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return to me empty, but will
accomplish what I desire and achieve
the purpose for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:10–11

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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

Discovering Discipleship: 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.

Today: The seed of God's Word produces an abundant and enduring crop against all odds. It does so because it is the powerful Word of God.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

Joel Schwartz

Guitarist (Recording)

Jim Denny

Vocalist (Recording)

Jim Denny

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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.**

♪ **Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
To receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All your purposes for your glory.**

♪ **Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail,
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

♪ **Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, as your Church is built
And you fill the earth with your glory.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



The Word

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 55:10-13

God's Word will produce fruit, God promises.

- ¹⁰ As the rain and the snow
 come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
 without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
 so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
 It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
 and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.
¹² You will go out in joy
 and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
 will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field
 will clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper,
 and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.
This will be for the LORD's renown,
 for an everlasting sign,
 that will endure forever."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 65

As God shows his goodness to us when the earth produces abundant harvests, God's Word does the same.

M: Praise awaits you, O God,

C: you call forth songs of joy.

M: You care for the land and water it;

C: you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

M: The streams of God are filled with water

C: to provide the people with grain.

M: You crown the year with your bounty,

C: and your carts overflow with abundance.

M: The grasslands of the desert overflow;

C: the hills are clothed with gladness.

M: The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain;

C: they shout for joy and sing.

SECOND LESSON

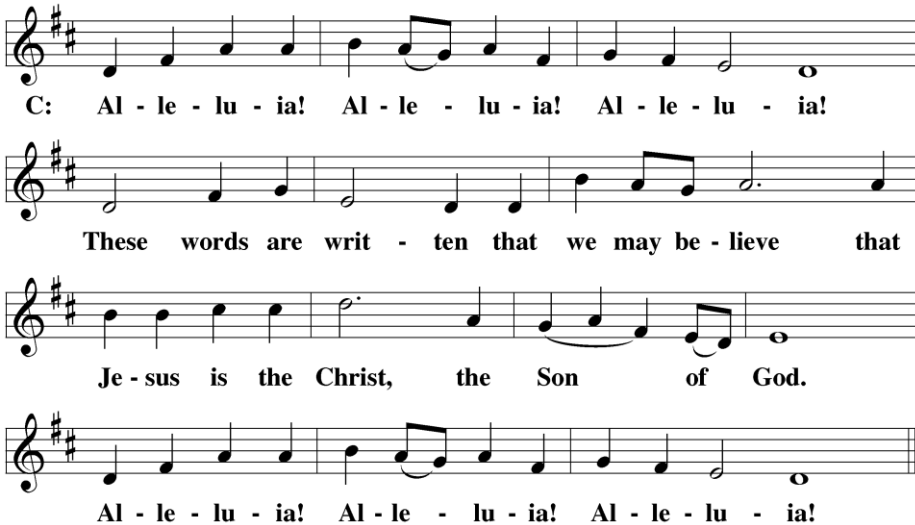
Acts 18:1-11

When God's Word doesn't produce fruit in one place, he plants it elsewhere and it produces fruit there

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. ⁴Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks. ⁵When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. ⁶But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles." ⁷Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titus Justus, a worshiper of God. ⁸Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized. ⁹One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. ¹⁰For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city." ¹¹So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:31



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the text 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff contains 'These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that'. The third staff contains 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.'. The fourth staff contains 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!'.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

please stand

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 13.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ²Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear."

¹⁸"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²²The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears

the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN

Day by Day | 765



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me



Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.
Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;
When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;



Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,



Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;
I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.
You will hold me ev - er in your hand.



Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,
Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;
Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,



Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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Tune: BLOTT ENDAG (10 9 10 9 D) Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882

SERMON

Matthew 13:1-9 (same as Gospel)



Confession of Faith and Thanksgiving

Please stand

APOSTLES CREED

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.

be seated

PEW REGISTER & OFFERING

"If the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. -2 Corinthians 8:12. God wants us to give in proportion to the gifts he has given to us.

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LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

C: I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Special prayers and requests may follow.

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.

CLOSING HYMN

God Be With You Til We Meet Again | 327



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain, By his
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain, 'Neath his



coun - sels guide, up - hold you, With his sheep se - cure - ly
wings pro - tect - ing hide you, Dai - ly man - na still pro -

fold you— God be with you till we meet a - gain.
vide you— God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Refrain

Till we meet, Till we meet, Till we
meet at Je - sus' feet. Till we meet, Till we
meet— God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904, abr., alt.
Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU (98 89 with Refrain) William O. Tomer, 1833–96.

PRAYER

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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 his favor + and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFTER WORSHIP: BIBLE STUDY

Sunday & Wednesday, June 12 & 15

Sunday Topic: In depth study of the readings and lessons from Sunday. (11:09 AM, Online and In-Person)

Wednesday Topic: I Corinthians - The Christians in Corinth seek to live their faith in a culture that contradicts Christian beliefs and principles. (1:30 PM & 7:00 PM Online Only)

ANNUAL MEETING: JULY 19

Sunday, July 19 | Time & Location TBD

The annual voter's meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 19. Our leadership team is meeting on Monday evening to finalize the time and location. This will be emailed and posted to our website this week.

FRUITS OF FAITH

Worship Attendance 6/21:	43
Worship Attendance 6/28:	38
Cumulative gifts given in June 2020:	\$13,101
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:	\$164,630



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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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