25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – November 15, 2026

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 at all worship services.
A non-staffed nursery room is available for guardians and their children.

P= Presider A= Assisting Minister C= Congregation

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP *A time to quietly prepare our hearts and minds for worship*

PRELUDE *Rustington* *arr. Brenda Portman*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP - *Breath Practice*

***LITANY FOR A STEWARDSHIP OF MUTUAL CARE** *by Amy Koopman*

P: Oh God, we in fear we grumble in our time of need,
C: But your abundance and provision are sure.

P: Holy Spirit, in arrogance we place our hope in status and wealth,
C: But your abundance is limitless and without end.

P: Christ Jesus, we are prone to excluding and restraining others from your table,
C: But your abundance is boundless and freely offered to all.

P: Holy Spirit, in arrogance we place our hope in status and wealth,
C: But your abundance is infinite and lavished upon the least of these.

P: Divine Creator, we are torn by this world and its demands,
C: But your abundance is eternal and invites us to new ways.

P: Infinite Love, we are careless toward ourselves and one another,
C: But your abundance fills us to overflowing.

P: Reconciling Brother, we are too often selfish and proud,
C: But your abundance calls us to humility in mutual care.

P: Eternally Present One, we are wasteful daydreamers with our resources and gifts,
C: But your abundance instructs us to stand accountable and prepared.

P: Lavishing Giver, so often we are afraid that we will not have enough,
C: But your abundance is extravagant and excessive toward us.

P: Oh Christ, our King, we are stingy and reticent in our care for others,
C: But your abundance compels us toward unrestrained generosity. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN** ***Christ Be Our Light ***(v. 1,2,5) ELW 715***
(refer to red hymnal in pew)

***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 Creator, you entrust your goodness to all of us, yet so often we hide your blessings, afraid that what you've given will be lost and we will never again have enough. Help us to remember that you are the God of Exceeding Abundance who does not withhold any good thing from us. Help us by your Spirit to live with open hands in confident expectation that all you provide will flow to us and through us to any who are in need, for the sake of Christ's Beloved Community.
C: Amen.

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

FIRST READING: **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

7 Be silent before the Lord God,
for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

PSALM: (read responsively) **Psalm 90:1-12**

1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought**
forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight are**
like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;
5 you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried up and
withered.
7 For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light of your
countenance.
9 When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
10 **The span of our life is seventy years,**
perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and
sorrow, for they pass away quickly and
we are gone.
11 Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?
12 **So teach us to number our days**
that we may apply our hearts to
wisdom.

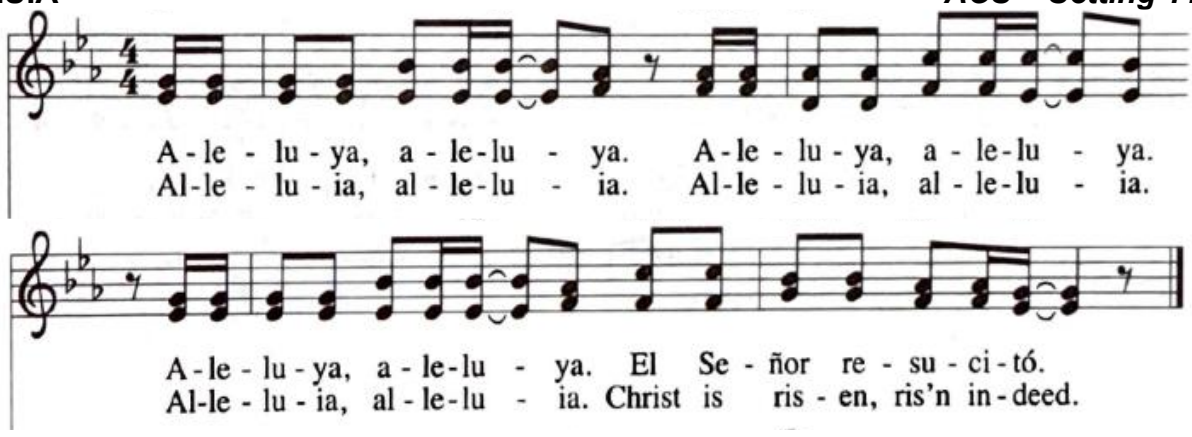
SECOND READING: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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 Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and
entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each
according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went
off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two
talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a
hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came
and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward,
bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five
more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been
trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'
22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two
talents; see, I have made two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward,
saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering
where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you
have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I
reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my
money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.
28 So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those who have,
more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what
they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where
there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

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

SERMON Pastor Hannah DiPasquale

HYMN OF THE DAY** ***God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending **ELW 678**
(Refer to red hymnal in pew)

***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: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence

After each portion of the prayers…

A: God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

Saints of Peace: *Albert Zaborowski, Lloyd Kirschenmann*

P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

Please share signs of peace in whatever way you and your neighbor are comfortable.

