October 25, 2026 – Reformation Sunday

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church
We believe God's welcome has no borders, and we celebrate and embrace people of every race, ethnicity, culture, age, economic status, family structure, faith background, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, and physical or mental ability. We are committed to the ongoing work of racial equity, inclusion, and social and environmental justice.
Each and all of you are encouraged to fully participate in the life of the church.

Children are welcome in any worship service.
A non-staffed nursery room is available for guardians and their children.

P= Presider A= Assisting Minister C= Congregation

----------GATHERING----------

PRELUDE *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* *arr. C.E. Walz*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP – *Table Blessing* by Jan Richardson

P: To your table
you bid us come.
You have set the places,
you have poured the wine,
and there is always room,
you say,
for one more.

C: And so we come.

From the streets
and from the alleys
we come.

From the deserts
and from the hills
we come.
From the ravages of poverty
and from the palaces of privilege
we come.

Running,
limping,
carried,
we come.

We hold the seeds of healing,
we dream of a new creation,
we know the things
that make for peace,
and we struggle to give them wings.
And yet, to your table
we come.
Hungering for your bread,
we come;
thirsting for your wine,
we come;

singing your song
in every language,
speaking your name
in every tongue,
in conflict and in communion,
in discord and in desire,
we come,

O God of Wisdom,
we come.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.
C: Amen.
P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,
C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.
P: Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN** ***A Mighty Fortress is our God ***ELW 505***

***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: 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.**

----------WORD----------

FIRST READING: **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

31 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. 32 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. 33 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. 34 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.

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

PSALM: (read responsively) **Psalm 46**

1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
2 **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,**
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
3 though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
4 **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,**
the holy habitation of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
6 **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;**
God speaks, and the earth melts away.
7 The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
8 **Come now, regard the works of the LORD,**
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
9 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.
10 **"Be still, then, and know that I am God;**
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."
11 The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: **Romans 3:19-28**

19 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. 20 For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, 22 the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, 23 since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 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; 26 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.
27 Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. 28 For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

ALLELUIA** ***ACS – Setting 11



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

***GOSPEL:** **John 8:31-36**

31 Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my
disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." 33 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'?"
34 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. 35 The
slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. 36 So if
the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

SERMON **Rev. Hannah DiPasquale**

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Listen, God is Calling*** ***ELW 513***

***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: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.
A brief silence

After each portion of the prayers…

A: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Saints of Peace: Gerri Bushnell, Gery Penninger, Jan Peterson

P: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

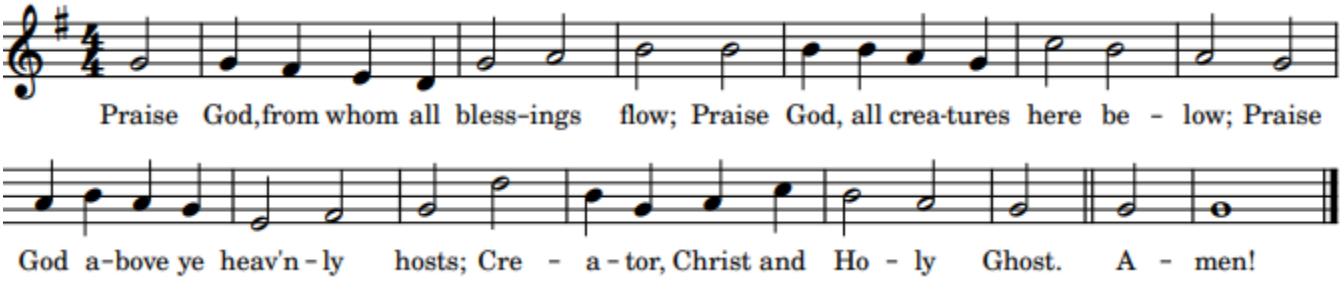
----------MEAL----------

OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC, & SETTING THE TABLE

The Servant Song *arr. Linda R. Lamb*
Campanas de Paz Bell Choir

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***RESPONSE TO THE GIFT: DOXOLOGY**



***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: God of creation,
C: you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always. 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 our thanks and praise.
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…
…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

P: Holy God,
you alone are holy,
you alone are God.
The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars;
beneath the sea;
within each cell;
with every breath.

C: We praise you, O God.

P: Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water;
by night and day;
across the wilderness;
out of exile;
into the future.

C: We bless you, O God.

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner;
among the poor;
with us now.

