

*Peace Lutheran Church
Trinity, FL
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are blessed to have you worship with us today and we pray that the message of God's love that you hear today will be a blessing to your faith and life. If Peace Lutheran Church can serve your spiritual needs in any way or if you simply have questions about us and what we teach, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our contact information is at our website: www.peacelutherantrinity.com.

- **Restrooms** are located down the hall to the left of the worship space.
- **Connection Cards** If you are visiting with us, please fill out a connection card at the Guest Services table in back. Place it in the basket and pick up a gift of *Meditations*.

SERVICE NOTES

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? When we take a look at what God's Word has to say, we find out that discipleship is definitely about what we believe. Yet, true discipleship, biblical discipleship means much more. Discipleship is trusting Jesus and following in Jesus' footsteps. It is learning to trust him and know him so well that our lives start to become a reflection of his.

Jesus was so focused on his mission to save souls that he chose to forgo his own home or a place to lay his head. What does that mean when he calls us to lose ourselves for the sake of his kingdom?

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

Joel Schwartz

Guitarist & Vocalist

Jim Denny

Guitarist & Vocalist

MAJ Brent Bohl

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

The service focuses us on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this gift with prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

ABSOLUTION

M: God, our heavenly father has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

OUR RESPONSE

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee |

♪ **Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.**

**2 All thy works with joy surround thee
Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays;
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in thee.**

**3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou are Father Christ our brother,
All who live in love are thine,
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the Joy divine!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



The Word

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 32:15-29

The Israelites give themselves to the pleasures of the flesh, Aaron even tries to rationalize their sin. God shows his displeasure.

¹⁵ Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. ¹⁶ The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

¹⁷ When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, "There is the sound of war in the camp." ¹⁸ Moses replied:

"It is not the sound of victory,
it is not the sound of defeat;
it is the sound of singing that I hear."

¹⁹ When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰ And he took the calf the people had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it. ²¹ He said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?" ²² "Do not be angry, my lord," Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil. ²³ They said to me, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.' ²⁴ So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!" ²⁵ Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. ²⁶ So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, "Whoever is for the LORD, come to me." And all the Levites rallied to him.

²⁷ Then he said to them, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.' " ²⁸ The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. ²⁹ Then Moses said, "You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 27

M: The Lord is my light and my salvation –

C: Of whom shall I be afraid?

M: Hear my voice when I call, O Lord;

C: Be merciful to me and answer me.

M: Do not hide your face from me,

C: Do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

M: Do not reject me or forsake me,

C: O God my Savior.

M: though my father and mother forsake me,

C: The Lord will receive me.

M: I am still confident of this:

C: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

M: Wait for the Lord;

C: Be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:32-42

please stand

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 10.

“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven. ³⁴ “Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn “ ‘a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law — ³⁶ a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’

³⁷ “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰ “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

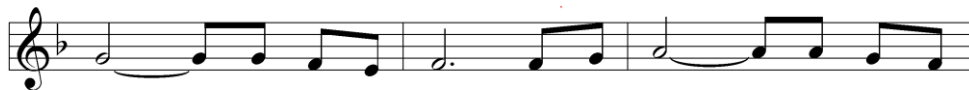
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Take the World But Give Me Jesus | 355



1 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! All its
2 Take the world, but give me Je - sus, Sweet - est
3 Take the world, but give me Je - sus! In his



joys are but a name. But his love a - bides for -
com - fort of my soul. With the Sav - ior watch - ing
cross my trust shall be Till with clear - er, bright - er



ev - er, Through e - ter - - nal years the same.
o'er me, I can sing, though thun - ders roll.
vi - sion Face to face my Lord I see.

Refrain



Oh, the height and depth of mer - cy; Oh, the



length and breadth of love! Oh, the full - ness of re -



demp - tion, Pledge of end - less life a - bove!

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915, abr., alt.

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SERMON

Matthew 10:32 – 42 (same as Gospel)

Theme: Losing Ourselves for the sake of the Kingdom

OFFERING

The Bible says, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise" –Psalm 51:16,17. God wants our hearts first. Our offerings are then an outpouring of thankfulness to God from the heart.

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A PRAYER FOR YOUTH CONFIRMANDS & ALL YOUTH OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, you gather all ages into your church. Protect our youth from the perils and temptations common to youth. Help them resist the pressures to follow immoral activity. When they become confused, show them the way. When they hurt, bind up their wounds. When they fail, keep the cross of Christ and your mercy before their eyes. Be with them as they continue to mature. Teach them the value of honest work and faithful stewardship. Guide and direct them as they prepare for their life's calling. Remind them that their highest joy is found in serving you with their talents and abilities. Most of all, dear Lord, keep them faithful to you, that they in turn may tell the next generation the wonderful things you have done. Amen.

