

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
In-Person and Online Worship Bulletin
September 1, 2024



We of Peace Lutheran Church welcome all people to full participation in the life of the church regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or physical or mental disability.



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Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church

Mission Statement

**We are called to be an inclusive community,
sharing God's grace through worship, service,
and hospitality.**

Children are welcome in any worship service at Peace Lutheran Church.

It is a pleasure to have you worship with us this week and, if you are looking for a church home, we invite you to worship with us again soon. If you are in need of assistance of any kind, please speak with an usher.

P= Presider, A= Assisting Minister, C= Congregation



PRELUDE

BWV 674- Kyrie, Godd heiliger Geist

--J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

In our desire to be first

we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

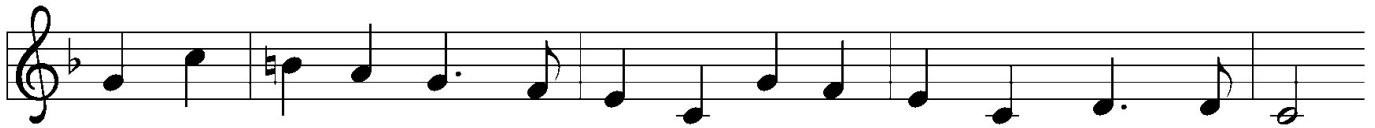
By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven .

C: Amen.



1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,
 all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.
 ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;
 Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
 O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.
 born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
 heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

*GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 C: **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
 C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 15

(read responsively)

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown

SECOND READING

James 1: 17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

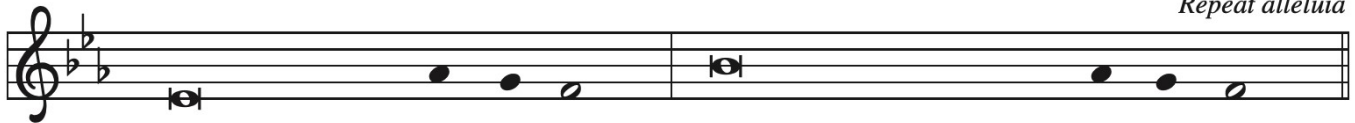
FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia!



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*GOSPEL

Mark 7: 1-9, 14-15, 21-23

P: The Gospel according to Mark, the seventh chapter.

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

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand.

¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

²¹"For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

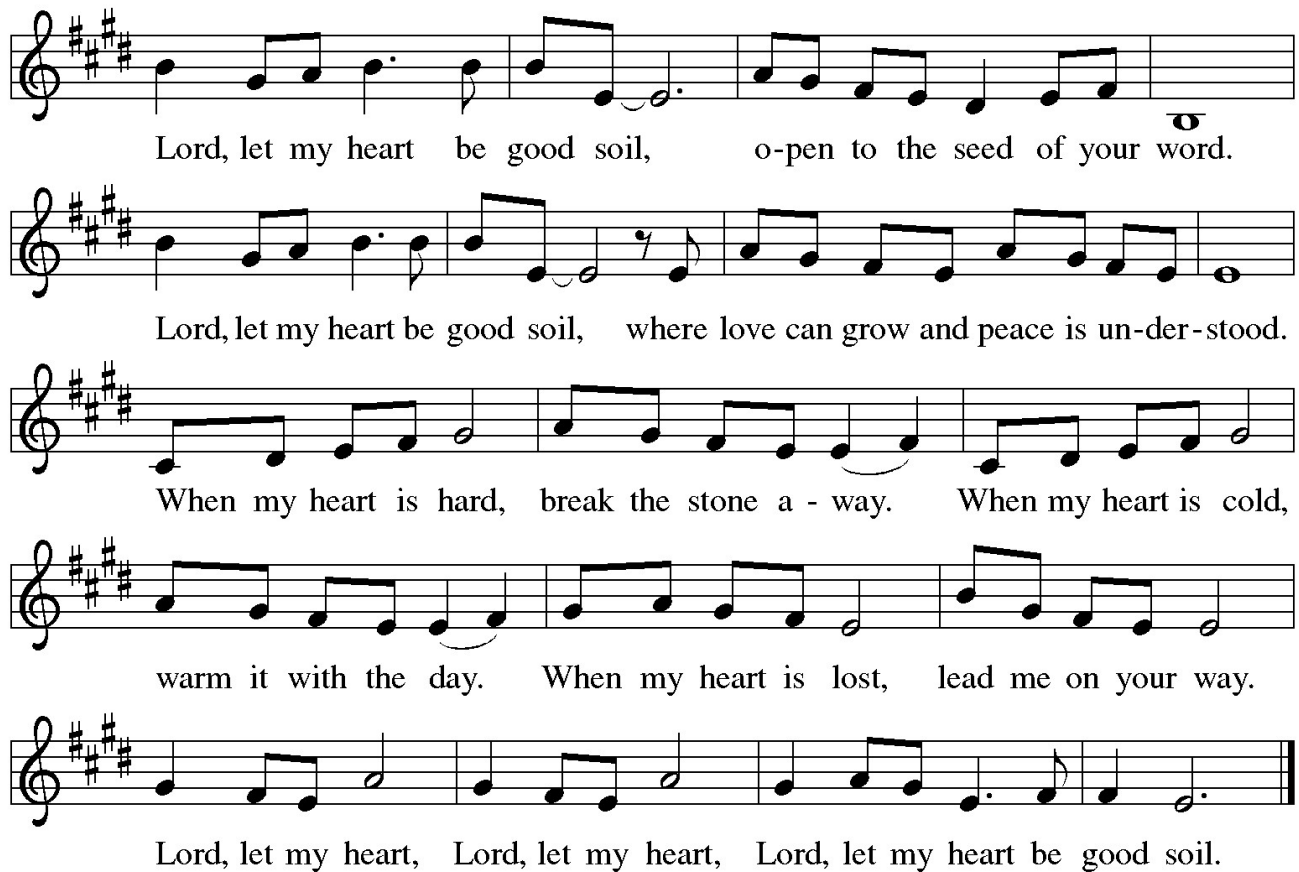
P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Hannah DiPasquale

Silence for Reflection



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

After each portion of the prayers:

A: Merciful God,
C: **receive our prayer**

*SAINTS REMEMBERED TODAY

Saints of the Church:

Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church

Saints of Peace:

Delbert Rogers, Irene Seibert, Darla Benusa, Bill Wood, Gerald Fickes, Charles Anderson, Jack Meinen, Ruth Perkins, Marvin Henke

P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

In-Building: Please share signs of peace in whatever way you are comfortable and is respectful of your neighbor's comfort level.

Online: You may share signs of peace in the chat or on video in sign language or waving.

OFFERING

P: *Gifts for the work and ministry of Peace Lutheran Church can be placed in the offering plates or mailed to the Church Office or sent through on-line giving on our website.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Many Will Come

--Daniel Schwandt

*RESPONSE TO THE GIFT:

Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God all



crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove ye



heav - 'nly host; praise Fath-er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*OFFERING PRAYER

- A: Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
- C: **By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**



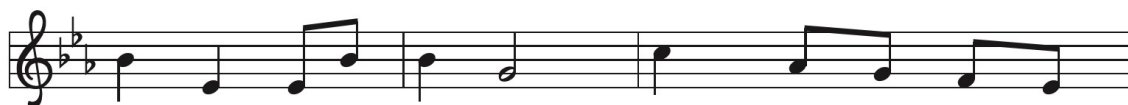
*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P: The Lord be with you!
- C: **And also with you!**
- P: Lift up your hearts!
- C: **We lift them to the Lord!**
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
- C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise!**

*PREFACE

- P: ... And with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

Padre nuestro que estás en el Cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga a nosotros tu Reino,
hágase tu voluntad
en la Tierra como en el Cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación,
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el Reino, tuyo el Poder,
y tuya la Gloria,
ahora y siempre. Amén.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table for communion, regardless of age or church membership. Come forward up the center aisle, taking an empty cup from the tray at the front. Follow the direction of the ushers and kneel or stand at the rail. The Bread Minister will hand you a piece of bread (gluten-free wafers are available, just ask the bread minister). There are two Wine Ministers. The first pouring chalice offers wine and the second chalice is grape juice.

