

BLESSED IS THE ONE

whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

BLESSED IS THE MAN

against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

PSALM 32:1-2

*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

We are in the season of the Church Year called Pentecost. During Pentecost the church is dressed in green as a reminder that we are to be growing in the teachings of Jesus. This Sunday we are reminded that God's great love for us leads us to love for others, especially those who have lost their connection to Christ Jesus. God help us see the eternal importance of our calling as the Church.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

Joel Schwartz

Guitarist (Recording)

Jim Denny

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THE COMMON SERVICE

The Common Service is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian church. Many of the elements of the service have been used in the Christian Church for hundreds of years and focus us on Christ.

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

In Christ Alone (v. 1-3)

♪ 1 In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

♪ In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.

♪ There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

CONFESSION

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near to him 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. He has sent his one and only son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sin. 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 OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN VERSE

In Christ Alone (v. 4)

♪ **No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**



The Word

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 33:7-11

In God's grace, he longs for and desires that all be saved, God calls us to wake our neighbor from spiritual slumber.

⁷ "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸ When I say to the wicked, 'You wicked person, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹ But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

¹⁰ "Son of man, say to the Israelites, 'This is what you are saying: "Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?" ' ¹¹ Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?'

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 32

Weighed down by sin David finds relief in confession and forgiveness.

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

When I kept silent, your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

You are my hiding place;
you will protect me from trouble.

Many are the woes of the wicked,
but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in him.

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 2:11-21

Paul takes his job of being a watchman seriously, warning Peter that he was downplaying Christ's work and elevating the works of the law over Christ's work

¹¹When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹²For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

¹⁴When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?"

¹⁵"We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

¹⁷"But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn't that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! ¹⁸If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker.

¹⁹"For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:10-21

¹⁰"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven."¹²

"What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? ¹³And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. ¹⁴In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵"If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' ¹⁷If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even

to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. ¹⁸ "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

After the gospel:

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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.



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing,
 2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing,
 3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er,



Bind - ing faith - ful hearts in one;
 Clothed in Christ's hu - mil - i - ty,
 Faint - ing not when ills at - tend;



Love in Christ is true and giv - ing—
 Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
 Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May his will in us be done!
 Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
 Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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SERMON

Matthew 18:10-20 (same as gospel)

Theme: Christ's Love and Ours for Those Straying

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

Lord God, heavenly Father, we begin another day of our lives secure in Your protection. **Accept our songs of praise.** For Your laws which curb the violence of the wicked, **we give You thanks.** For the security of family and friends, whose love we can depend on because they love You, **we sing Your praises.**

Holy Father, we have frequently sidestepped Your command to warn the wicked. **By our disregard of Your authority on earth, we have also failed to set a proper example.** Our sins against You and our neighbor indicate that our love leaves much to be desired. Forgive us, O Lord.

Direct and govern our lives with Your Holy Spirit so that we may live to Your honor and glory and for the benefit of others. **Give wisdom, understanding, and insight to those govern us.** Grant peace to our nation and to our world. **May the sick experience Your healing.** Give courage to those faint of heart, and assure the lonely of Your presence. **Bless the efforts of Your Church as it carries out its responsibilities.**

We bring you our private prayers of thanks and praise... *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.



