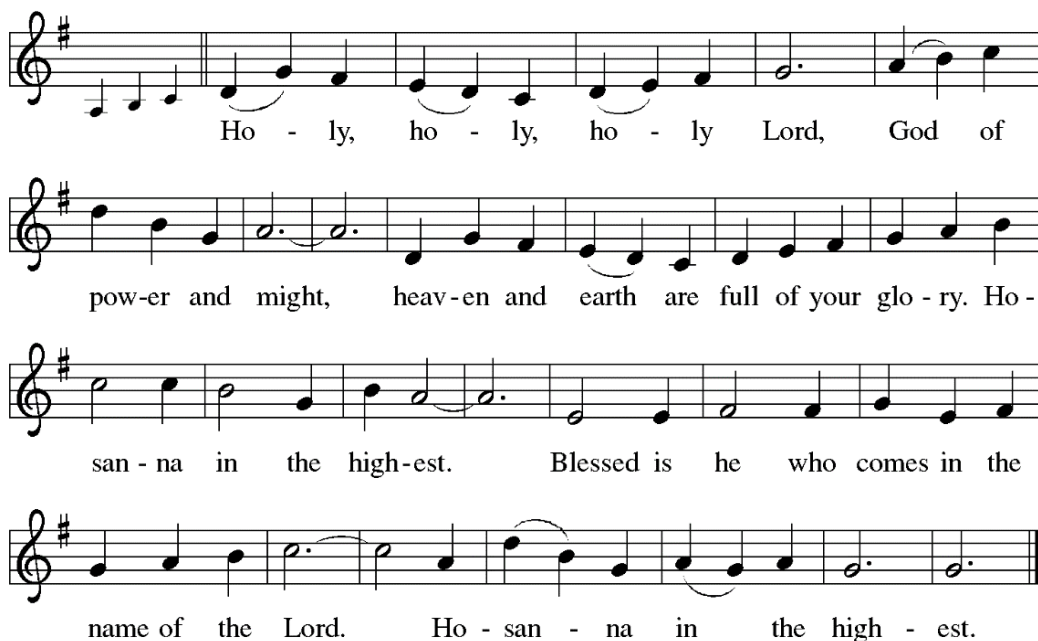
The Meal

*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



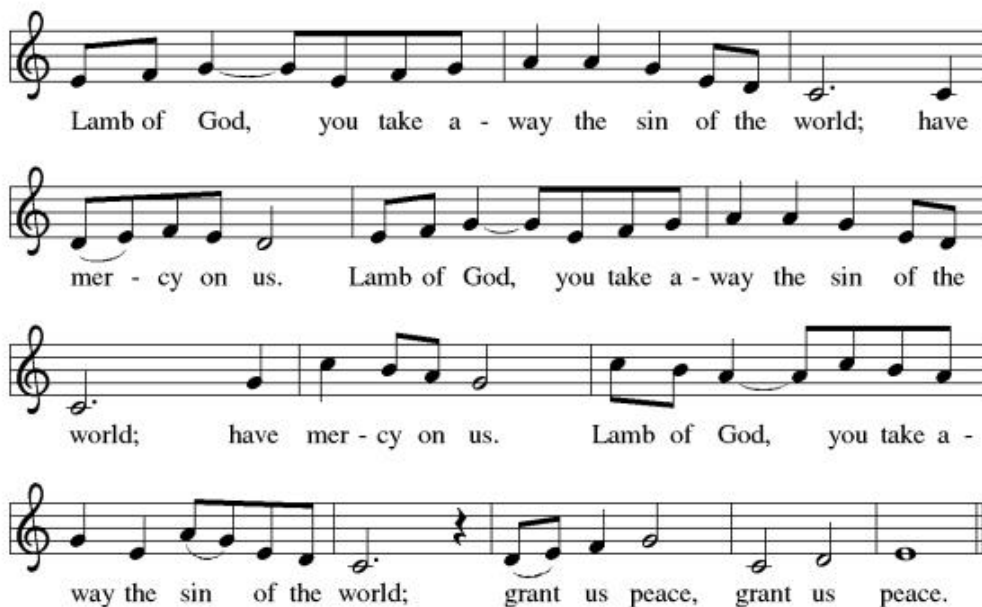
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Eucharistic Prayer

*Lord's Prayer (*sung – see laminated sheet*)

*Invitation to Communion

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!
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**

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

***Blessing**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✚ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**



** Bring Forth the Kingdom*

W&P 22

Announcements for the Good of All

***Dismissal**

Heaven has come near. Grow, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.



Peace Lutheran Announcements for July 19, 2026

Church Website: www.peacelutheranburlington.org

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Attendance for Sunday, July 12, 2026 –22 confirmed

General Offerings \$910.00 Mt Meru \$44.00

Worship Assistants for today – Council member in charge: open, Lector: John Jeunnette, Communion Assistant: Janet McGinty, Offering counter: John Monsen, 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.

Life Choices... in July we will be collecting diapers of all sizes, but especially smaller ones.

Ground Zero Veteran's Outreach... currently has 2 locations. In Union Grove it is the Fresh Start where food and personal items are stored, and in 2024 they opened a farm oasis. They are currently serving 18 veterans. Small tools are needed as well as non perishable food. We will be collecting items in August, to be delivered September 1st. A more detailed list of needs will be posted August 1st.

50th Anniversary picnic-July 26... Pastor Robert Suhr will be joining us July 26 for our next anniversary celebration. We will be having a church picnic following worship. Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex.

50th Anniversary photos needed... As we continue our anniversary journey, we would like to include as many photos from our history as possible. Please look through what you may have at home to see what you might have that we could add to our collection. Give them to Sharon and she can scan them and return to you immediately.

Outreach For Hope... we're putting together a team of walkers this year to participate in the 2 mile walk on September 26th beginning at 10:30am. The walk takes place at Petrifying Springs Park in Kenosha. There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the Narthex and a quick meeting after worship the first Sunday of August.