STEWARDSHIP STORY

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

OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC, & SETTING THE TABLE

For the Fruits of All Creation *David Klement*
Peace Lutheran Church Choir

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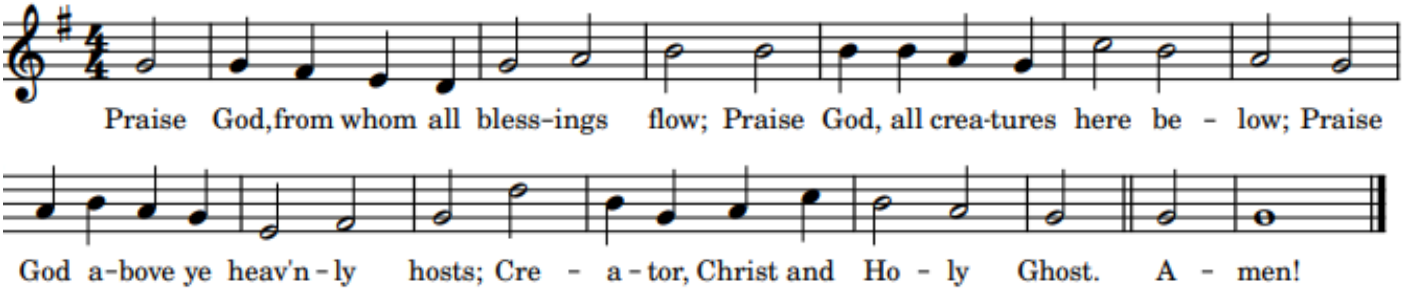
***RESPONSE TO THE GIFT: DOXOLOGY**



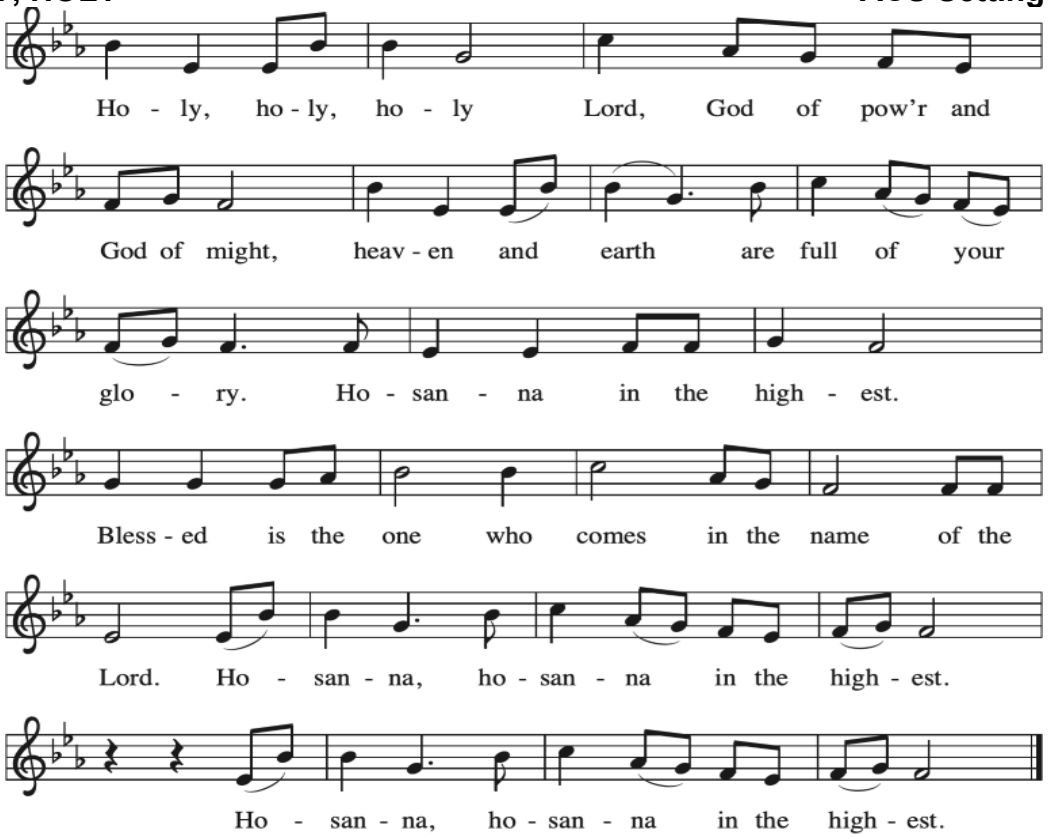
***OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Eternal God,
C: our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
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 our thanks and praise.
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** **ACS Setting 12**