HOLY HOLY HOLY, or *The Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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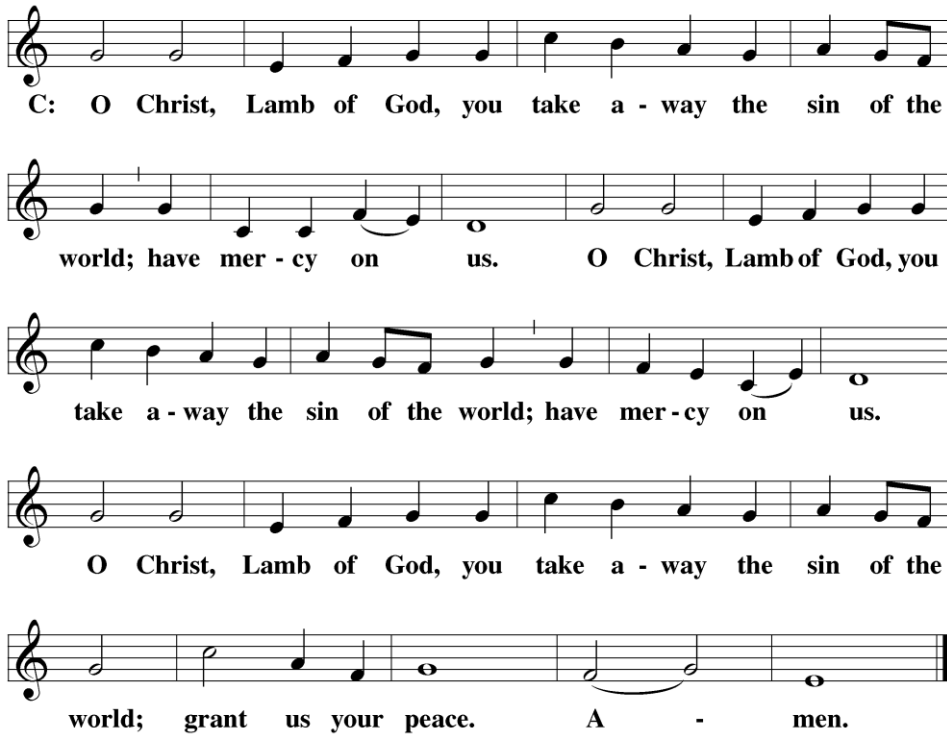
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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*¹



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.

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PRAYER

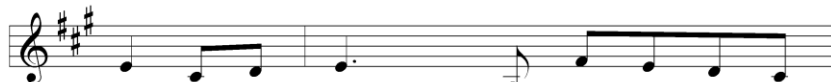
M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will 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.**

¹ *Jesus is God's Lamb (Agnus Dei), who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.*



1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa -
 peace which pass - es un - der - stand -



ther, And the grace of Christ the ris - en
 ing, And this grace which makes us what we



Son, And the fel - low-ship of God the
 are, And this fel - low-ship of his Com -



Spir - it Keep our hearts and minds with - in his
 mun - ion Make us one in spir - it and in



love. And to him be praise for his
 heart.

Refrain



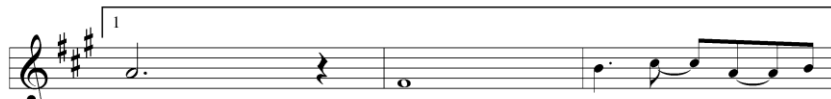
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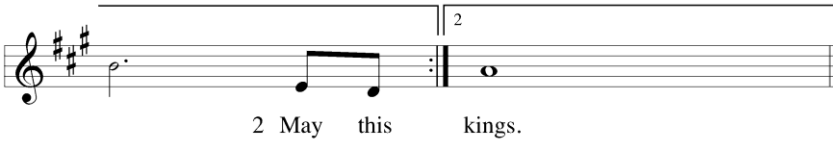
heights of heav'n. We de - clare the name of the



Lamb once slain— Christ e - ter - nal, the King of



kings.



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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

WOMEN OF PEACE

Tuesday, September 8 | 7:00 PM

All Ladies of Peace are invited to an online Bible Study on Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00 PM. A link will be sent out over email. You can also connect through Facebook and our website. If you would like to join, but would like more details, please contact Cindy Cochran (727) 236-7022.

FRUITS OF FAITH

Worship Attendance 8/23:	39
Worship Attendance 8/30:	37
Cumulative gifts given in August 2020:	\$15,072
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:	\$169,246

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

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6	10:00 am	Worship @ Trinity Elementary School
	11:09 am	Bible Study/Children's Sunday School
MONDAY		Labor Day
TUESDAY	12:00 pm	Volunteers Needed @ YMCA of Trinity (12-2 PM)
	7:00 pm	Women of Peace Mtg. Online
WEDNESDAY	1:30 pm	<i>Cross Connections</i> Bible Study Online
	7:00 pm	<i>Cross Connections</i> Bible Study Online
THURSDAY	2:00 pm	CAP Class
SUNDAY, SEPT. 13	10:00 am	Worship @ Trinity Elementary School
	11:15 am	Bible Study/Children's Sunday School
	5:29 pm – 7:00 pm	Youth Confirmation Class @ Longleaf Office



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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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