Peace Lutheran Church

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 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 Chris Manke from Outreach for Hope to preach and preside. Welcome Pastor Manke!

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.



** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* ELW 631

***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



***The Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray… **O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Exodus 14:19-31

19 The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went
behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its
place behind them. 20 It came between the army of Egypt and the army of
Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one
did not come near the other all night.

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea
back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the
waters were divided. 22 The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the
waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. 23 The Egyptians
pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and
chariot drivers. 24 At the morning watch the LORD, in the pillar of fire and
cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a
panic. 25 He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The
Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for
them against Egypt."

26 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so
that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and
chariot drivers." 27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn
the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD
tossed the Egyptians into the sea. 28 The waters returned and covered the
chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed
them into the sea; not one of them remained. 29 But the Israelites walked on
dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right
and on their left.

30 Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel saw
the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31 Israel saw the great work that the LORD
did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the
LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

Psalm 114

1 Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
2 **Judah became God's sanctuary and Israel God's dominion.**
3 The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back.
4 **The mountains skipped like rams,**
and the little hills like young sheep.
5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled, O Jordan, that you turned back,
6 **you mountains, that you skipped like rams,**
you little hills like young sheep?
7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
8 **who turned the hard rock into a pool of water**
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

1 Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. 2 Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. 3 Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. 4 Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

5 Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. 6 Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

7 For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 8 If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived

again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.
10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you
despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of
God. 11 For it is written,
"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."
12 So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

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***Gospel: Luke 5:1-11**



The Holy Gospel according to Luke,
the 5th chapter.
....**Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake
of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him
to hear the word of God, 2 he saw two boats there at
the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing
their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and
asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught
the crowds from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon,
"Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." 5 Simon

answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." 6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." 11 When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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

Sermon – Pastor Chris Manke



* *Will You Let me be Your Servant* ELW 659

***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**

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

Each petition ends with: Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**
We pray for Michael, Bill, Lynn, Julie, Janet, Crystal, Trish, Kathy, Sean, Tim, Don, Sharon McGinty, Ken, David.
Birthday: Tom Myers – September 17

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.
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.

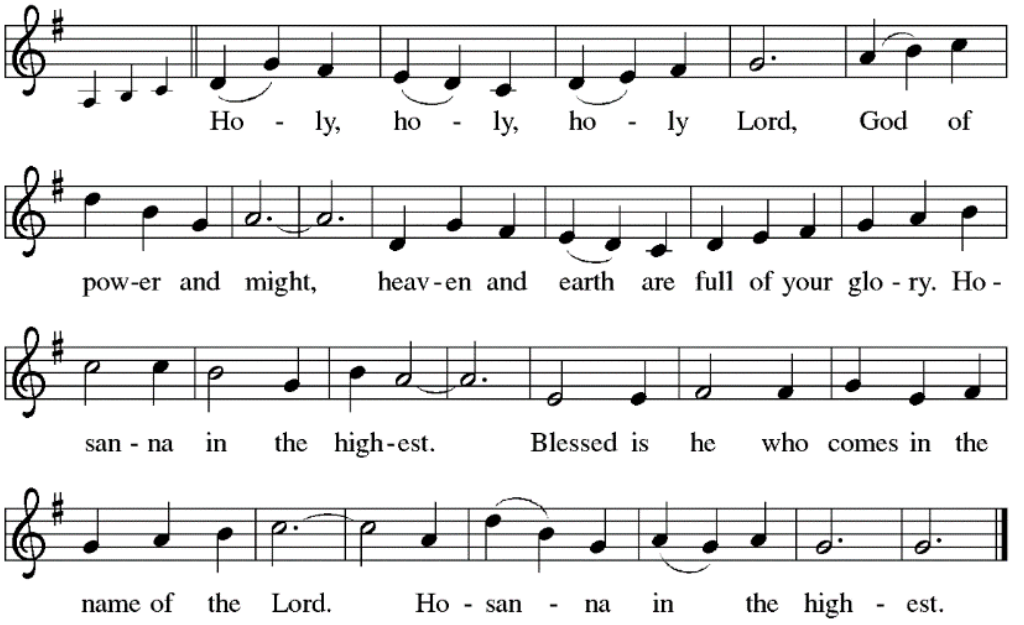
*** Offering Prayer**
Let us pray… **God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.**
(Please place 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*