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; Lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil; For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.



THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

"Confirmation," which literally means "strengthening," is an opportunity for people who have been instructed or strengthened by God's Word to publicly confess their faith in God and promise to be faithful to him.

At confirmation we hear the promises of individuals. But we don't rely on the strength of the individual promises. Rather, all of us make our promises based on God's sure promises to us. His promise is to be with us in all circumstances. As people are "confirmed" in a church, they not only are confessing their faith in God, but they are professing that they believe the teachings of that specific congregation. Since we can't read hearts, this public confession serves as a means to establish unity in faith. From Confirmation Day forward, confirmed members also express their unity by communing together.

The opening gathering rite is intended to focus us on the fact that through Holy Baptism God made us part of his family and his kingdom. We joyfully put God in first place in our life because of all has done for us.

THE VOWS OF CONFIRMATION

M: You are here before God and this Christian congregation to promise your faithfulness to the Triune God and to dedicate yourselves to Him for this life and for the rest of eternity. Therefore, in the name of the Lord and as a minister of Christ's Church, I invite you to lift up your heart to the God of all grace and cheerfully answer the questions I will now ask you:

Are you willing, in the presence of God and of this Christian congregation, to promise your faithfulness to the Triune God?

C: I am.

M: Do you on this day, June 28, 2020, in the presence of God and Christian family, acknowledge that at your baptism, God gave you the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

C: I do.

M: Do you, then, reject the devil with all his lies and empty promises?

C: I do.

M: Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit?

C: Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

M: Do you believe all the books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God and that the teaching of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as you have been instructed, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

C: I do.

M: Are you committed to stand firm in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

C: I am.

M: Finally, do you intend to live according to God's Word, worship him regularly, receive the Lord's Supper frequently, and in all you do remain true to the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

C: I do so intend, with the help of God.

THE CONFIRMATION BIBLE VERSE, PRAYER & BLESSING

Josh Hindman

Bible Verse

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
—Psalm 119:105

Parents' Prayer

Lord thank you for bringing Josh into our life. Protect him physically and spiritually. Help him to make the right decision even when it's not easy. Cultivate his faith in you, give him compassion and humility to show everyone your love.

Blessing

Josh, may the Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, renew and increase in you the gift of the Holy Spirit, to the strengthening of your faith, to your growth in grace, to your patience in suffering, and to the blessed hope of eternal life.



Mia Powell

Bible Verse

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. –Psalm 25:5



Parents' Prayer

Heavenly Father, I pray for Mia. For her to have the strength to rise above all obstacles in life by turning to God the Father for you are all-knowing. Heavenly Father, I pray that Mia is filled with Your Spirit as she receives Jesus' body and blood with her first communion, so that she may experience God's love for her. I pray that Mia use all the gifts and the love that have been given to her to make the world a better and caring world. I pray that Mia will show as many people as possible the good news that she has been taught by you Father. Keep her close to you as she moves on with her life and I pray that You will guide her as you have guided me to You. Your will be done through her and I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

Blessing

Mia, may God the Father who created you, may God the Son who redeemed you, may God the Holy Spirit who sanctified you keep you faithful unto life everlasting.

Ryan Pryce

Bible Verse

For we live by faith, not by sight. –II Corinthians 5:7 & Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. – Psalm 100:3



Parents' Prayer

Lord Jesus we pray that you walk with Ryan through the good and bad times. Help him to remember that his wisdom and contentment comes from You. God, you are good always. We pray that Ryan's will always be the Lord's will. Help him to see your blessings every day. In the name of our Savior we pray. Amen.

Blessing

Ryan, may God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you his Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge; of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.

THE VOW OF THE PARENTS

M: Confirmation Class, now that you have spoken your vows, I invite you to witness the vows your parents speak to God and you this day:

Spoken to the parents:

M: When you brought these children to be baptized, you realized that you were following the will of your Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Let the little children come to me." At the same time you understood that your responsibilities had not ended at their baptism. You knew that the Scriptures also commanded you to "bring up your children in the training and instruction of the Lord." This you have done in your homes and by using the assistance that has been offered by your fellow Christians at Peace Lutheran. However, your Lord wants you to remember that your duties to these children are not completed at their confirmation. Rather, they will continue until your role as their parent(s) is ended by death.

