

Peace Lutheran Church

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 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.**



** "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death"*

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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.**

** "Now the Feast and Celebration" – found on Liturgy Sheet*

***The Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray...

**Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts,
you call us to obey you,
and you favor us with true freedom.
Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son,
that, leaving behind all that hinders us,
we may steadfastly follow your paths,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**



First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

¹ Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰ He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

¹³ He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

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

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

¹ I will cry aloud to God;

I will cry aloud, and God will hear me.

² **In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord;**

my hand was stretched out by night and did not tire;

I refused to be comforted.

¹¹ I will remember the works of the Lord,

and call to mind your wonders of old.

¹² **I will meditate on all your acts**

and ponder your mighty deeds.

¹³ Your way, O God, is holy;

who is so great a god as our God?

¹⁴ **You are the God who works wonders**

and have declared your power among the peoples.

¹⁵ By your strength you have redeemed your people,

the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

¹⁶ **The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled;**

the very depths were shaken.

¹⁷ The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered;

your lightning bolts flashed to and fro;

¹⁸ **the sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind;**

your lightnings lit up the world;

the earth trembled and shook.

¹⁹ Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters,

yet your footsteps were not seen.

²⁰ **You led your people like a flock**

by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

*** “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”**

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

***Gospel: Luke 9:51-62**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**



⁵¹ When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶² Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

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

Sermon – Pastor Carol Jeunnette



** “O Master, Let Me Walk With You”*

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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**

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

(A brief silence.)

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

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

Birthdays: Leslie Zahn, Chris Monsen

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

***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.**





* *"Here I Am, Lord"*

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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

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Attendance for Sunday, June 22, 2025 – 26 confirmed, 1 unconfirmed

General Offerings - \$2,268.00

Mt Meru Donations - \$20.00

“Being Different Together” Final Workshop... Please join us for our final workshop after worship today!

Prayers of the People... You are encouraged to send Pastor Carol your prayer requests throughout the week, at pastorcarol.peace@gmail.com. Please write “prayer request” in the subject line, and send them no later than Saturday evening. If you are unable to submit the request through email, please give Pastor Carol (or a council member) your request before worship.

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... Healthy Snacks are requested for the TLC Giving Baskets, such as: Jello and pudding cups, honey oat breakfast bars, Ritz crackers/peanut butter or cheese, Cheez-its, small bite pretzels, pretzel bites with peanut butter, Welch's fruit snacks, fruit strips, and cereal. All of these are suggestions.