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PSALM 103:12

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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

God wants us to forgive as he forgave us. When we refuse to forgive as God forgave us in Christ we can find ourselves weighed down. Today God is teaching us, or better, he enables us, to drop the weights that can drag a person down and I pray that, through our meditation today, you can walk more lightly and joyfully and peacefully in your faith life.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister
Guitarist (Recording)

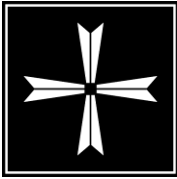
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DIVINE SERVICE I

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.

OPENING HYMN

Father, We Praise You | 581

Please stand



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver.
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions;
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it,



Ac - tive and watch - ful, stand - ing now be -
Ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness
Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us your sal -



fore you, Sing - ing, we of - fer prayer and
send - ing. Bring us to heav - en, where your
va - tion; Yours is the glo - ry, gleam - ing



med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.
saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

Text: attr. Gregory I, 540–604; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.
Tune: CHRISTE SANCTORUM (11 11 11 5) *Antiphoner*, Paris, 1681.

INVOCATION & INTROIT

Psalm 143

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

C: Amen.

M: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;

C: In your faithfulness and righteousness, come to my relief.

M: Do not bring your servant into judgement,

C: for no one living is righteous before you.

M: Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,

C: for I have put my trust in you.

M: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God.

C: may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

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.

HYMN

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty | 234 (V. 1,4,5)

♪ **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

♪ **Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;**
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
As with his love he befriends you.

♪ **Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!**
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen Sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–80; tr. composite.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts we may be ready for every good and useful work, 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

Genesis 50:15-21

Joseph's forgiveness of his brothers who had mistreated him freed them and him from the prison of the past.

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?"¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 103

Praise the Lord, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
He forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
he redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with love and compassion.
The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
He does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,

so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed,

he remembers that we are dust.

Our days are like grass, like a flower of the field;

the wind blows over it and it is gone.

But the Lord's love is with those who fear him

from everlasting to everlasting.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:29-5:2

We forgive because forgave us in Christ

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

5 Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Romans 15:4

M: Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia.



please stand

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 18.

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" ²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. ²⁶ "The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. ²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. ²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' ³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened. ³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, Sim - ply to
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye -



my - self in thee; Let the wa - ter and the blood
 thy law's de - mands. Could my zeal no res - pite know,
 thy cross I cling; Na - ked, come to thee for dress,
 lids close in death, When I soar to worlds un - known,



From thy riv - en side which flowed Be of sin the
 Could my tears for - ev - er flow, All for sin could
 Help - less, look to thee for grace. Foul, I to the
 See thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,



dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 not a - tone; Thou must save and thou a - lone.
 foun - tain fly— Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!
 cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in thee!

Text: August M. Toplady, 1740–78, alt.
 Tune: TOPLADY (77 77 77) Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872.

SERMON

Matthew 18:21-35

Theme: Forgiven is Forgiving

OUR RESPONSE

Create in Me

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Create in Me'. It consists of five staves of music in a single system, written in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music is a simple, melodic line with a steady rhythm.

OFFERING

The Bible says, "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops." –Proverbs 3:9. God wants us to give of our first and the best of the resources he provides for us.

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 REMEMBRANCE

M: Heavenly Father, God of peace and harmony, you would have your children on earth live together in peace and quietness. Nevertheless, in your wisdom you permitted the attacks of September 11th to be unleashed against our nation.

C: We ask that you continue to watch over all those whose lives continue to be impacted by this tragedy. Comfort those who still are still mourning the deaths of their loved ones.

M: We thank you, Lord, for sparing our nation from another terrorist attack on our soil. We know you have thwarted the efforts of those who despise our country; you have kept us safe.

C: Continue to give endurance and courage to all police, fire, and military personnel as they work under your guidance, both at home and abroad, to maintain our borders, protect our freedoms, and save innocent lives.

M: We pray especially for the safety of the men and women who are with us today and those in our streets and those overseas who put their lives in harm's way so that we remain safe.

C: Protect them, Lord, with your almighty hand.

M: Frustrate any further attacks that may be planned, and guide the leaders of our nation so that they may act wisely in response to crisis. Protect our soldiers abroad as they work to defeat our enemies and protect those peoples who are under evil oppression.

C: Above all, enable your holy Church to speak your comforting Word of peace in Jesus Christ, so that in the midst of this dying world we all may know the true source of our hope: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *Silent prayer.*

M: To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

C: Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. 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.



1 Ev - 'ry morn - ing mer - cies new Fall as fresh as
 2 Still your kind - ness and your love Ev - 'ry day our
 3 Let our prayers each morn pre - vail That these gifts may
 4 As the morn - ing light re - turns, As the sun with



morn - ing dew; Ev - 'ry morn - ing let us pay
 sins re - move; Dai - ly, far as east from west,
 nev - er fail. And as we con - fess our sin
 splen - dor burns, Teach us still to turn to you;



Trib - ute with the ear - ly day. For your mer - cies,
 Lift the bur - den from the breast; Give un - bought to
 And the temp - ter's pow'r with - in, Feed us with the
 With your light our souls re - new. Then shall we our



Lord, are sure; Your com - pas - sion will en - dure.
 those who pray Strength to live for you each day.
 bread of life; Fit us for our dai - ly strife.
 voic - es raise In un - fail - ing prayer and praise.