Parents, will you continue to lead these children to appreciate the Word of God, to bring them to the Lord's Supper, and to encourage them to make daily use of the Bible in their home? Will you carry out these duties faithfully and firmly, remembering their importance, but also with love and understanding realizing that these young people are passing from childhood into maturity? Will you by your words and especially your examples, impress upon them the necessity of hearing the Word of the Lord, which is that one thing needful and which cannot be taken away from them? Will you, finally, in all things point them to their priceless Treasure, their Lord Jesus, who has promised them a crown of righteousness in heaven?

Parents:

Yes, we will, with the help of God.

RECEPTION INTO COMMUNICANT MEMBERSHIP

M: In the name of our Lord Jesus and as a called servant of Christ, I welcome you as communicant member of Peace Lutheran Church. I invite you to receive the sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard the Lord's Supper as a privilege given you by Jesus himself through his Church. Receive this sacrament thankfully and often. The Almighty and merciful God, Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit, bless and keep you. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR ALL YOUTH OF THE CHURCH

The Sacrament

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



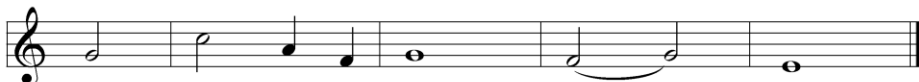
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take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - - men.

DISTRIBUTION

*Peace Lutheran practices the historical and Biblical practice of Close Communion, following Jesus' instructions to first **instruct**, then **invite** people to this special meal. Read more about this in your Bible in I Corinthians 11:20-34.*

To honor him we ask...

- *Members who are a part of our church (affiliated with the WELS or ELS) approach the altar for the meal as directed by the ushers.*
- *Visitors please remain seated during the meal, using the time to reflect on the themes of the service and to pray for those in need. If you'd like to participate in the meal, speak with our pastor after the service to learn more about becoming part of our faith family at Peace Lutheran.*

PRAYER

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

Borning Cry | 34 (See Insert)

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HERSHEL BLACKARD MEMORIAL SERVICE

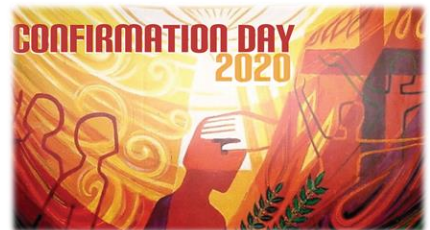
June 29, 11:00 AM

Hershel Blackard was gathered to eternal rest with his Savior on Tuesday, June 23. A memorial service will be held at **Prevatt Funeral Home on Monday, June 29, at 11:00 AM. The address is: 7709 State Road 52, Hudson, FL 34667.** Face coverings are required for those in attendance.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION TODAY – BETWEEN SERVICES

Today, June 28

This Sunday, June 28, Josh Hindman, Mia Powell, and Ryan Pryce will profess their faith in Jesus as their Lord and Savior, the faith given them by the Holy Spirit. This will be a special abbreviated service for immediate family of the confirmands in between services. We rejoice with Ryan, Mia, and Josh as they confess their faith in Christ Jesus. Join with me in praying that they, with all of us, are strengthened in their faith and continue to stay close to Jesus their whole life through.



SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Resumes July 12 & 15

Sunday Bible Study will resume on July 12. Wednesday Bible Study at 1:30 PM & 7:00 PM will resume on July 15.

JULY 5 WORSHIP ONLINE

Sunday, July 5

Worship will be offered online only on Sunday, July 5. There is no in-person worship on July 5. Pastor Schwartz will be on vacation over the July 4th holiday. Continue to check our website, peacelutherantrinity.com, for updates on worship times and location in July.

ANNUAL VOTER'S MEETING DATE

July 19

The annual voter's meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 19. The time and location are yet to be determined.

FRUITS OF FAITH

Worship Attendance 6/14:	46
Worship Attendance 6/21:	43
Cumulative gifts given in June 2020:	\$11,011
Budgetary funds needed for June 2020:	\$14,056
Cumulative gifts given in May 2020:	\$15,780
Budgetary funds needed for May 2020:	\$14,056
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Total cong. commitment for "Building Peace for the Future":	\$159,942
Total gifts and pledges received to date:	\$164,262



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Mission Statement

*Peace Lutheran's mission is to build a Christ-centered community on God's Word
Growing in God's grace
Telling of his love to all people*

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