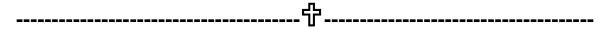
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In-Person and Online Worship Bulletin September 8, 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 Prelude on 'Crimond' -- Rebecca Groom Tevelde

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.



*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: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.
- C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35: 4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

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

PSALM Psalm 146 (read responsively)

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

James 2: 1-10, 14-17

¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia!





Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

*GOSPEL Mark 7: 24-37

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Silence for Reflection

*HYMN OF THE DAY Baptized and Set Free **ELW 453** 1 We peo - ple at - ed, cho - sen by God. are cre 2 We fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re freshed. are 3 We nour - ished by things. are wa - ter, all liv ing 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song. Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, love. in mer - cy and hun - ger turns and Then our a - gain we are blessed. re -Spir - it and by life that the a - bun - dant - ly brings. All wel - come! We sing loud and strong. are gath - er to o - pened the Sin has pow - er Je - sus door no more. For what - ev - er need. God is great - er in deed: the we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known: Not en-slaved, but free! From now on, will be set all a foun-tain bring-ing heal-ing, and whole-ness and more. end-less o - cean. al-ways deep - er than all of our need. ev - er - flow-ing, now pre-cious riv-er, home. car - ry us one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM

P: Who presents this Child for Baptism?

Sponsors respond: We do.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Parents Response: We do.

P: As you bring **Elyas** to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed.

To serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

P: Do you promise to help **Elyas** grow in the Christian faith and life? *Sponsors & Parents respond:* We do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P: People of God, do you promise to support **Elyas** and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: We do.

*PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: People of God, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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:

Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia **John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople**

Holy Cross Day

Saints of Peace:

Wayne Quick, Keven O'Kelly, Cherie Luck, Mariem Wood, Dick Schriver, Dorothy Bacheller

- 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.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*BAPTISM

- P: I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son + , and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain **Elyas** with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

- C: Amen.
- P: **Elyas George DiPasquale**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
- C: Amen.
- P: Through water and the Word, **Elyas** has been welcomed into this community of faith and strengthened to serve by the Holy and Life-giving Spirit.
- C: We welcome you into the Body of Christ and the Mission we share, join us as we give praise to God and bearing Christ's redeeming word to all the world.

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P: The peace of Christ 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.

Doxology

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Jesus Loves Me/ We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus --arr. Robert Hobby

*RESPONSE TO THE GIFT:



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



*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.

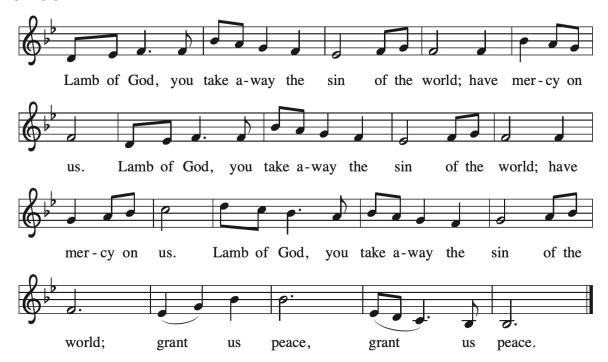
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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



COMMUNION MUSIC

Meditation on 'Ubi Caritas'

--arr. Alejandro Cosolacion II

*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.

\$ -----\$ ENDING -----\$

*THE BENEDICTION

C: Amen.



- 1 God, whose al might y word cha os and dark ness heard
- 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re deem ing wing,
- 3 Spir it of truth and love, life giv ing, ho ly dove,
- 4 Ho ly and bless ed three, glo ri ous Trin i ty,



flight: took their hear hum - bly pray, and where the we and us, trou - bled mind, sight where il heal - ing and sight; health to the speed forth your flight; wa - ter's face bear - ing move the the on Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound-less o - cean's tide, roll - ing in as



glo - rious ray, let there be gos - pel day sheds not its light. lu - sions blind; oh, hu - man-kind let there be light. now to light. in earth's dark - est place let there be lamp of grace, and full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Fanfare --William Mathias

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 8

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 Cindy Peterson in memory of her mom, Anna Ruth Altenhofen.

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

TODAY we welcome Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, recently elected Bishop of the Rocky Mountain Synod. 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.

Bible Study starts Tues., **Oct. 8th -** Stop at the table in the narthex today to see the study guide and sign up for our study on Paul's Letter to the Romans.

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 (<u>Kathie.rich@hotmail.com</u>, 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. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact the people on the bulletin board in the narthex on your left as you enter the Fellowship Hall.

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 If you have a few things you want to order from Amazon, order them all at the same time to decrease the packing; This will also help with wear and tear on the street and decrease the fuel used to make deliveries. Then, recycle the cardboard that the packages come in!

OVER-->

SCHEDULE - September 8-15

Sun., Sept. 8 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship with our Bishop,

Rev. Dr. Meghan Johnston Aelabouni & the Baptism of Elyas DiPasquale

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Tues., Sept. 10 3:00 p.m. Green Team meeting

5:00 p.m. After-School program meeting

6:30 p.m. Council meeting

Wed., Sept. 11 4:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Walk Committee

5:00 p.m. Choir

Thurs., Sept. 12 4:00 p.m. Bells

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

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

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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Worship Assistants - TODAY

Assisting Minister: Kathie Rich
Lector: Susan Mitchell
Lyn & Ron Bussian
Communion Server: Pr. Hannah DiPasquale
Ushers: Donna & Glenn Kuehn

Technology: Karen Harvey, Mary Luckie,

Bett Lindsey

Altar Care: Susan Yarne

Bulletins: Barb Patton, Deb Sarabia

| Worship A | Assistants - 🤄 | Septem | ber 15 |
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Greeters; Communion Server: Diana Diemer Ushers: ____, ____,

Technology: Lisa Bates, Claire Scheffer,

Bob Treulich

Altar Care: Hilkka Byrd

Bulletins: Barb Patton, Deb Sarabia