



*Peace Lutheran Church
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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

As we await the final harvest (Judgment Day) we thank God that he is God and he is moving all things wisely toward a final judgement. As we await God's rescue from sin and evil, we are reminded to think and do what is right. God strengthen us through worship today to live as wheat among weeds in this world.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

Joel Schwartz

Guitarist (Recording)

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Piano (Recording)

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DIVINE SERVICE I

Divine Service I is a version of the Common Service. It is designed to focus us on Christ found in the Word and the Sacrament.

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

ABSOLUTION

M: God our heavenly Father has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a -
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -



might - y! Ear - ly in the morn - ing our
 dore thee, Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a -
 hide thee, Though the eye of sin - ful man thy
 might - y! All thy works shall praise thy name in



song shall rise to thee; Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 round the glass - y sea; Cher - u - bim and
 glo - ry may not see, On - ly thou art
 earth and sky and sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly,



ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Who was and is and ev - er - more shall be.
 Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.

Tune: NICAEA (11 12 12 10) John B. Dykes, 1823–76.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



The Word

FIRST LESSON

1 Peter 4:1-8

The end of all things is near. Therefore, make a clean break with living for this world. Live as wheat among weeds, live self-controlled and love deeply, as Christ loved us.

Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. ² As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. ³ For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. ⁴ They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you. ⁵ But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶ For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to men in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit. ⁷ The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. ⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 19

Living with the end of all things in view, we strive to keep God's commands

The heavens declare the glory of God;

The skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Their voice goes out into all the earth,

Their words to the ends of the world.

The law of the Lord is perfect,

Giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant,

Giving light to the eyes.

They are more precious than gold;

They are sweeter than honey.

By them is your servant taught;

In keeping them is great reward.

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Redeemer.

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

please stand

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 13.

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. ²⁷ "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' ²⁸ "'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' ²⁹ "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. ⁴⁰ "As the weeds are

pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Delay Not, Delay Not | 337 (v. 1, 3-5)



1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!
 2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,
 3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,
 4 De - lay not! De - lay not! The hour is at hand;
 5 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse



The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.
 For mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.
 Long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight
 The earth will dis - solve, and the heav - ens will fade.
 The love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?



No price is de - mand - ed; the Sav - ior is here.
 Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;
 And leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,
 The dead, small and great, in the Judg - ment must stand—
 A foun - tain is o - pened—how can you re - fuse?



Re - demp - tion is pur - chased; God's prom - ise is true.
 Its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.
 To sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.
 What pow'r, then, O sin - ner, can lend you its aid?
 Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

Text: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, alt.

Tune: MALDWYN (11 11 11 11) Welsh melody, 17th century.

SERMON

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (same as gospel)

Theme: The Wheat Still Grows

OFFERING

The members of Peace Lutheran joyfully and freely worship God with their offerings. The Bible says, "Each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not out of grief nor out of compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7-8). God wants us to give cheerfully.

Peace Lutheran offers a secure Give by Text option. To donate via text, send the dollar amount you wish to give, including a dollar sign, to 888-314-2975. Example: \$40. You will receive a registration link.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Lord our Righteousness, we, the sheep of Your flock, gather together to bring You our praise and thanksgiving. **We praise You for breaking down the dividing wall of sin and for bringing us near to You through the blood of Christ.** We give You thanks for making us fellow citizens and members of Your household.

May Your Holy Spirit keep in our hearts the assurance that we always have access to Your throne. Make our hearts Your dwelling place.

Help the leaders of our nation deal wisely as they execute justice and righteousness in this land. Bless Your Church with peace and harmony and sincere love for Your Word and sacraments. **Extend Your healing power to the sick and raise the spirits of the depressed.**

We ask this and all our private prayers in the name of Jesus...*Silent Prayer.*

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



The Sacrament

The words below mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

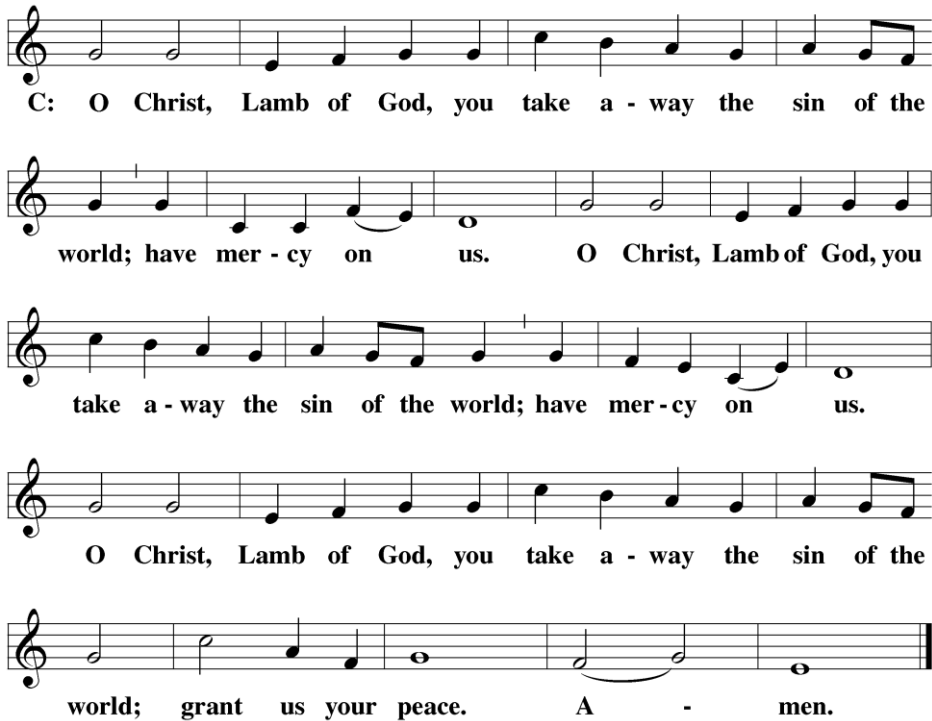
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ✝ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD, or *Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you 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; 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 follows the historical and Biblical practice of membership communion.

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.**

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.**

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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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