

Render, therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's

> Peace Lutheran Church Trinity, FL October 18, 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 <u>www.peacelutherantrinity.com</u>.

- > **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

God is always caring for us and ruling over all things for our good. That includes his establishment and rule over governments. The Lord of heaven and earth has established earthly governments to carry out his will. God comfort you today that he is the Lord of history and may we always be thankful to him and trusting in him to guide all things for our good.

#### SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister Pianist Joel Schwartz Cheryl Huebner

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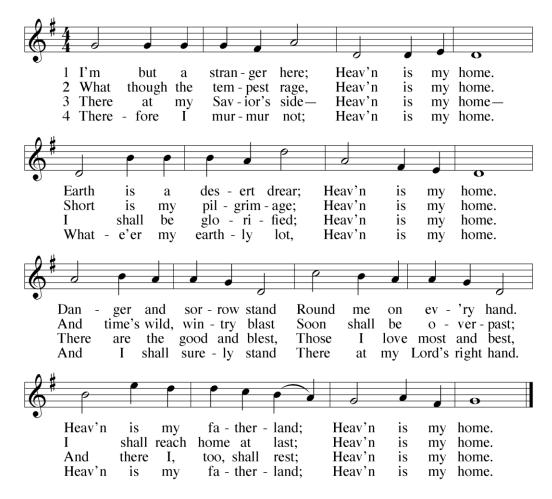
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## THE SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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

#### **OPENING HYMN**

I'm But a Stranger Here | 417



Text: Thomas R. Taylor, 1807-35.

Tune: HEAVEN IS MY HOME (64 64 6664) Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900.

## 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.



## HYMN of PRAISE

Glory Be to God the Father | 239 (v. 3,4)

♫ Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King, Glory to the King of nations; Heav'n and earth, your praises bring! Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!

□ Glory, blessing, praise eternal!—Thus the choir of angels sings;
 Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!—Thus its praise creation brings.
 Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

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

M: Let us pray.

Lord, keep your household the church in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C: Amen.

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

# The Word

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 45:1-7

Even though an unbeliever, Cyrus' conquests and decrees were used by God to bless his nation of Israel and ultimately, were instrumental in the birth of the Messiah, just as God used Caesar Augustus and his tax decree to cause Jesus to be born in the prophesied town of Bethlehem, also he uses all governments to work his purposes.

his is what the LORD says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: <sup>2</sup> I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. <sup>3</sup> I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. <sup>4</sup> For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me. <sup>5</sup> I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, <sup>6</sup> so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup> I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things.

## PSALM

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.
- <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
- <sup>4</sup> For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; **he is to be feared above all gods.**
- <sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the nations are idols, **but the LORD made the heavens.**
- <sup>6</sup> Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.
- <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; **let the sea resound, and all that is in it.**
- <sup>12</sup> Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.
- <sup>13</sup> Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness

and the peoples in his faithfulness.

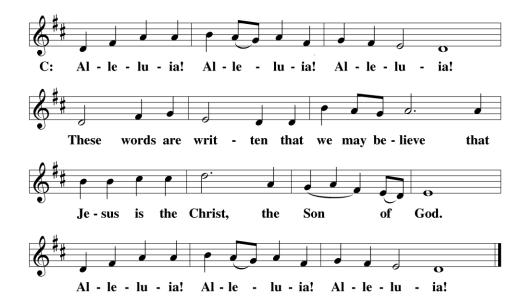
## SECOND LESSON

Romans 13:1-7

#### Submission to authorities

Veryone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. 2 Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. 4 For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. 6 This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. 7 Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

#### VERSE OF THE DAY



#### **C:** Alleluia. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works. Alleluia.

#### GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-21

Our God is inconceivably gracious

#### please stand

M: The Gospel according to Matthew 22.

hen the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. <sup>16</sup> They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are. <sup>17</sup> Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?"