***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C: Our Father in Heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,

Padre nuestro que estás enel Cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga a nosotros tu Reino,
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.**

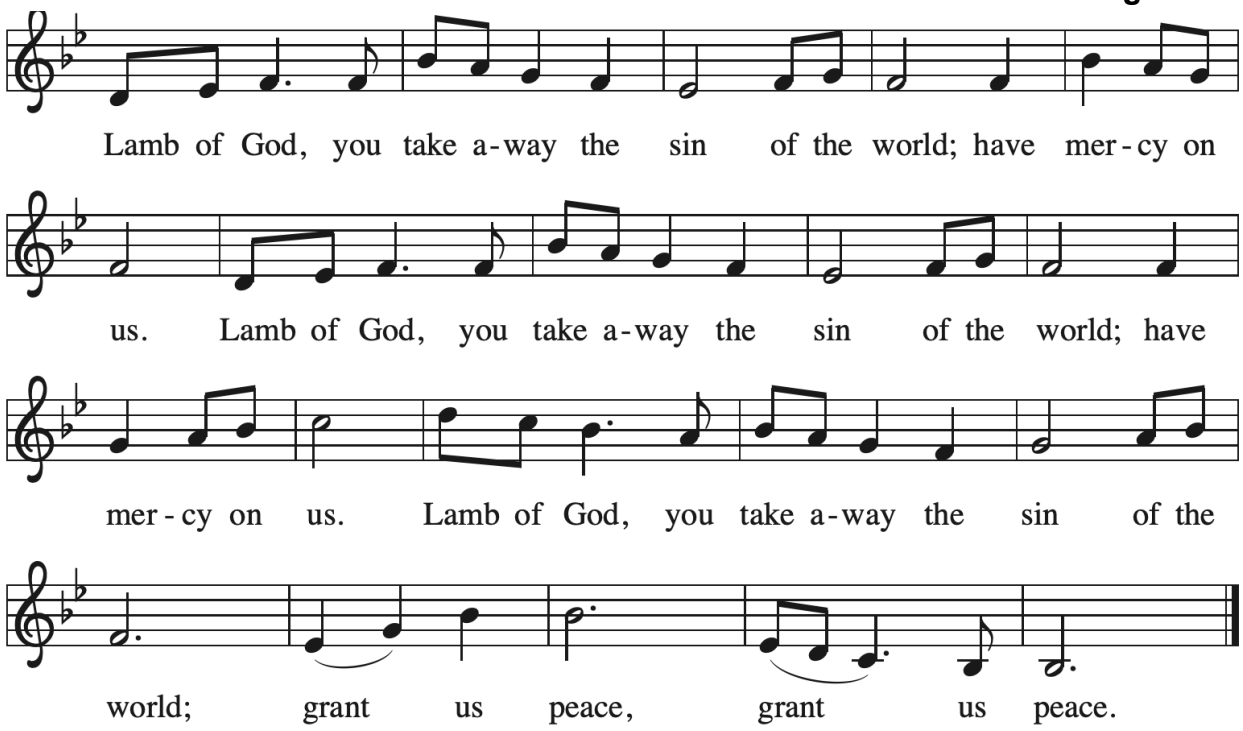
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

LAMB OF GOD **ACS Setting 12**



COMMUNION MUSIC *Deep River* *arr. Barbara J. Heastings*

***BLESSING FROM THE TABLE**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Holy God,

C: we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**

P: The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN** ***Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ ***ELW 674***
(*Refer to red hymnal in pew*)

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Join us for coffee and a treat in the Fellowship Hall!
Join us back in the Sanctuary for a workshop on Qualified Charitable Distributions

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