



*Peace Lutheran Church
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are so 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 on the back of this service folder. Or for more information, see our website at www.peacelutherantrinity.com.

- **Restrooms** are located to the left of the worship space.
- **Children's Sunday School** Sunday School is for children ages 3-12 and is offered at the end of worship. Children can go to the classrooms behind the worship space following the closing the hymn.
- **Connection Cards** If you would like to receive more information about Peace Lutheran, be sure to fill out a Connection Card. You can find them at the Guest Services table. You can return the card in the offering plate. If you are visitor you can also take your connection card to the Guest Services table and pick up a free gift – *Meditations or Forward in Christ*.

SERVICE NOTES

Today's lessons teach us that God has given the gift of his grace to all people, all nations. God has always had loving purposes in mind for every person. It turns out that a Canaanite woman's petition to Jesus, a petition that goes seemingly unanswered at first, is actually going to fall perfectly into God's plans and purposes. Through it all, we see what a confident and persistent faith looks like. God strengthen you through worship today.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister
Guitarist (Recording)
Piano (Recording)

Joel Schwartz
Jim Denny
Mara Blackard, Cheryl Huebner



DIVINE SERVICE

This service format is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church that dates back hundreds of years.

INVOCATION & INTROIT

Psalm 28

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

C: Amen.

M: To you I call, O Lord my Rock; do not turn a deaf ear to me.

C: For if you remain silent, I will be like those who have gone down to the pit.

M: Hear my cry for mercy; as I call to you for help,

C: as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.

M: Save your people and bless your inheritance;

C: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

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: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, You should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"**

**3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain***

**4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain***

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come grant us fulfillment of what you have promised; 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

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

All people will always have a place in God's house

This is what the LORD says:

“Maintain justice
and do what is right,
for my salvation is close at hand
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.
And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD
to minister to him,
to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it
and who hold fast to my covenant—
⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and give them joy in my house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations.”
⁸ The Sovereign LORD declares—
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:
“I will gather still others to them
besides those already gathered.”

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:13-22

All in Christ are one in Christ

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

please stand

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 15.

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." ²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." ²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. ²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." ²⁷ "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." ²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, Let me to thy
 2 Oth - er ref - uge have I none; Hangs my help - less
 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; More than all in
 4 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, Grace to cov - er



bos - om fly While the near - er wa - ters roll,
 soul on thee. Leave, ah, leave me not a - lone;
 thee I find. Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint,
 all my sin. Let the heal - ing streams a - bound;



While the tem - pest still is high. Hide me, O my
 Still sup - port and com - fort me. All my trust on
 Heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and ho - ly
 Make and keep me pure with - in. Thou of life the



Sav - ior, hide, Till the storm of life is past; Safe in -
 thee is stayed; All my help from thee I bring. Cov - er
 is thy name; I am all un - right - eous - ness. False and
 foun - tain art; Free - ly let me take of thee. Spring thou



to the ha - ven guide. Oh, re - ceive my soul at last!
 my de - fense - less head With the shad - ow of thy wing.
 full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.
 up with - in my heart; Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, abr.

Tune: ABERYSTWYTH (77 77 D) Joseph Parry, 1841–1903.

SERMON

Matthew 15:21-28

Theme: Knowing to Whom You Are Speaking

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.

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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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, heavenly Father, we Your adopted children in Christ, have assembled in your house of prayer. **We bring you praise and adoration for accepting us as Your children through Jesus Christ, our Lord.** We thank you for graciously blessing us by extending to us the knowledge of salvation.

We are not worthy of your saving power. We have not kept justice, nor have we acted righteously. **Because of our own pride or prejudices, we have hindered the spread of your saving gospel.** Lord, help us share the crumbs of mercy that have fallen to us.

Enliven us with your Holy Spirit so that we may adequately express our gratitude and praise. **Move us to share your saving power with other nations.** Help us to welcome the foreigner, the stranger and the downhearted in our midst and extend to them the mercy that you have extended to us.

In the name of Jesus who has shown us such mercy do we bring our personal prayers...*Silent Prayer.*



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: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who has called us to be his own and to live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness.

Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Isaiah 6:3 & Matthew 21:9 (Tune of: Stand up Stand up for Jesus)



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly



pow'r and might, Your glo - ry earth and heav - en In
blest is he Who in God's name is com - ing To



count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -



save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er



grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth, We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by his grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

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.

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."

