



*Peace Lutheran Church
Trinity, FL
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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.

- **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

Lord, keep us mindful of Judgement Day! Every Sunday we confess, "He will come to judge the living and the dead." But do we live as though that confession is not going to take place? Today the Church prays that God keep us mindful of the Last Judgement and that we produce fruits of faith. Connected in faith to Jesus we have no need to fear Judgement Day, instead we look forward to the day of our redemption. God bless your worship today!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

Joel Schwartz

Guitarist (Recording)

Jim Denny

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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

OPENING HYMN

Alleluia Sing to Jesus | 169



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep - ter,
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on earth our
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we left in



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph,
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us;



His the vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace -
Flee to you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, Friend
Faith be - lies, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight



ful Zi - on Thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
of sin - ners, Earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea Where the
re - ceived him When the for - ty days were o'er, Shall our



out of ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood."
songs of all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?"

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, abr., alt.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY (87 87 D) Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, alt.

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: 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

- 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.**

OUR RESPONSE

If God Himself Be for Me | 419

♪ **He canceled my offenses, Delivered me from death;
He is the Lord who cleanses My soul from sin through faith.
In him I can be cheerful, Courageous on my way;
In him I am not fearful Of God's great Judgment Day.**

♪ **No sin can now condemn me Or set my hope aside.
Now hell no more can claim me; Its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me; No guilt destroys my peace,
For Christ, my Savior, loves me And shields me with his grace.**

♪ **My heart for joy is springing And can no more be sad,
'Tis full of joy and singing, Sees only sunshine glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King;
The heav'n I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing.**

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, st. 1-3, 6-7, alt.; unknown, st. 4-5, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord God almighty so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgement. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



The Word

FIRST LESSON

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Daniel sees a snapshot of the judgement day scene

⁹ "As I looked, "thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. ¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

¹³ "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, ^o coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Our time on earth is short, Psalm 90 is a prayer to God to have compassion on us during our days here

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

² **Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

³ You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men."

⁴ **For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.**

⁵ You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning—

⁶ **though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered.**

⁷ We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.

⁸ **You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

⁹ All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan.

¹⁰ **The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.**

¹¹ Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

¹² **Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

¹³ Relent, O LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.

¹⁴ **Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.**

¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.

¹⁶ **May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.**

¹⁷ May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us—**yes, establish the work of our hands.**



SECOND LESSON

Romans 2:2-11

God calls for repentance before facing his judgement

² Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. ³ So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? ⁴ Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

⁵ But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶ God "will repay each person according to what they have done." ⁷ To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. ⁸ But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. ⁹ There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; ¹⁰ but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. ¹¹ For God does not show favoritism.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 24:42

C: Alleluia. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 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!

please stand

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 25.

Jesus' story is told as a reminder that we must constantly be ready, prepared. It was a common wedding practice in Jesus' day that when the groom had made arrangements for married life, he would go to the bride's family home to escort his bride to their new home. Then the wedding festivities began. Jesus story is to remind us to "keep watch" and prepare for the arrival of the Christ. He could arrive at any time

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

⁶ "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' ⁷ "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' ⁹ " 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

¹⁰ "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. ¹¹ "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!' ¹² "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.' ¹³ "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN

Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying | **206**

This hymn is often called the "King of Chorales." A majestic hymn written by Philip Nicolai was later turned into a magnificent choral piece by J.S. Bach. Listen to how the music masterfully matches the words of the hymn.



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing,"
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing,
3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore you;



The watch-men on the heights are cry - ing, "A - wake, Je -
And all her heart with joy is spring-ing; She wakes, she
Let saints and an - gels sing be - fore you With harp and



ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night hears the
ris - es from her gloom, For her Lord comes
cym - bal's clear - est tone. Of one pearl each



wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
shin - ing por - tal, Where, dwell - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are all you vir - gins wise?
truth vic - to - rious; Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.
choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round your ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes— a - wake! Your lamps with
"Now come, O Bless - ed One, Christ Je - sus,
No vi - sion ev - er brought, No ear has



glad - ness take! Al - le - lu - ia! With bri - dal care
God's own Son. Hail! Ho - san - na! The joy - ful call
ev - er caught Such great glo - ry; There - fore will we



Your-selves pre - pare To meet the Bride-groom who is near."
We an - swer all And fol - low to the wed - ding hall."
In vic - to - ry Sing hymns of praise e - ter - nal - ly.

