CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY – November 22, 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 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* *arr. George J. Levey*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP - *Breath Practice*

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

P: Oh God, 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** ***All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! ***(v. 1,3,4) ELW 634***
(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: Shepherding God, you tend diligently to the needs of your people and in turn ask us to tend to one another in kind. Make us trustworthy recipients of your grace. Help us to remember that all we do and fail to do matters. Give us your Spirit of Recognition to see the Face of Christ and the splendor of God's Image in all who come to us hungry, naked, or sick, so our care for each other becomes a song of praise to you.
C: Amen.

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

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11 Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As shepherds
sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue
them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.
13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their
own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the
inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel
shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich
pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make
them lie down, says the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind
up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them
with justice.
20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the
lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with
your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be
ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed
them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be
prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

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

PSALM: (read responsively) **Psalm 95:1-7a**

1 Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
2 **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.
3 For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
4 **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are also yours.
5 The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
6 **Come, let us worship and bow down,**
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
7a For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

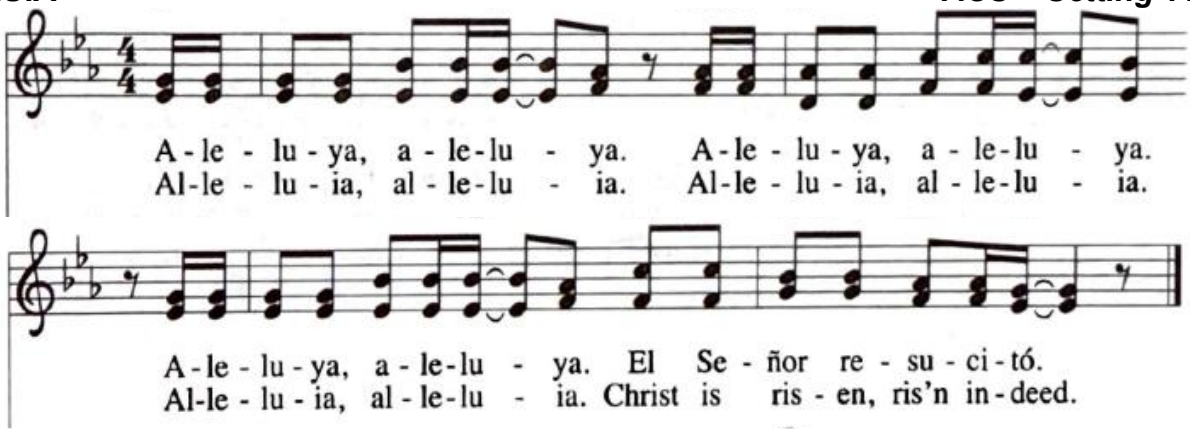
SECOND READING: **Ephesians 1:15-23**

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 25:31-46**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him,
then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will
separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will
put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right
hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me
something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing,
I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will
answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you
something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and
gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the
king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and
sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed,
depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you
gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not
welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'
44 Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or
naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you,
just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away
into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

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

SERMON **Pastor Hannah DiPasquale**

HYMN OF THE DAY** ***O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us ***ELW 431***
(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: *Kathy Clover, Richard Marks, Earlene Vanderham, Bob McKinley*

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

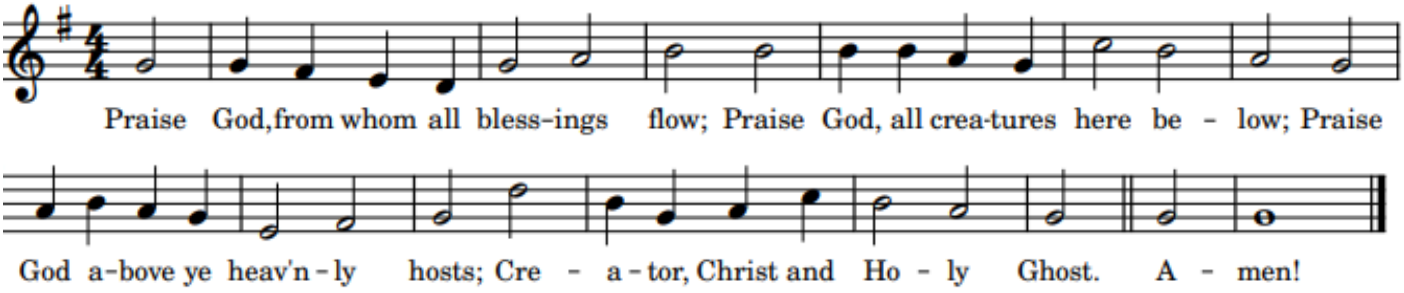
----------MEAL----------

OFFERING, OFFERTORY MUSIC, & SETTING THE TABLE

We Call You Beloved *Mark A. Miller*
Peace Lutheran Church Choir

Gifts for the work and ministry of Peace Lutheran Church can be placed in the offering plates, mailed to the Church Office, or sent through online giving on our website

