

# Peace Lutheran Church

Reformation Sunday

October 26, 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  
Worship services may involve photography, as well as audio and video recording.

## Welcome & Announcements to Prepare Us for Worship

### \*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.  
**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful and loving God, **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **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... **Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

## Psalm 46

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup> though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

**<sup>6</sup> The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**<sup>8</sup> Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup> behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

**<sup>10</sup> “Be still, then, and know that I am God;**

**I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup> The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ

Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

*\* Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

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**\*Gospel: John 8:31-36**

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter

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

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup> They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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



**\*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**

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation. *(A brief silence.)*

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

*We pray for Dianna Shamel, Michael Knapton, Bill Goulding, Lynn and Phil Klein, Rick Staehling & Thom Bowen.*

Anniversary: Tom and Linda Myers – October 26

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, 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... **Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.  
*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**

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **\*Blessing**

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✚ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**



*\* My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

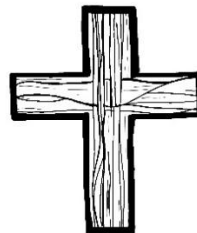
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## **Announcements for the Good of All**

**Offering** - Please place your gifts in the baskets in the back of the Sanctuary.

## **\*Dismissal**

Grow in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**



## **Peace Lutheran Announcements**

*Church Website: [www.peacelutheranburlington.org](http://www.peacelutheranburlington.org) Church Email: [peacelca@gmail.com](mailto:peacelca@gmail.com)*

*Pastor Carol's email: [pastorcarol.peace@gmail.com](mailto:pastorcarol.peace@gmail.com)*

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*Attendance for Sunday, October 19, 2025 – 27 confirmed*

*General Offerings \$1,395.00 Mt. Meru Coffee \$44.00*

*Worship Assistants for today – Council member in charge: Marilyn Hart, Lector: Sharon Ryd,  
Communion Assistant: Bev Stobber, Offering counter: Sharon Ryd*

*Special thanks to Renee Knapton for leading our worship this morning.*

**Office Hours...** Pastor Carol's office hours are Wednesdays from 9am-noon.  
Drop in and say "Hi"! (No office hours November 5)

**Growing Relationships...** Please contact Renee Knapton by phone (262-492-0718) or by e-mail at [reneeknapton@gmail.com](mailto:reneeknapton@gmail.com) with any joys, sorrows, prayer requests, etc. that you wish shared with fellow members.

**Parents and Grandparents...** How can parents and grandparents best support their children and grandchildren in these anxious and challenging times? We all want to help as much as possible, but sometimes our 'help' is less than helpful. How can we tell?

Pastor Carol and Pam Mueller are previewing a 4-part Confident Parenting course ([www.parenthopeproject.thinkific.com](http://www.parenthopeproject.thinkific.com)) in preparation for offering it to the broader community. Although it focuses on parenting, it also is relevant to grandparenting. If you are interested in participating in a 'dry-run' of the course after Christmas, or you know a parent who is looking for some ideas, or you just want to know more about it, please let Pastor Carol know.

**Food Pantry Donations...** November we will be donating socks, mittens and hats for both children and adults. A line will be hung at church to display. These will be delivered December 1.

**TLC...** We are collecting bleach, toilet paper, Kleenex, cleaning supplies, paper towels, dish detergent and laundry soap to be delivered November 1.

Also, the holidays are fast approaching and we will be supporting a family from TLC to support for Christmas.

**Love Inc...** We are collecting canned vegetables, cranberry sauce and french-fried onions for 250-300 Thanksgiving box meals. Please drop off before the end of October.

**The Chosen...** We will be viewing "The Chosen" series today following worship. Please join us!

**All Saints Sunday...** 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).

Following worship, you are invited to a conversation about loved ones we have lost. Often, people find it uncomfortable to talk about loss, especially if it has been a while. Grateful stories about loved ones, as well as the challenges of living with and through grief are welcome. We hope you feel welcome to be part of this supportive, loving conversation.

**Advent By Candlelight...** So Little They Knew is this year's Advent by Candlelight program. Join us Sunday, Nov 30, 1 - 3pm. Readers are needed for this event. If you are interested, contact Janet McGinty.

**Mid-Day Women's Gathering...** will meet Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 am, in the Peace fellowship hall. Bring your own lunch and beverage, dessert will be provided. Jean Weichmann will host.

**Stewardship...** Please remember to return your giving commitments by next Sunday, November 2.