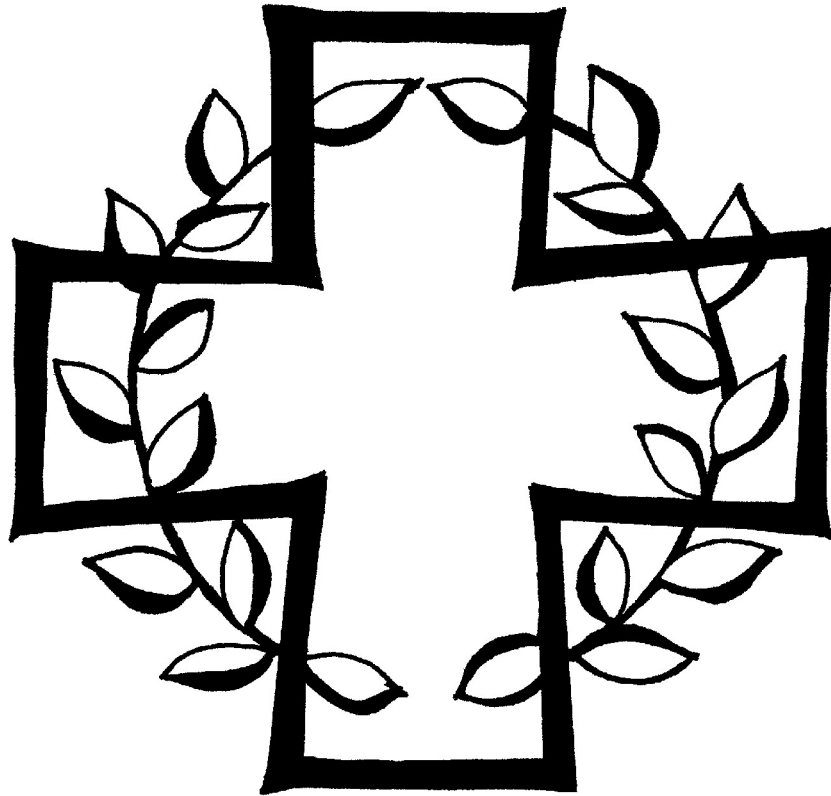


SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
In-Person and Online Worship Bulletin
September 15, 2024



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

Elegy (from Richard III)
In Memoriam

-- William Walton
Karen Billings, organist

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.

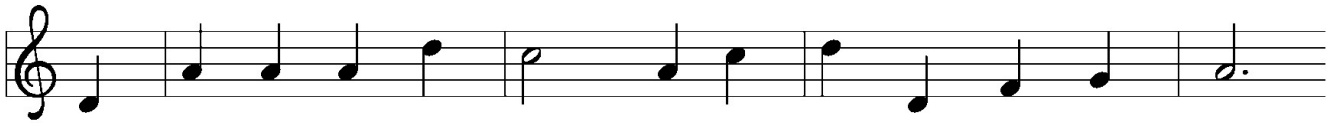
By grace you have been saved.

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

C: Amen.



1 If God my Lord be for me, I may a host de - fy;
 2 I build on this foun - da - tion, that Je - sus and his blood
 3 Christ Je - sus is my splen - dor, my sun, my light, a - lone;
 4 For joy my heart is ring - ing; all sor - row dis - ap - pears;



for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con - found - ed, fly.
 a - lone are my sal - va - tion, the true, e - ter - nal good.
 were he not my de - fend - er be - fore the judg - ment throne,
 and full of mirth and sing - ing, it wipes a - way all tears.



If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,
 With - out him all that pleas - es will vain and emp - ty prove.
 I nev - er should find fa - vor and mer - cy in God's sight,
 The sun that cheers my spir - it is Je - sus Christ, my king;



what foe or what di - sas - ter can drive me from his love?
 The gifts I have from Je - sus a - lone are worth my love.
 but be de - stroyed for - ev - er as dark - ness by the light.
 the heav'n I shall in - her - it makes me re - joice and sing.

*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, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
 C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out
the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 15

(read responsively)

¹I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,
²**for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**
³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.
⁴**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**
⁵Gracious is the LORD and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.
⁶**The LORD watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.**
⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt well with you.
⁸**For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**
⁹I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the living.

SECOND READING

James 3: 1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine yield figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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 8: 27-38

P: The Gospel according to Mark, the eighth chapter.
 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
 C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Silence for Reflection

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW 810



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

***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: Hear us, O God,

C: **Your mercy is great,**

***SAINTS REMEMBERED TODAY**

Saints of the Church:

Nikolai Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr

Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen; Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society,

Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Saints of Peace:

Guy Wolffarth, Ray Cano

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

We All Are God's Children --Brahms/arr. Zieganhals
Karen Billings, director & Kathie Rich, flute

***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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Prière à Notre-Dame
(from *Suite Gothique*)

Léon Boëllmann

*BLESSING FROM THE TABLE

*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 HYMN**

Guide My Feet

ACS 987



1	Guide	my	feet			
2	Hold	my	hand			
3	Stand	by	me	while I	run this	race.
4	I'm	your	child			
5	Search	my	heart			



Guide	my	feet			
Hold	my	hand			
Stand	by	me	while I	run this	race.
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Search	my	heart			



Guide	my	feet			
Hold	my	hand			
Stand	by	me	while I	run this	race,
I'm	your	child			
Search	my	heart			



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

***DISMISSAL**

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

POSTLUDE

Choral
(from *Suite Gothique*)

Léon Boëllmann

***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 15

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 Geri Ayers & Lisa Bates in celebration of their 37th anniversary.