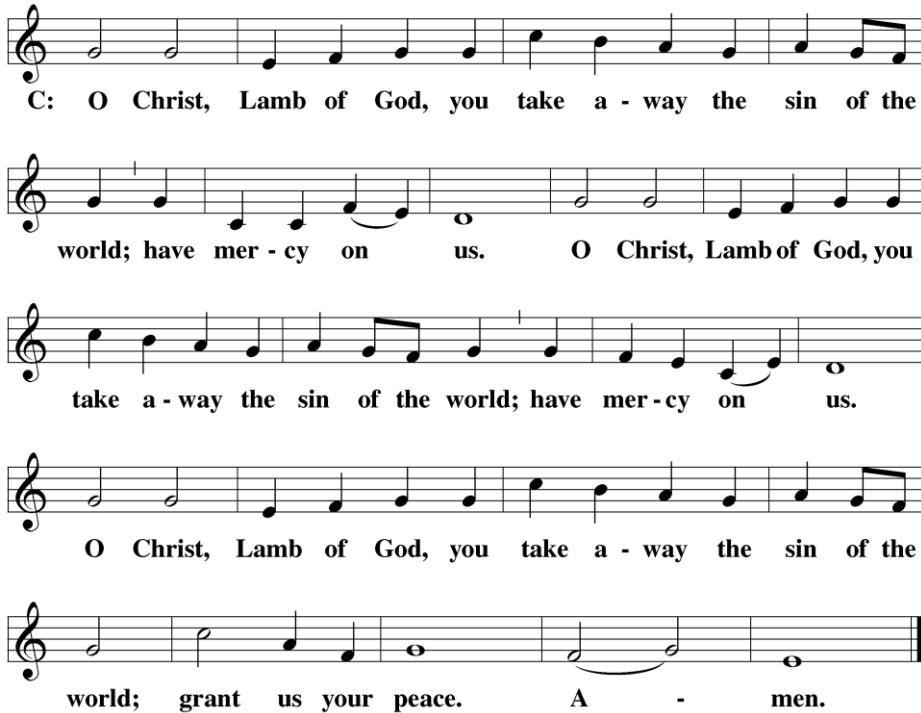
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29



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

To our guests, welcome! We are pleased that you have joined us for worship today. Peace Lutheran Church follows the Biblical and historic practice of membership communion. We eagerly look forward to enjoying unity at the Lord's Table with you. Pastor Schwartz will be glad to meet with you soon. Out of love for our Lord and his truths found in Scripture (1 Corinthians 10 + 11) we seek to establish Christian unity and then join in Holy Communion together.

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

We All Are One in Mission, 566



1 We all are one in mis - sion; We all are one in
2 We all are called to ser - vice, To wit - ness in God's
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, And let our song be



call, Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the
name. Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; Our pur - pose
heard; Now let us be a ves - sel For God's re -



Lord of all. A sin - gle great com - mis - sion
is the same: To touch the lives of oth - ers
deem - ing Word. We all are one in mis - sion;



Com - pels us from a - bove To plan and work
With God's sur - pris - ing grace, So ev - 'ry folk gifts
We all are one in call, Our var - ied gifts



to - geth - er That all may know Christ's love.
and na - tion May feel God's warm em - brace.
u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.

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Tune: WEBB (76 76 D) George J. Webb, 1803–87.

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.**

CALENDAR

THIS SUNDAY	10:00 am	Worship @ Trinity Elementary School
	11:09 am	Bible Study/Children's Sunday School
MONDAY	7:00 pm	Church Council Mtg.
WEDNESDAY	1:30 pm	<i>Cross Connections</i> Bible Study Online
	7:00 pm	<i>Cross Connections</i> Bible Study Online
SUNDAY, AUG. 23	10:00 am	Worship @ Trinity Elementary School
	11:15 am	Bible Study/Children's Sunday School

FRUITS OF FAITH

Worship Attendance 8/02:	43
Worship Attendance 8/09:	41
Cumulative gifts given in August 2020:	\$6,838
Budgetary funds needed for August 2020:	\$15,770
Cumulative gifts given in July 2020:	\$12,308
Budgetary funds needed for July 2020:	\$15,770
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Total cong. commitment for "Building Peace for the Future":	\$159,942
Total gifts and pledges received to date:	\$166,310

NEW SCHOOL YEAR BRINGS DIFFICULT DECISIONS FOR WELS CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS

WELS schools around the country were faced with the difficult job this summer of determining what school is going to look like in the fall, after the 2019–20 school year ended with online classes because of shutdowns due to the pandemic.

