

Therefore God has highly  
exalted him and bestowed on him

**the name that is  
above every name,**

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and  
every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord...

**Philippians 2:9-11**



*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](http://www.peacelutherantrinity.com).

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## SERVICE NOTES

In our readings and message today, listen carefully to hear how God, the one with all power and authority, uses his authority in the most unlikely of ways. There are two different reactions to Jesus' authority. Some will repent and turn in faith to Jesus, some will reject Jesus' authority. The difference between repentance and rejection is always faith. May God strengthen our faith that we may ever hear and believe his words to us.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Presiding Minister**

Joel Schwartz

**Guitarist (Recording)**

Jim Denny

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

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*The service focuses us on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this gift with prayer, praise and thanksgiving.*

### WELS CONNECTION

#### INVOCATION<sup>1</sup>

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: 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<sup>2</sup>

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.**

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<sup>1</sup> *The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshippers of their baptisms.*

<sup>2</sup> *"The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners" (The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?). See John 20:21-23.*



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels  
 2 Hail him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid  
 3 Sin - ners whose love can ne'er for - get The worm - wood  
 4 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe On this ter -  
 5 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred thron'g We at his



pros - trate fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And  
 Lord did call, The God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, And  
 and the gall, Go, spread your tro - phies at his feet And  
 res - trial ball To him all maj - es - ty as - cribe And  
 feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And



crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the roy - al  
 crown him Lord of all. The God in - car - nate,  
 crown him Lord of all. Go, spread your tro - phies  
 crown him Lord of all. To him all maj - es -  
 crown him Lord of all. We'll join the ev - er -



di - a - dem And crown him Lord of all.  
 Man di - vine, And crown him Lord of all.  
 at his feet And crown him Lord of all.  
 ty as - cribe And crown him Lord of all.  
 last - ing song And crown him Lord of all.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; 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

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

*"Sour grapes" is the expression that applies to a situation where someone acts out of lingering resentment. The expression actually comes from this biblical reference in which the people of Israel were accusing God of acting unjustly toward them because of their parent's sin. They forgot to repent of their own sins. God calls them to repent.*

**T**he word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>"What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel:

"The parents eat sour grapes,  
and the children's teeth are set on edge?"

<sup>3</sup>"As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. <sup>4</sup>For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die.

<sup>25</sup>"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? <sup>26</sup>If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die. <sup>27</sup>But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the Israelites say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?"

<sup>30</sup>"Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. <sup>31</sup>Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!"

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul;

**In you I trust, O my God.**

Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love,

**For they are from of old.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;

**According to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord.**

Turn to me and be gracious to me,

**For I am lonely and afflicted.**

Look upon my affliction and my distress

**And take away all my sins.**

Guard my life and rescue me,

**For I take refuge in you.**

THE SECOND LESSON

*Philippians 2:1-11*

*Repentance leads to real obedience, our attitude and actions imitate Christ.*

**T** herefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. <sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*Philippians 2:11*

M: Alleluia. At the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia.



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!

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 21.

**J**esus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. "By what authority are you doing these things?" they asked. "And who gave you this authority?" <sup>24</sup> Jesus replied, "I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>25</sup> John's baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?" They discussed it among themselves and said, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will ask, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' <sup>26</sup> But if we say, 'Of human origin'—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet." <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, "We don't know." Then he said, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup> "What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' <sup>29</sup> "I will not," he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> "Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> "Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN

*Chief of Sinners Though I Be* | 385



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his  
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Com - fort to a  
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in  
5 Strength - en me, O gra - cious Lord, By your Spir - it



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
wound - ed heart: Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
all to me. All my wants to him are known;  
and your word. When my way - ward heart would stray,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, Love that found me—  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to  
All my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in  
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!  
won - drous thought!— Found me when I sought him not.  
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.  
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–c. 1870, alt.

Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820–1901.



Sermon: The Parable of the Two Sons



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## *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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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, to You we lift up our souls, in You we put our trust. **We are aware of Your mercies; throughout our lives You have shown your steadfast love.** You have provided for our eternal salvation by sending us Your Son Jesus Christ. **For these countless gifts of Your love, and mercy, accept our adoration, praise and thanksgiving.**

O Lord, You have kept Your promises with us Your people. **Forgive us for breaking our promises and confessions before You.** In spite of our good intentions we have not always turned aside from our wickedness. **Forgive us, O Lord.**

Empower us by Your Holy Spirit to keep the promises we made to You when we joined Your church. **Give us the spirit of Christ who humbled himself and became obedient to death for our sake. Give us the will and discipline to follow through on the commitments we have made to You and Your church.**

All these petitions and our silent ones we bring before Your throne of mercy...*Silent Prayer*

## 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

*The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me* | 749



1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is  
2 My sins I on - ly see in part, My  
3 O liv - ing Lord of life, for whom The



more than mind can know, His  
self - re - gard - ing ways; The  
heav - ens held their breath, To

mer - cy mea - sure - less and free To  
se - cret pla - ces of my heart Lie  
see, tri - um - phant from the tomb, A

meet the debt I owe. He  
bare be - fore his gaze. For  
love that con - quers death, Pos -

came my sin - ful cause to plead; He  
me the price of sin he paid; My  
sess my heart that it may be Your

laid his glo - ries by, For  
sins be - yond re - call Are  
king - dom with - out end, O

me a home - less life to lead, A  
all a - like on Je - sus laid, He  
Christ who died for love of me And

shame - ful death to die.  
died to bear them all.  
lives to be my friend.

*This hymn examines the true nature of God's grace. While human love is directed toward people and things that bring pleasure, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).*

## 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.**

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## VOTER'S MEETING

*October 4, 11:00 AM*

A special Voter's meeting will be held next Sunday, October 4, after worship. The church council will be recommending to the voters that we return the PPP loan.



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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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