Choir rehearsals have resumed and are scheduled for Wednesdays 10/2, 10/9, 10/16 at 5 p.m. We rehearse and sing on 3 Wednesdays/Sundays a month. We welcome new singers.

Next Sunday, Sept. 22, we will install the 2024-25 Peace Council during worship.

The Rocky Mountain Synod ELCA invites you to attend the installation of Bishop Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, October 5, 2024, 4pm, Augustana Lutheran Church 5000 E Alameda Ave. Denver CO, or online at <https://www.YOUTUBE.com/@AugustanaLutheranChurch4906/streams>

NEW FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS WELCOME: Join us on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 7:00 a.m. in the parking lot where we'll set up tables, sort food, load carts, and help feed 75-100 households.

WOMEN IN MOTION LUNCHEON: All women are welcome on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 11:30 a.m. for our potluck luncheon at Peace. We gather monthly and enjoy time visiting and getting to know each other. And if you only have time to drop in on a lunch hour, you're welcome, and there's always plenty of food.

BIBLE STUDY - Sign up for the class on Romans which will start Tues., October 8th in Room 107 - 10:30--11:30 a.m. for 6 sessions. See Susan at the table in the narthex after worship today.



HEADPHONES FOR CONLEE: As part of our stated mission to reach our community through hospitality, we have in the past supported Conlee elementary school, our neighbor just a few blocks from us. We have treated teachers with snacks and lunches and have provided shoes for students who need them, provided school supplies and headphones. Presently the school could again use headphones for students K-5 See the sign in the narthex for an example. If you would like to support this ministry, please bring headphones, or make a cash contribution which is noted for Conlee school over the next 2 weeks. Contact Kathie Rich for questions (Kathie.rich@hotmail.com, 847-609-9937) or check with the office (Sandy always knows what's happening!!)

BREAD FOR THE WORLD-NM EVENT: Sat., Sept. 21, 8:30 a.m. -noon (Program starts at 9:00.), with Ken Fujimoto, Bread for the World's new organizer for the Southwest region. He will help us prepare for our **2025 Offering of Letters. Program: Nourish Our Future: Addressing Child Hunger at Home and Abroad. Topics: The Child Tax Credit; WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children); Hunger/Basic Needs Among College Students in New Mexico; and The Children's Jubilee (Debt Relief for the World's Poorest Countries).** Registration is free. **Zoom Attendance:** <https://actionnetwork.org/events/nourish-our-future-a-bread-for-the-world-workshop-virtual-registration/>

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**  Before going to the grocery store, check the refrigerator to see what groceries are already there. Be creative in cooking using what you already have. Wasted food accounts for 31% of the overall food supply annually.

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SCHEDULE - September 15-22

Sun., Sept. 15 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Mon., Sept. 16 11:00 a.m. Pastoral Care Committee Meeting

Wed., Sept. 18 1:30 p.m. AARP

Thurs., Sept. 19 7:00 a.m. Food Pantry
 11:30 a.m. Women in Motion luncheon
 1:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Support Group
 1:30 p.m. Funeral Reception (non-member)
 4:00 p.m. Bells

Sat., Sept. 21 11:30 a.m. NMSU Choir Rehearsal Retreat

Sun., Sept. 22 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship with Council Installation
 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

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Weekly outside group meetings

OA - Overeaters Anon: 9:30 a.m. - Sa

AA - Downtown Group: 5:30 p.m. - Su, M, Tu, Th, F, Sa
 7:00 p.m. - W
 8:00 p.m. - Sa

AA - Primary Purpose: 7:00 p.m. - F

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Assisting Minister: Diana Diemer
Lector: Diane Powell
Greeters; Jeanne Brown
Communion Server: Sandy Johnson
Ushers: _____, _____
 _____, _____

Technology: Lisa Bates, Clare Scheffer,
 Bob Treulich
Altar Care: Hilikka Byrd
Bulletins: Barb Patton, Deb Sarabia

Worship Assistants - Seot, 22

Assisting Minister: Lynette Schurdevin
Lector: LaJune Smith
Greeters: Arlyss & Dave Skari
Communion Server: Carol Eggers
Ushers: _____, _____
 _____, _____

Technology: Lisa Bates, Mary Luckie,
 Betty Lindsey
Altar Care: Cindy Peterson
Bulletins: Barb Patton, Deb Sarabia

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