Peace Lutheran Church

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 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

We are grateful to have Pastor Jay McDivitt to preach and preside while Pastor Carol is at a continuing education event in Kansas City. Welcome Pastor McDivitt!

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.



** Holy God, We Praise Your Name* ELW 414

***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 of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your**

banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

First Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

1 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain,
the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us,
who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of
the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." 2 Aaron said to
them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons,
and your daughters and bring them to me." 3 So all the people took off the gold
rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. 4 He took these from them,
formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are
your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" 5 When
Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and
said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." 6 They rose early the next day
and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the
people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

7 The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you
brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; 8 they have been
quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for
themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and
said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of
Egypt!' " 9 The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked
they are. 10 Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I
may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

11 But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does
your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land
of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12 Why should the
Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in
the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from
your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.
13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them
by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars

of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' " 14 And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.

2 **Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD**
or proclaim in full God's praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice and always do what is right.

4 **Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people,**
and visit me with your salvation;

5 that I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 **We have sinned as our forebears did;**
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

19 They made a bull-calf at Horeb and worshiped a molten image;

20 **thus they exchanged their glory**
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

21 They forgot God their Savior,
who had done great things in Egypt,

22 **wonderful deeds in the land of Ham,**
and fearful things at the Red Sea.

23 So you would have destroyed them, had not Moses your chosen stood in the breach, to turn away your wrath from consuming them.

Second Reading: Acts 8:14-25

14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. 15 The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit 16 (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). 17 Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they

received the Holy Spirit. [18] Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, [19] saying, "Give me also this power so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." [20] But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain God's gift with money! [21] You have no part or share in this, for your heart is not right before God. [22] Repent therefore of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you. [23] For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and the chains of wickedness." [24] Simon answered, "Pray for me to the Lord, that nothing of what you have said may happen to me."

[25] Now after Peter and John had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem, proclaiming the good news to many villages of the Samaritans.

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***Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

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



[1] Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: [2] "The kingdom of heaven
may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. [3] He sent
his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they
would not come. [4] Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been
invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been
slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' [5] But they
made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, [6] while
the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. [7] The king was
enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city.
[8] Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not
worthy. [9] Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the
wedding banquet.' [10] Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all
whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with
guests.

[11] "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who
was not wearing a wedding robe, [12] and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get
in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. [13] Then the king said
to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer
darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' [14] For many are
called, but few are chosen."

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

Sermon – Pastor Jay McDivitt



* *Now We Join in Celebration* ELW 462

***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**

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 & Elsie, Lynn, Janet, Crystal, Kathy, Sean, Tim, Don, Sharon McGinty, Ken, David.

Birthday: Jeanne Rateike – October 12; Kiara Watson – October 16

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

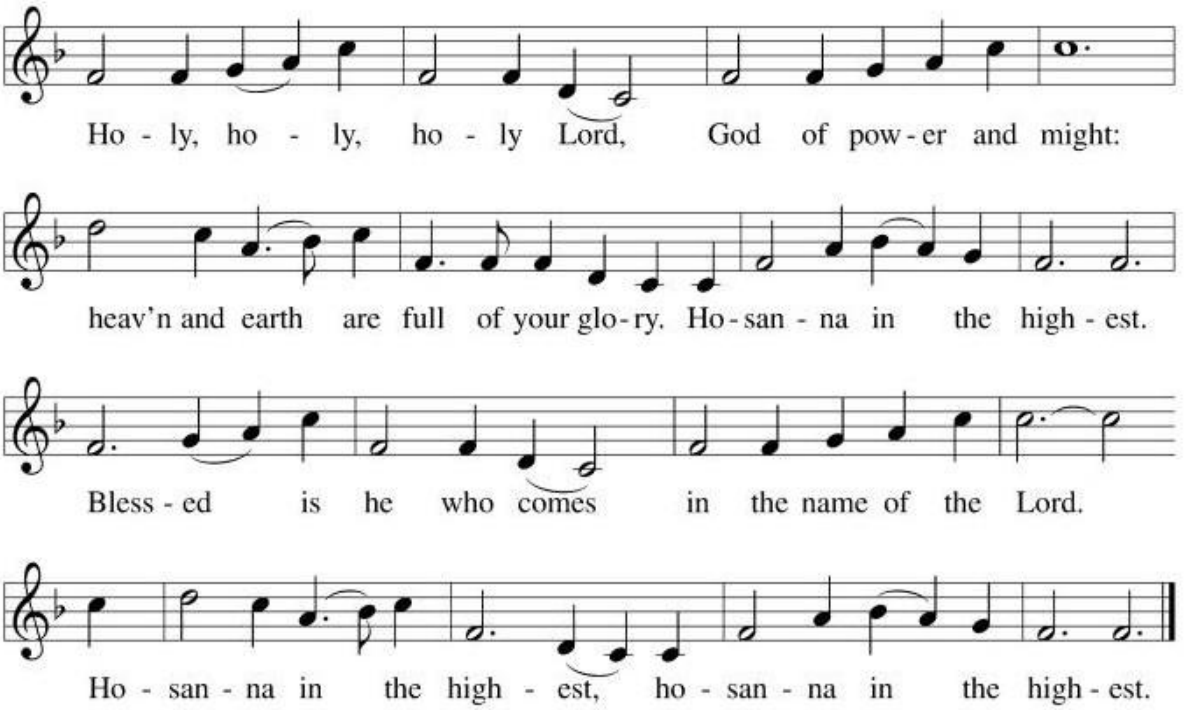
The Meal

***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** *(traditional version)*

***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.**



** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* ELW 789

Announcements for the Good of All

***Dismissal**
Go out in joy and grow in peace.
Thanks be to God.

Our altar flowers today are provided by the Monsens in thanksgiving for their family.

Peace Lutheran Announcements for October 11, 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, October 4, 2026 –30 confirmed
General Offerings $4,035.00 Mt. Meru $12.00
Worship Assistants for today – Council member in charge: Janet McGinty, Lector: Marilyn Hart, Communion Assistant: Elaine Sherry, Offering counter: Janet McGinty, Tech: Sean McGinty
Special thanks to Rachel for leading our music today!

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 this week 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).

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING NOTICE… The congregational meeting to ratify the 2027 budget will be held November 22, 2026 immediately following worship. Please try to be in attendance so we are sure to have a quorum.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT - SAVE THE DATE…
Sunday, November 29, 2026

SAVE THE DATE… Knaptons will be hosting an event Nov. 7 at church. More details to follow.