***RESPONSE TO THE GIFT: DOXOLOGY**



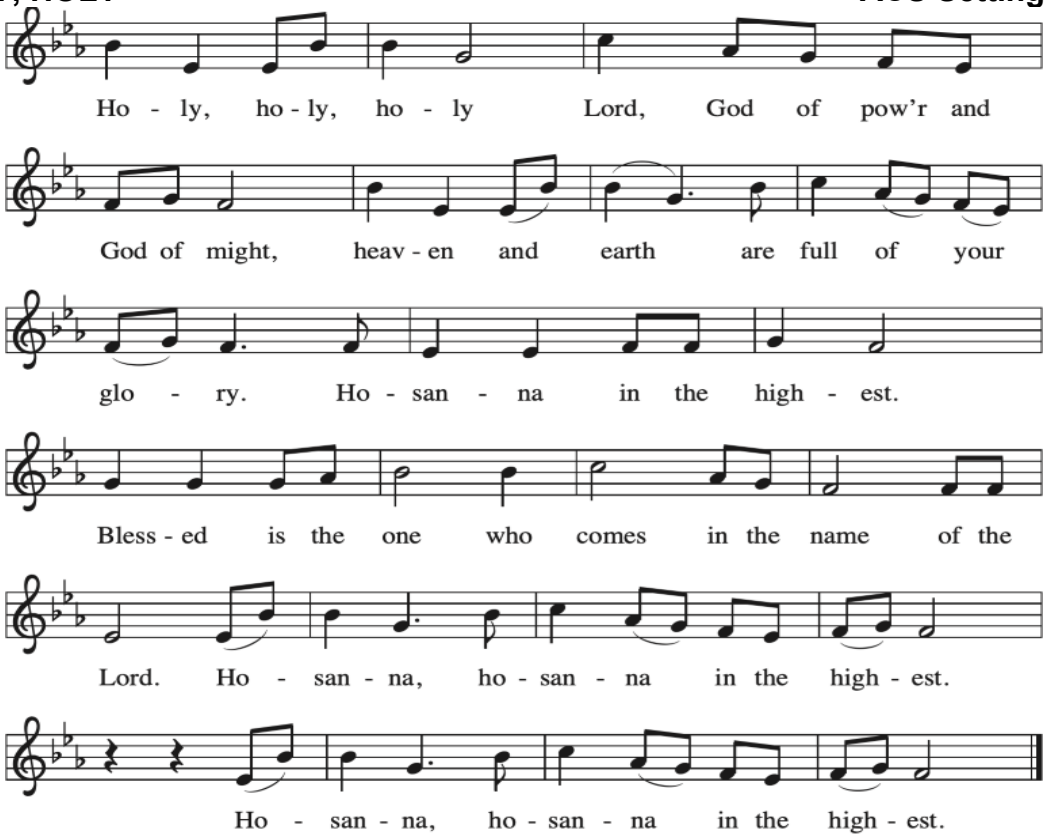
***OFFERING PRAYER**

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.**

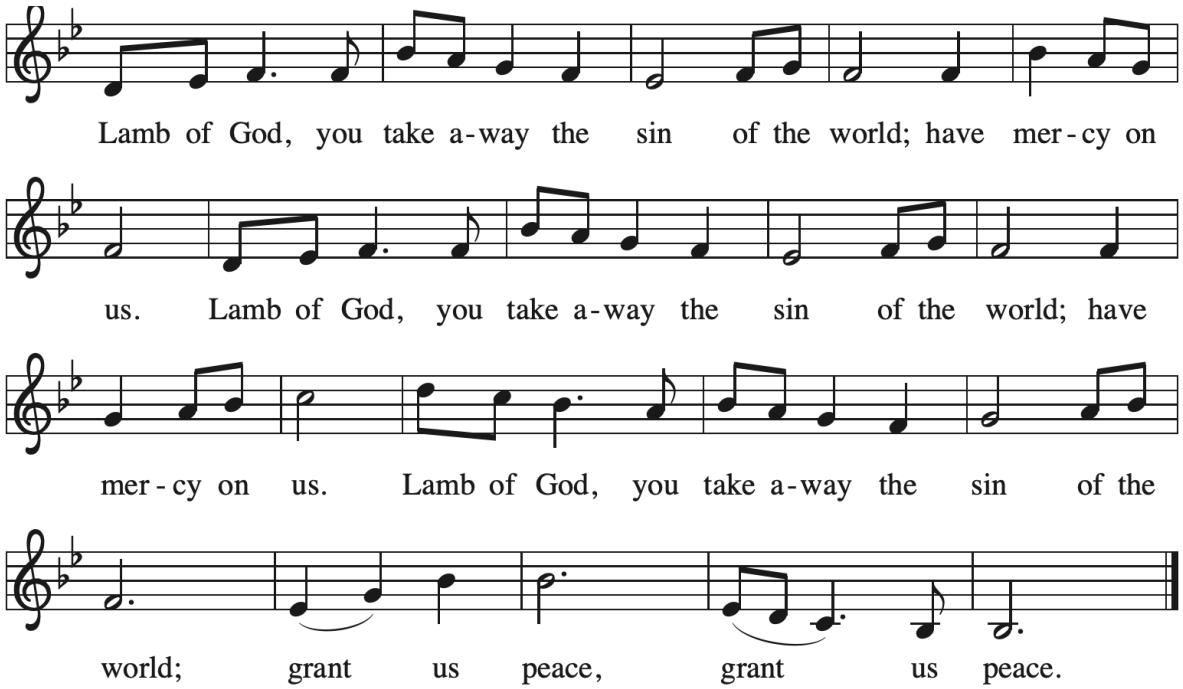
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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 *The Kingdom of Jesus (by The Porter's Gate, featuring Jon Guerra and Sandra McCracken)*

***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** ***Thine the Amen ***(v. 1,3,5) ELW 826***
(*Refer to red hymnal in pew*)

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *O Worship the King* *arr. Phillip Keveren*

Join us for coffee and conversation in the Fellowship Hall!

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