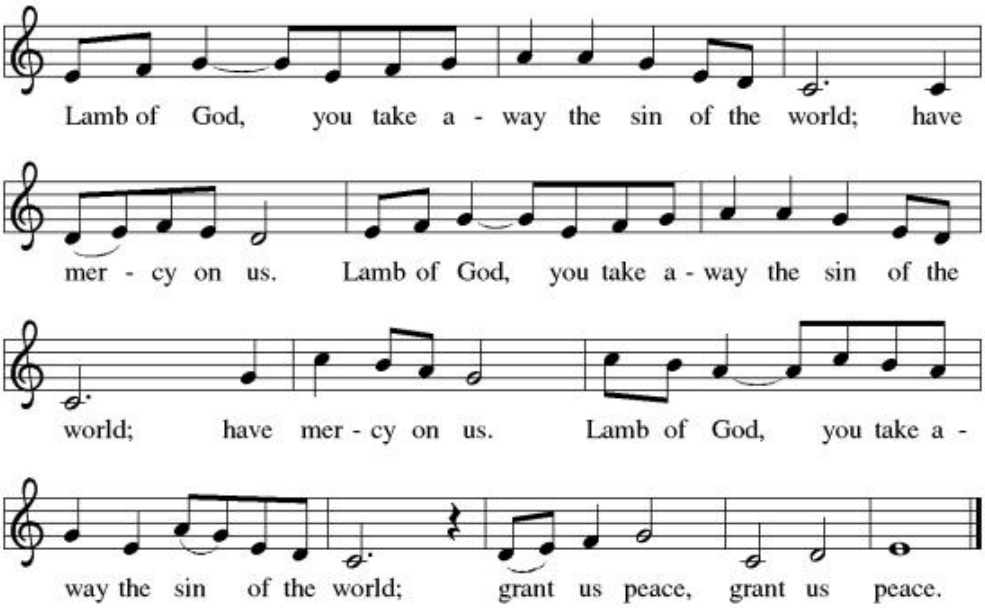
***Eucharistic Prayer**

***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.**



** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* ELW 634

Announcements for the Good of All

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

Peace Lutheran Announcements for September 13, 2026
Church Website: www.peacelutheranburlington.org
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Pastor Carol's email: pastorcarol.peace@gmail.com
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Attendance for Sunday, September 6, 2026 –19 confirmed, 1 unconfirmed, 1 virtual
General Offerings $2,610.00, Mt Meru $60.00
Worship Assistants for today – Council member in charge: Renee Knapton, Lector: Jen Muffick, Communion Assistant: Elsie Goulding, Offering counter: Janet McGinty, Tech: Sean McGinty
Special thanks to Rachel for providing our musical accompaniment 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.

"Chill on the Hill" … Reminder that Pastor Carol will be playing in this concert at Humbolt Park Band Chalet (3000 S. Howell Ave, Bay View). The Milwaukee American Legion Band (in which Pastor plays oboe and piccolo) is performing there on Tuesday, September 15 (rescheduled from June). Bring chairs, blankets, picnic food and drink. Food trucks open at 5:00 p.m. if that is your preference. The performance begins at 6:30. This is always a lively, fun concert!

Compassionate Corner… This month our giving will focus on this adult daycare. Their wishes are for art supplies such as coloring books, yarn, glue, construction paper, children's books or easy reading, etc. Gently used is fine.

Outreach For Hope… We have a team of walkers participating in a 2-mile walk to support Outreach for Hope. The walk takes place on September 26 (walkers to arrive by 10am). If anyone is interested in sponsoring our walkers, you can donate online at ofhrrw.org or make a check out to Outreach For Hope and give to Dan Knapton or place it in the offering basket.

Help needed Rally/Outreach Sunday… we plan to fill some more blessing bags to have available here and to give out during our community meal planned for September 28. We will fill these bags here at church Rally Sunday September 13 as part of God's Work, Our Hands, and will need volunteers to remain after fellowship to help fill these bags.

Community Meals… As part of our Anniversary celebration, September we will be hosting a free meal for the community. This will be on Monday, September 28 with one session at 11:30am-1:00pm and again at 4pm-5:30pm. We will need volunteers during each of these sessions. Please sign up in the Narthex.

The Thursday Bible Study Group… will resume meeting this week on Thursday, September 17th. We will meet every other Thursday from 10:30 to 11:30. Study materials will be announced soon. All are welcome partake in interesting discussion.