<sup>18</sup> But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, <sup>20</sup> and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?" <sup>21</sup> "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

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



Text: Henry Harbaugh, 1817–67, abr., alt. Tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

#### SERMON

Matthew 22:15-22 (same as Gospel)

Sermon Theme: Called to Live as Citizens of Two Kingdoms

**HYMN** 

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.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty Creator and everlasting Redeemer, we ask You to look upon Your children whom You have called by Your name. **Daily we enjoy the gifts you provide.** Your heavenly dew falls on the just and the unjust. **Your sun shines on the evil and on the good.** Your mighty acts demonstrate that you are the true God. **We praise and thank You for exerting Your power for our benefit.** Especially we are grateful for sending us Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. We enjoy so many wonderful gifts from you, O Lord. We have enjoyed good government, but we complain about paying our taxes to support it. For these and other complaints or times of disrespect against your representatives, forgive us O Lord.

Enliven us with Your Holy Spirit that we may fulfill our calling. **Grant peace and unity to Your Church on earth that it may reflect Your honor and glory.** Inspire us to search Your Word for answers to our problems. **Keep us from expressing premature judgments against others.** Bless our nation with peace, and help us dwell in harmony with Your will. We now bring you our private prayers and requests...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.

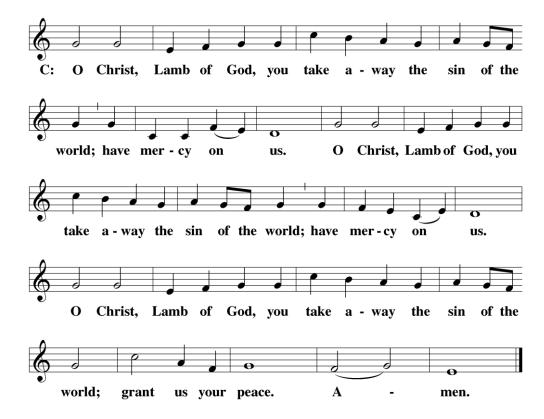
## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

God Bless Our Native Land | 619

 God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand; Through storm and night! When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave, Do thou our country save By thy great might.

 For her our prayers shall rise To God above the skies; On him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye, To thee aloud we cry, God save the state!

Text: Charles T. Brooks, 1813–83, st. 1, alt.; John S. Dwight, 1813–93, st. 2.

#### BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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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  $\oplus$  give you peace.

C: Amen.

# NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## FIND CALM IN THE STORM

"Prayers for an Election Year" @ Guest Services

When chaos seems to be everywhere, Christians can rely on God as the ultimate ruler over every government. *God Bless Our Native Land* invites you and all believers to pray for our nation and its leaders. This booklet includes 26 prayers for honesty and integrity in the election process, the roles of church and state, the gospel's free course, courage in times of crisis, and more. At a time when you may be fearful or angry, *God Bless Our Native Land* will help you take your concerns to God in prayer. Pick up your copy at the Guest Services table in back of the worship space. (One per household please) To see a great selection of books and resources for this election year, visit nph.net/patriotic.



## **MARRIAGE MOMENTS**

Like and Share at our Church Facebook Page

Every marriage has its "moments." That's why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. Marriage Moments are short, weekly videos highlighting one Biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Couples can subscribe to receive videos in a weekly email. Learn more and subscribe by going to **wels.net** and looking for Marriage Moments. Or, find the weekly video posted on our Facebook page each week. Like the video and share it with others.



# FRUITS OF FAITH

Worship Attendance 10/04:	57
Worship Attendance 10/11:	40
Cumulative gifts given in October 2020:	\$5,580
Budgetary funds needed for October 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:	\$170,326

## CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCT. 18	10:00 am 11:00 am 5:29 pm	Worship @ Trinity Elementary School Adult Bible Study / Children's Sunday School Youth Confirmation Class @ Longleaf Office
MONDAY WEDNESDAY	12:00 pm	Volunteers Needed @ YMCA of Trinity (12-2 PM) No Cross Connections Bible Study Online
SUNDAY, OCT. 25	10:00 am 11:00 am 5:29 pm	Worship @ Trinity Elementary School Adult Bible Study / Children's Sunday School Youth Conf Class In-Person @ 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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