

Peace Lutheran Church

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 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.

This morning, we welcome Pastor Adam Miller-Stubbendick to lead us in worship. Pastor Adam began his call as the campus pastor of Carthage College about a year ago. Among other places, he has served in Jerusalem. Welcome, thank you, and blessings on your ministry at Carthage!

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.**



** "God of Grace and God of Glory" ELW 705*

***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... **Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³ applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹ —and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This

also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

Psalm 49:1-12

¹ Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

² **you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴ **I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

⁵ Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

⁶ **the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**

⁷ One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;

⁸ **for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,**

⁹ in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

¹⁰ **For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation,
though they had named lands after themselves.

¹² **Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.**

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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** “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”*

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

***Gospel: Luke 12:13-21**

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

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not

consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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

Sermon – Rev. Adam Miller-Stubbendick



** “Son of God, Eternal Savior”*

ELW 655

***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**

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world. *(A brief silence.)*

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

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

Birthdays: Sue Koch

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **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.**



*** "Lead Me, Guide Me"**

ELW 768

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, July 27, 2025 – 24 confirmed, 2 virtual

General Offerings - \$547.00

Office Hours... Pastor Carol will be in the office on Wednesdays, August 13, 20 & 27 from 9a.m.-noon. Drop in and say “hi”!

Pastoral Care Needs... While Pastor Carol is out of town, please contact Renee Knapton (262) 492-0718 or Bev Stobber (262) 210-9249 for any pastoral care needs. They are on our Lay Pastoral Care Team and will be able to help you directly or find someone who can.

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.

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.

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!