

Peace Lutheran Church

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 2:4-13

⁴Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. ⁵Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me and went after worthless things and became worthless themselves? ⁶They did not say, “Where is the Lord, who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?” ⁷I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination.

⁸The priests did not say, “Where is the Lord?” Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit. ⁹Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children’s children. ¹⁰Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look; send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. ¹¹Has a nation

changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.

¹² Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked; be utterly desolate, says the Lord, ¹³ for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

¹ Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

¹⁰ **“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

¹¹ Yet my people did not hear my voice, and Israel would not obey me.

¹² **So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, to follow their own devices.**

¹³ Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

¹⁴ **I would quickly subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes.**

¹⁵ Those who hate the Lord would cringe in fear, and their punishment would last forever.

¹⁶ **But I would feed you with the finest wheat and satisfy you with honey from the rock.”**

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves

were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.”

⁶ So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?” ⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

** Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

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***Gospel: Luke 14:1,7-14**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**



¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you,

‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

Sermon – Pastor Carol Jeunnette



** As We Gather at Your Table*

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***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.

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.**



*** *Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace***

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Announcements for the Good of All

Offering - Please place your gifts in the basket at 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 24, 2025 – 19 confirmed

General Offerings - \$215.00

*Worship Assistants for today – Council member in charge: Carol Chaffee, Lector: Carol Chaffee,
Communion Assistant: Bev Stobber, Offering counter: John Monsen*

Office Hours... Pastor Carol's office hours are Wednesdays from 9am-noon.
Drop in and say "Hi"!

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.

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.

Pastor Carol's Installation/Rally Sunday... Pastor Afi Dobbins-Mays will preside at Pastor Carol's Installation as Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church on Sunday, September 7, at 9:00 a.m. Pastor Carol has committed to work and journey with the congregation as contract pastor the next few years. Her installation offers an opportunity to for her to make public commitment to Peace, and for the people of Peace to commit to Pastor Carol's care and leadership.

Following worship that morning, we will have a potluck breakfast to celebrate Pastor Carol's installation and the beginning of our fall season. Sign up in the narthex to let us know you are coming, and what you are bringing to the share at the feast!

Food Pantry Donations... We continue to collect non-perishable food items for the Burlington Library Food Pantry. They will be delivered on Sept 1 and Oct 1.

TLC Giving Baskets... In recognition of our generous support of TLC we are invited to be a guest to Taste and Thanks on September 18th from 5-7 at Low Daily. This is also a yearly fund raiser for TLC. As a Peace congregation if we collect \$300 before Sept. 8th, we can be listed as a sponsor for this event. RSVP by Sept 8th to 262-492-2218 if you would like to attend this event. Place donations in baskets by Sept 7th to be delivered on the 8th.

Women's Mid-Day Gathering... The Women's Mid-Day Gathering will begin their 2025-2026 activity year on September 10th, at 11:30 am in the Peace fellowship hall. Bring your own lunch and beverage, dessert will be provided. Also bring your ideas for the upcoming year. Bev Stobber will host.