If you choose not to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing from the Bread Minister. Crossing your arms over your chest will indicate that you would prefer a blessing.

If you have difficulty coming to the front, please notify an usher and communion will gladly be brought to you.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

A: Holy God,
 C: you have welcomed us to this meal
 and fed us with dignity at your table.
 Send us now to welcome others
 and to be at peace with one another,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

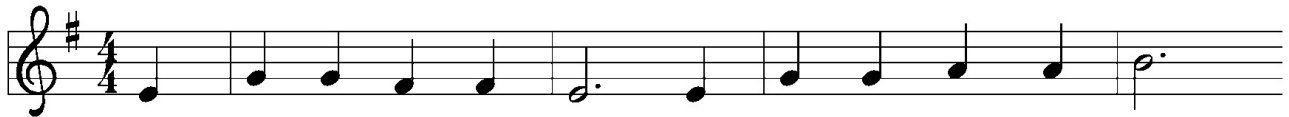
⊕ -----SENDING----- ⊕

***THE BENEDICTION**

P: God all mighty,
 God most merciful
 † bless you, keep you,
 and give you peace.
 C: Amen.

SENDING HYMNLord Jesus, Think of Me*

ELW 599



1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
 2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, by anx - ious thoughts op - pressed;
 3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
 4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past,



from self - ish pas - sions set me free and make me pure with - in.
 let me your lov - ing ser - vant be and taste your prom - ised rest.
 through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point out your cho - sen way.
 I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see and share your joy at last.

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
 C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE*BWV 679 - Fughetta super: Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot'*

--Bach

***You are welcome to leave during the postlude or remain in the sanctuary to enjoy the music.
 All are welcome in the fellowship hall for coffee and conversation.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - September 1

If you have Prayer Requests to be included in the Prayers of the Day, please write them before the service on the Prayer Request sheet found on the stand in the narthex.

Flowers in the sanctuary were graciously donated by Betty & Don Lindsey in celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary

Choir rehearsals have resumed on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary. New singers are always welcome.

Next Sunday, Sept. 8, Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelebouni, recently elected Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod, will preach and preside at worship. During the service, we will also have the baptism of Elyas George DiPasquale, Pastor Hannah and Michael's new son. Cake and refreshments will be offered during coffee hour to celebrate Elyas's baptism and to welcome the bishop.



On Friday, Sept. 6, the plumbing company will be running a smoke test to determine what may be leaking and where our odor is coming from. Please plan to do any business with the church before then, because Sandy will probably be in and out of the office to avoid breathing too much of the smoke.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Plans are being made to study Paul's Letter to the Romans beginning Tues., Oct. 8th -10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Room 107. We will meet twice a month through Dec. 17th. Watch for details regarding a study guide. A table will be set up in the narthex next Sunday, Sept. 8. Speak to Susan Mitchell for more information. 575-521-4146 or shm@artguidesource.com

Please step up to be part of the 16 volunteers across many tasks needed EACH WEEK to make worship happen. Training is provided. Please sign up as you are able.

We have returned to having **the red folders with attendance sheets in each pew**. We ask that the first person puts the date on the first sheet, adds their name(s) and passes it to others in their pew. The last person in the pew should then pass the folder back to the center which allows us all to learn the names of our pew partners and makes it easier for the ushers.

Peace is looking to build an after school program for community youth. If you would like to be part of the planning or have any questions, please contact Susanna Odegaard, either after church at coffee hour or by email at saoirse9009@gmail.com.

 **Green Team Tip**  Many companies make refillable containers. For example, Meyers dishwashing soap makes a large container of soap that can refill the original purchased container. Bath and Body does the same for their hand soap containers. The refills are in cardboard containers so that only the initial soap dispenser is made of plastic.

The Screen Challenge has been quite successful. We will continue to print fewer bulletins. Those who are able are encouraged to use the TV screens, hymnals, or mobile devices instead of a bulletin. **Those who need or prefer the paper, please continue to use them.** If we can improve on the various ways we share our Sunday worship materials, please let Sandy or Council members know.

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