

Peace Lutheran Church Trinity, FL September 20, 2020 A.D.

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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 <a href="https://www.peacelutherantrinity.com">www.peacelutherantrinity.com</a>.

- **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 FOR THIS SUNDAY**

Is God fair? He is incomprehensibly gracious. Thankfully, he doesn't give us what we deserve. That is mercy. He gives what is undeserved. That is grace. His grace and his mercy are for all people.

#### SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister Guitarist (Recording)

Joel Schwartz Jim Denny

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# THE SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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

#### INVOCATION

- M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

### CONFESSION

- M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and action. 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.



# **PRAYER**

# LORD, HAVE MERCY, or Kyrie<sup>1</sup>

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

# C: Lord have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Lord.

# C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

# C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

### C: Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious, his name is worthy of praise:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian Church.



# **PRAISE**

## **HYMN of PRAISE**

# This is the Feast of Victory | **265**



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# PRAYER OF THE DAY<sup>2</sup>

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; 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 Jonah 4:5-11

Jonah learns a lesson, God is far more gracious than he ever imagined

onah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD God provided a leafy plant<sup>[a]</sup> and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. <sup>7</sup> But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. <sup>8</sup> When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

<sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" "It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead."

<sup>10</sup> But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. <sup>11</sup> And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This prayer has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word section.

SECOND LESSON Romans 9:6b-16

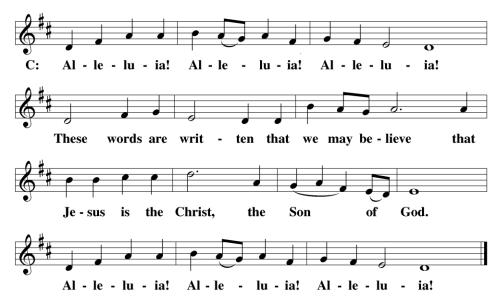
God's eternal election of us to salvation has nothing to do with our effort, but his grace and mercy.

or not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. <sup>7</sup> Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." <sup>9</sup> <sup>8</sup> In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. <sup>9</sup> For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son." <sup>10</sup> Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. <sup>11</sup> Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: <sup>12</sup> not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." <sup>n</sup> <sup>13</sup> Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." <sup>14</sup> What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! <sup>15</sup> For he says to Moses,

"I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

VERSE OF THE DAY Ephesians 2:8,9

**C:** Alleluia. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.. Alleluia.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

GOSPEL<sup>3</sup> Matthew 20:1-16

Our God is inconceivably gracious

please stand

M: The Gospel according to Matthew 20.

or the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> He agreed to pay them a denarius and sent them into his vineyard.

<sup>3</sup> "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. <sup>4</sup> He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' <sup>5</sup> So they went.

"He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing.<sup>6</sup> About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

<sup>7</sup> "'Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

"He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

<sup>8</sup> "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

<sup>9</sup> "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup> When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. <sup>12</sup> 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

<sup>13</sup> "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? <sup>14</sup> Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. <sup>15</sup> Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

<sup>16</sup> "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The congregation stands out of respect for the words of Christ, our king.



6 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,
 The God who saved us by his grace—
 All glory to his merit!
 O Triune God in heav'n above,
 You have revealed your saving love;
 Your blessed name be hallowed!

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484-1551, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: Es IST DAS HEIL (87 87 887) Etlich Cristlich lider, Wittenberg, 1524, alt.

Sermon Theme: Marvel at God's Grace

Following the sermon, please stand

## **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.

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#### **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.

#### INSTALLATION OF LEADERSHIP TEAM

### **PRAYER**

M: Merciful and gracious God, our lives are open before you, and you hear our promises. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit into the hearts of your servants, that they may carry out their duties with diligence, boldness and wisdom.

Give them a spirit of devotion and prayer, that in every time of need they present their requests to you. Help them to be examples of what is good, that by their lives they may build up your congregation and give the enemies of the Church no cause for complaint. Make them a blessing to your believers, help them to work with their pastor and one another, and grant that by their service the unity of this congregation be strengthened, your name be hallowed, your kingdom be enlarged, and your will be done, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.

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.



# 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

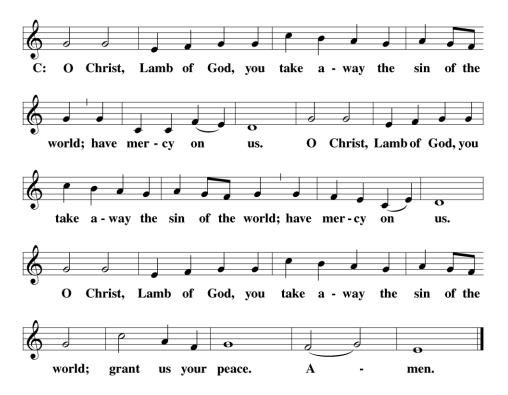
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ♣ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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**



## **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.

## **THANKSGIVING**

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# C: Amen.

HYMN Rock of Ages | 389



Text: August M. Toplady, 1740-78, alt.

Tune: TOPLADY (77 77 77) Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872.

#### **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 favor and # give you peace.

C: Amen.

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# **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **NEW SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

September & October | 11:00 AM

Do you ever feel stuck? You're in a rut. You just can't seem to move forward. We've all experienced this. Maybe COVID-19 has got you stuck, you are struggling to get back to routines with work or school. Unfortunately, we can also find ourselves in a spiritual rut, unable and unsure how to gain momentum and move forward in our faith.

In our Bible Study over the next few weeks we're going to study a letter that the Apostle Paul wrote while he actually was physically stuck...in prison. Paul found a way to maintain spiritual momentum by "pressing on towards the goal" and this actually gave him great contentment, joy, and peace through an incredibly trying time. In this study the Holy Spirit will teach us how to move forward spiritually as we unpack what it means to "forget what is behind and strain toward what is ahead."

**CALL RECEIVED**Sunday, September 13

"All over the world the gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth" (Colossians 1:6). What joy is ours to be united in the fellowship of the gospel which is at work among us, and believers around the world. This past Sunday I received a call to serve as pastor to the believers of Messiah Lutheran Church in Nampa, ID. Messiah is a church of approximately 250 souls.

I humbly ask for your prayers and your counsel as I consider where I might best serve our Savior Jesus, his church, and the those who do not know the gospel. I will be talking with the leaders and members of Messiah Lutheran to learn more about gospel ministry in their community. I will also discuss the call and ministry of Peace Lutheran in Trinity, FL with the leaders and members of Peace. (continued on next page)

God has placed these two opportunities before me. I am comforted to know that there is not a right or a wrong decision in considering these two ministry opportunities. God will bless his kingdom through these deliberations and the resulting decision that is made.

> In His Service. Pastor Schwartz

# CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20	10:00 am	Worship @ Trinity Elementary School
	11:09 am	Bible Study/Children's Sunday School
	5:29 pm	Youth Confirmation Class Online
MONDAY	12:00 pm	Volunteers Needed @ YMCA of Trinity (12-2 PM)
WEDNESDAY	1:30 pm	New Cross Connections Bible Study Online
	7:00 pm	New Cross Connections Bible Study Online
THURSDAY	2:00 pm	CAP Class Resumes
SUNDAY, SEPT. 27	10:00 am	Worship @ Trinity Elementary School
	11:15 am	Bible Study/Children's Sunday School
	5:29 pm	Youth Confirmation Class Online



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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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