C: We thank you, O God.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed…
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Remembering his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks
to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit,
in your church, without end. **Amen.**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C:	**Our Father in Heaven**	**Padre nuestro que estás enel Cielo,**
	hallowed be your name,	**santificado sea tu nombre,**
	your kingdom come,	**venga a nosotros tu Reino,**
	your will be done,	**hágase tu voluntad**
	on earth as in heaven.	**en la Tierra como en el Cielo.**
	Give us today our daily bread.	**Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.**
	Forgive us our sins	**Perdona nuestras ofensas,**
	as we forgive	**como también**
	those who sin against us.	**perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.**
	Save us from the time of trial	**No nos dejes caer en tentación,**
	and deliver us from evil.	**y líbranos del mal.**
	For the kingdom, the power,	**Porque tuyo es el Reino, tuyo el Poder,**
	and the glory are yours,	**y tuya la Gloria,**
	now and forever. Amen.	**ahora y siempre. Amén.**

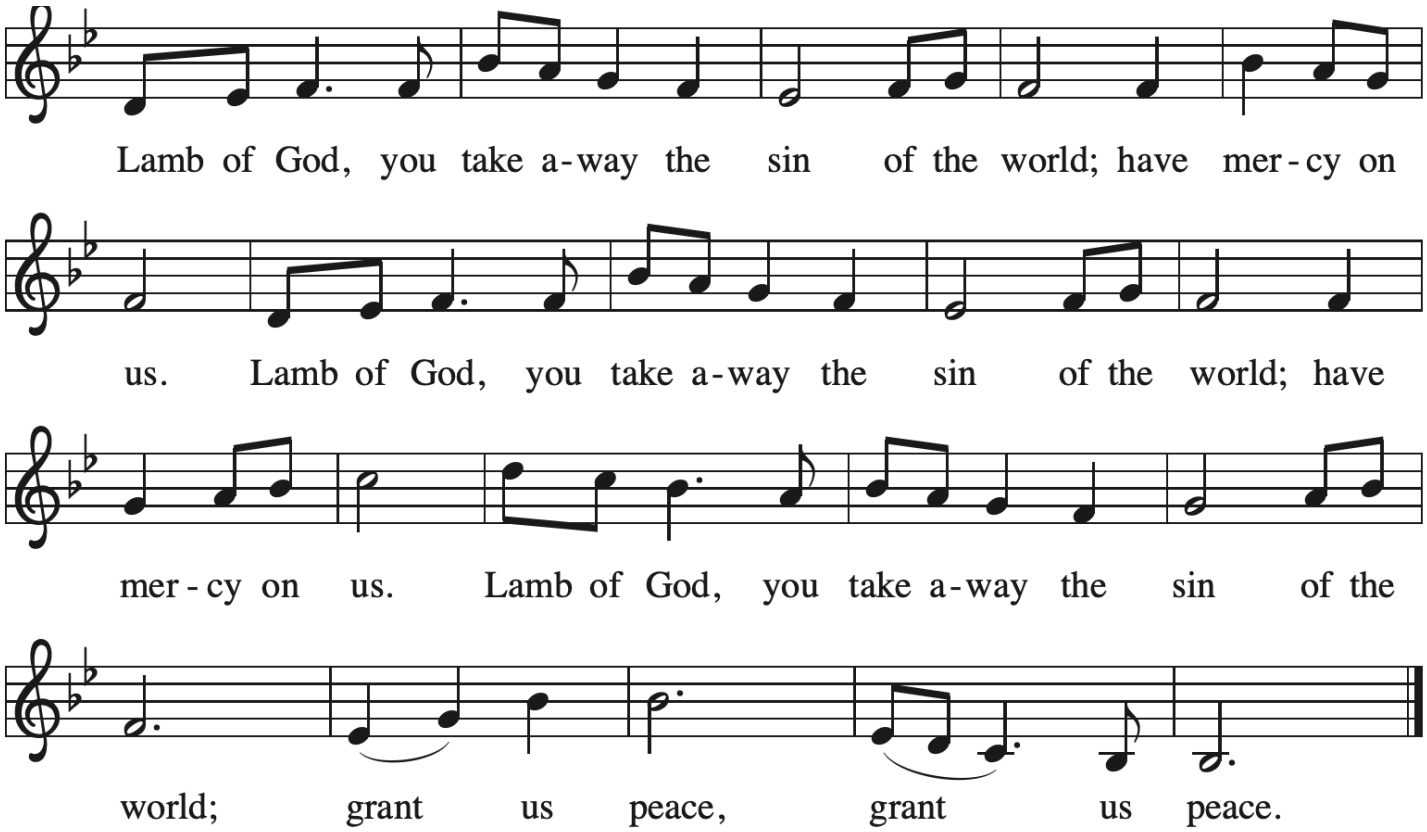
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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. Bread is offered first and gluten-free crackers are available. The first chalice is wine; indicate your preference for the juice (second chalice) by placing your hand over your cup.

If you choose not to partake, you may come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms over your chest.
If you have difficulty coming to the front, communion will gladly be brought to you by a lay minister.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION MUSIC ***God Bless to Us Our Bread (sing 2x)*** ***ACS 1056***



***BLESSING FROM THE TABLE**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Sustaining God,

C: with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**

P: The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN** ***The Church of Christ in Every Age ***ELW 729 (v.1,2,4,5)***

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE *Built on a Rock* *arr. Aaron David Miller*

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and conversation!
Join us at 12 noon for Trunk or Treat in the parking lot!

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