

Peace Lutheran Church Trinity, FL October 4, 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 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

Our God patiently seeks fruits from his people. May God strengthen us to be productive and fruitful in his kingdom.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister Guitarist (Recording) Piano (Recording) Joel Schwartz Jim Denny Mara Blackard



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 118

- M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- M: Open for me the gates of righteousness;
- C: I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.
- M: This is the gate of the Lord
- C: through which the righteous may enter
- M: I will give you thanks for you answered me;
- C: You have become my salvation.

CONFESSION

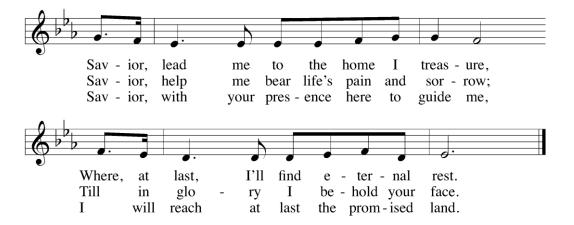
- M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. 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.

HYMN Day By Day, **765**





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Tune: BLOTT EN DAG (10 9 10 9 D) Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready with cheerful hearts, to do what pleases 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 Isaiah 5:1-7

The song of God's love leads every generation to self-evaluation before God.

I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ² He dug it up and cleared it of

² He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines.

He built a watchtower in it

and cut out a winepress as well.

Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,
but it yielded only bad fruit.

³ "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it?

When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad?

⁵ Now I will tell you

what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed;

I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there.

I will command the clouds not to rain on it."

⁷ The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the nation of Israel,
 and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in.
 And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

PSALM Psalm 118

M: The Lord is my strength and my song;

C: He has become my salvation.

M: The Lord's right hand is lifted high;

C: The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

M: I will not die but live,

C: and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

M: This is the day the Lord has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

- M: I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
- C: You have become my salvation.
- M: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;
- C: The Lord has done this and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- M: This is the day the Lord has made;
- C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-43

please stand

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 21.

³³ "Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. ³⁵ "The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. ³⁸ "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

" 'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

⁴³ "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed." ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

- M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



- 6 In life no house, no home
 My Lord on earth might have;
 In death no friendly tomb
 But what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heav'n was his home
 But mine the tomb
 Wherein he lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing; No story so divine, Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624-83, alt.

Tune: Love Unknown (66 66 4444) John N. Ireland, 1879–1962. © John Ireland Trust.

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Theme: A Real Love Song

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 of the universe, Creator of heaven and earth, Redeemer of mankind, and Source of all power. We, your humble servants, come before you in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Accept our praise and adoration for our creation, redemption and sanctification.

You have transplanted us from the wilderness of this world into the vineyard of the kingdom of God. Since we are branches of the Great Vine, Jesus Christ, may we always produce the fruit you desire. May we honor you and give glory to your name in your world. Give us wisdom to pepper our speech with the truth of your Word. May we always herald your Son's work to everyone we meet.

Send your Holy Spirit to us O Lord. **Make us fruitful branches in your vineyard that produce fruit with joy.**

We pray for our beloved country. Give us citizens who perceive that the standard of all that is right is not personal advancement or private favor, not public opinion or party platform, but your holy will. Lavish your grace on all families, that each home may be for the children a foretaste of the joy and blessedness of our eternal home.

For all who are in sickness, pain, anguish or suffering, for all who are in any danger from within or without, we pray. **Teach them to turn to you and wait on you for mercy.** Grant them hope and a joyous deliverance out of all their trials, and let them walk in your light all their days. These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our refuge and hope. 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.

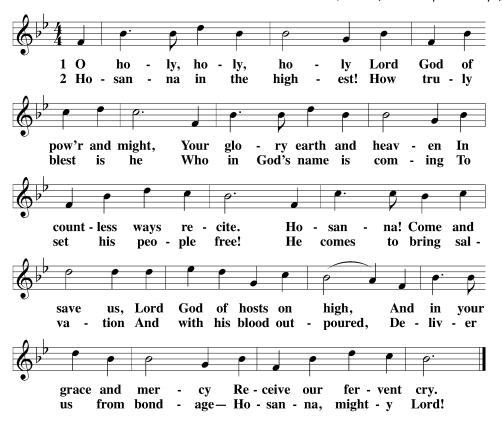
C: It is good and right so to do.

M: 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)



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

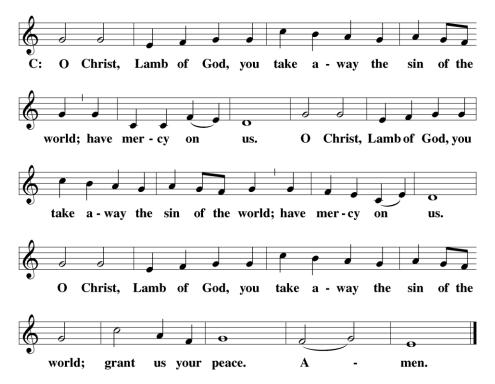
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ♣ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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



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.

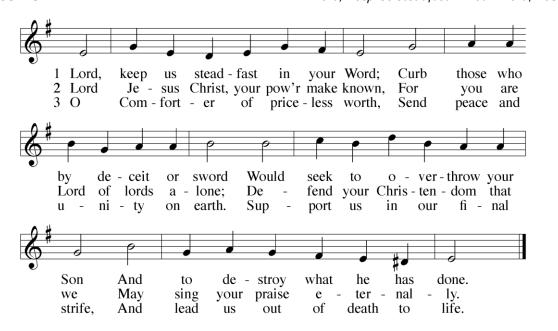
PRAYER

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

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word, 203



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, Geistliche Lieder zu Wittemberg, Wittenberg, 1543, alt.

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 \P give you peace.

C: Amen.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOTER'S MEETING October 4, 11:00 AM

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

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Sundays in 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."

FRUITS OF FAITH

Worship Attendance 9/20:	40	
Worship Attendance 9/27:	48	
Cumulative gifts given in August 2020:	\$15,072	
Budgetary funds needed for August 2020:	\$15,770	
Cumulative gifts given in September 2020:	\$14,215	
Budgetary funds needed for September 2020:	\$15,770	
Total cong. commitment for "Building Peace for the Future":	\$159,942	
Total gifts and pledges received to date:	\$169,246	

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCT. 4	10:00 am	Worship @ Trinity Elementary School
	11:00 am	Voter's Mtg / Children's Sunday School
	5:29 pm	Youth Confirmation Class @ Longleaf Office
MONDAY	12:00 pm	Volunteers Needed @ YMCA of Trinity (12-2 PM)
WEDNESDAY	1:30 pm	Cross Connections Bible Study Online
	7:00 pm	Cross Connections Bible Study Online
THURSDAY	2:00 pm	CAP Class
SUNDAY, OCT. 11	10:00 am	Worship @ Trinity Elementary School
	11:00 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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