Text: Greville Phillimore, 1821–84, alt.

Tune: VOLLER WUNDER (77 77 77) Johann G. Ebeling, 1637–76.

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.

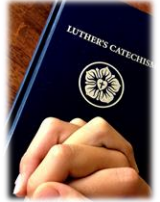
C: **Amen.**

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS, FALL 2020

Begins, Sunday, September 13 | 5:29 PM

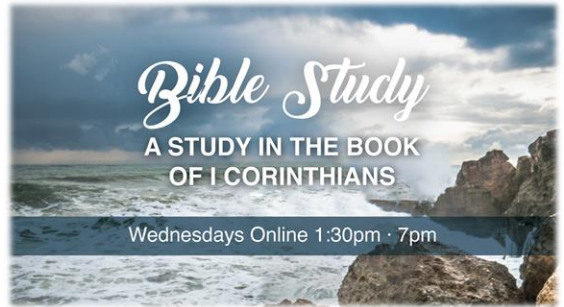
Classes are scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 13, at 5:29 pm at the Longleaf Office. In-Person classes go from 5:29 PM to 7:00 PM. The address is: 3030 Starkey Blvd (Suite 227), Trinity, 34655. The plan is to keep classes, whether in-person or online, on Sunday evenings. Please plan to block out this time for Youth Confirmation Class.



NEW WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays | 1:30 PM & 7:00 PM

We are starting a study of I Corinthians. The Christians in Corinth faced many of the conflicts that Christians today encounter as they seek to live their faith in a culture that contradicts Christian beliefs and principles. Join us as we study this book that reminds us how the gospel of Jesus Christ unites Christians living in a world with various vying spiritual ideas.



FRUITS OF FAITH

Worship Attendance 8/30:	37
Worship Attendance 9/06:	48
Cumulative gifts given in August 2020:	\$15,072
Budgetary funds needed for August 2020:	\$15,770
Cumulative gifts given in September 2020:	\$2,995
Budgetary funds needed for September 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:	\$169,246

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13	10:00 am	Worship @ Trinity Elementary School
	11:09 am	Bible Study/Children's Sunday School
	5:29 pm – 7:00 pm	Youth Confirmation Class @ Longleaf Office
MONDAY	10:00 am	Pastor @ Tampa Area Pastor Mtgs
	12:00 pm	Volunteers Needed @ YMCA of Trinity (12-2 PM)
WEDNESDAY	1:30 pm	New <i>Cross Connections</i> Bible Study Online
	7:00 pm	New <i>Cross Connections</i> Bible Study Online
THURSDAY		No CAP Class
SUNDAY, SEPT. 20	10:00 am	Worship @ Trinity Elementary School
	11:15 am	Bible Study/Children's Sunday School
	5:29 pm	Youth Confirmation Class Online

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Greetings everyone, I pray all is well with you and your families. First off and foremost, we should all thank God for the gift of his Son Jesus Christ. He binds us together as a church family and gives resiliency, patience, love, and support that has been present with us all in the journey of our new church construction project. We are truly blessed. Here is a quick update:

Great news, we have received a letter of commitment from Pasco county for the utility portion of our site work and a letter stating our project has been accepted as submitted. More to come on this front, but this basically is stating the county is ready for us to proceed.

Our contractor, Voeller Construction, remains patient with our process and ready to start as soon as we have secured our funding.

On that front, funding, the Board of Home Missions (BHM) has formally requested that additional subsidy be provided to our congregation. This request will be reviewed by the Church Extension Fund (CEF) September 14 and 15. We should have a decision by the end of the month. If approved and funding is secured, God willing, we will begin the next phase, CONSTRUCTION.

We have all been praying for the future of our congregation and the new house of worship. Continue to pray. God has a plan for us all, it may or may not be a new church building at this time. Continue to pray for God to bless our church family and strengthen the trust we put in our father, that he knows all and what is best. We must remember that whatever the decision by our church leaders and CEF, it is God's plan, not ours. It is comforting to know that at this crossroad in our journey, the people making the decisions are praying just as we are, God's will be done.

In Christ
Lloyd

Please be in earnest prayer for the members of CEF who meet September 14 and 15 to decide this request for funding. A Prayer for the Building Project:

Dear Father in Heaven, you have declared that it is good and right to meet together as a church family. Please bless this process so that if it be your will, CEF will decide to provide the funds needed to proceed. All we do is for your glory, Father. May we be at peace with the outcome, knowing that it is for our benefit. In Jesus name we pray. A-Men

-Prayer Submitted by Brad Mattes



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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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