With 436 WELS schools serving over 42,000 students in 33 states—some with minimal numbers of COVID-19 cases and some considered "hot spots"—plans will differ across the country. But one thing is sure: "Sept. 1, 2020, is going to look different than Sept. 1, 2019, in every single one of our schools," says Mr. James Rademan, director of the Commission on Lutheran Schools (CLS).

While each plan will look different—with schools talking about in-person vs. virtual learning (or a combination of the two), face coverings, size of classes, social distancing, extracurriculars, disinfecting stations, and additional cleaning—Rademan says that the mindset he has seen from WELS schools as they determine how to proceed is remarkably similar: "Each one of the schools is really concerned about the safety of their students and their staff while trying to balance what is going to be best overall for the development of the children."

Most WELS schools—including Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School (KML), Jackson, Wis. and Arizona Lutheran Academy (ALA), Phoenix, Ariz.—are planning to start the year meeting face-to-face at school.



“Christian education is way more than just teaching in the classrooms,” says Mr. Jamie Luehring, principal at Kettle Moraine. “It’s the interactions the teachers have with the students, the mentorships, the friendships, the support. You cannot do that as well virtually no matter how hard you try.”

That decision to start with in-person classes was not made in a vacuum. For both schools, it meant sending out a survey to parents and meeting with teachers during the summer to get opinions on the best options moving forward. “We believe parents need to be in the driver’s seat,” says Luehring. “We want to work with them to come up with the best solutions for their kids.”

But the collaboration went even further. Mr. Kurt Rosenbaum, principal at ALA, said that when their school’s task force began meeting in June, they looked closely at recommendations for reopening sent out by the Arizona Department of Education. He is in constant contact with the local health department to keep up with the latest health regulations. Representatives from all 26 WELS area Lutheran high schools and the two synod prep schools also met virtually multiple times this summer to offer ideas, support, encouragement, and prayers for one another as they determined the best plans for their schools.

For both ALA and KML, the majority of the parents supported in-person classes, “but we knew that there would be some families who would want to start slowly,” says Rosenbaum. To support those students and families, both schools are offering online classes as well. “We’re trying to be all things for all people,” says Luehring. “We understand everyone is in a different situation and we don’t want to lose those kids for the sake of the gospel.” Online classes will also offer an option for international students who may not be able to get back to campuses for the start of the school year.

“There are so many people with differing opinions; there needs to be a loving response to one another,” says Luehring. “As a loving Christian family, we are going to try to work through this together.”

In the end, “flexibility” may be the key word. “Most schools are developing two or three plans and are recognizing the need to be able to pivot based on the circumstances,” says Rademan. The Commission on Lutheran Schools is offering support, encouragement, and direction to WELS schools, while not prescribing any one direction. “We are encouraging them to follow CDC and local health department guidelines and to work with the resources in their community and the schools that are in close proximity to them,” says Rademan.

Some schools in “hot spot” locations—such as southern California—may have no choice but to start virtually. “You can plan and plan and plan, but you don’t know what will happen three days before school starts,” says Rademan. “It’s a time to use the gifts the Lord has given us and trust in the Lord. The path is going to be the path he’s seeking for us to take at this time.”

Available resources from CLS can be found at cls.welsrc.net/

CLS partners with Christian Family Solutions

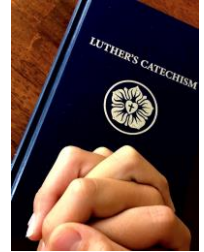
With anxiety and other mental health issues on the rise during the pandemic, the Commission on Lutheran Schools is working closely with Christian Family Solutions to offer resources, support, and counseling to teachers and students. Webinars and other materials will look to help teachers deal with their own anxiety as well as the anxiety they will see in students and parents. Christian Family Solutions also works with many WELS schools to offer tele-health counseling for students struggling with mental health needs.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS, FALL 2020

Begins, Sunday, September 13 | 5:29 PM

Classes are scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 13, at 5:29 pm at the Longleaf Office. In-Person classes go from 5:29 PM to 7:00 PM. The address is: 3030 Starkey Blvd (Suite 227), Trinity, 34655. Pastor will send an email and text if plans change due to COVID-19. The plan is to keep classes, whether in-person or online, on Sunday evenings. Please plan to block out this time for Youth Confirmation Class. More details can be found on our website: <https://peacelutherantrinity.com/category/news-announcements/>.



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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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