³¹ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' ⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' ⁴⁴ "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' ⁴⁵ "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' ⁴⁶ "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

Sermon: Mindful of Judgement Day, Mindful of God's Grace



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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A PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN COURAGE¹

All powerful God, you are good and gracious. **Never have you forsaken your people or left them to fend for themselves.** Do not abandon us, or our country, in such troubling times. **Forgive our sins through Jesus, and calm our fears with the assurance of his presence and peace.**

As you strengthened David when he stood against Goliath for the sake of your honor, strengthen us. As you emboldened your apostles to confess you before the authorities even under threat of death, **embolden us to confess you now.** Your promise to control all things for the good of the church has not changed. **Give us unwavering faith to trust that promise until we see perfect fulfillment in heaven.**

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private prayers...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.

¹ Adapted from: *God Bless our Native Land, Prayers for an Election Year* © 2004 Northwestern Publishing House. All rights reserved.



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my
 2 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 3 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be



way, When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll— What -
 thought— My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is
 sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The



ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 nailed to the cross, and I bear it no
 trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de -



say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 scend; E - ven so, it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul.



soul.
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888, alt.

Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE (11 8 11 9 and Refrain) Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

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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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITING NEW MOVERS

Saturday, November 14, 9:30 am



Each month there are around 150 new family units who are moving into the Trinity area. We would like to welcome them and invite them to find a church home with us. Consider joining a team that will go out once or twice each month to welcome new movers to the area. Commitment would include 2-3 hours a month and around 10-20 visits each month, simply dropping off a pre-packaged gift baggie with our church information. You can make visits in pairs. Learn more at a brief training on Saturday, November 14, 9:30 am @ Lingleaf Office, 3030 Starkey Blvd., Trinity, 34655. **Sign up at our website:** <https://peacelutherantrinity.com/new-mover-training-sign-up/>. You can also go to our website and look for "Upcoming Events."

WOMEN OF PEACE BIBLE STUDY

November 17 | 7:00 PM

All Ladies of Peace are invited to an online Bible Study on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 PM. Note that this month's meeting is pushed back one week, to the third Tuesday of the month, November 17. 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.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

October 30, 2020

Greetings everyone, I pray all is well with you. Last week we informed you on the progress of our loan request and that we are currently facing a gap of \$197,000 and any chance of closing this through grants of subsidies would be postponed to spring. This delay would also bring a risk of Pasco County requiring us to resubmit our Site Permit application which effectively would add another 5-6 months to our building process. Also waiting until spring to proceed will require us to obtain new pricing on the building, which could end up being better or worse. We reviewed this information with PRA, our Architect, and have submitted the building plans to two contractors, Schaefer Company and KB3-Group. Both of these companies have been actively pursuing opportunities to work with PRA. Pricing is due back from both firms on 11/13. If the pricing comes back favorable, we would begin work in January on our new church home. As always, pray for Gods blessings on our project.

In Christ,
Lloyd Cochran

FRUITS OF FAITH

Worship Attendance 10/25:	48
Worship Attendance 11/01:	48
Cumulative gifts given in October 2020:	\$11,658
Budgetary funds needed for October 2020:	\$15,770
Cumulative gifts given in November 2020:	\$3,346
Budgetary funds needed for November 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:	\$170,621

CALENDAR

SUN. NOV. 8	11:00 am 5:29 pm	Bible Study/Children's Sunday School Youth Conf. Class Online
MONDAY	12:00 pm	Volunteers Needed @ YMCA of Trinity (12-2 PM)
TUESDAY		(Women of Peace Bible Study Moved to Nov. 17)
WEDNESDAY	1:30 pm 7:00 pm	<i>Cross Connections</i> Bible Study Online <i>Cross Connections</i> Bible Study Online
FRIDAY	2:30 pm	CAP Class
SATURDAY	9:30 am	New Mover Invitation Training @ Longleaf Office
SUN. Nov. 15	10:00 am 11:00 am 5:29 pm	Worship @ Trinity Elementary School Bible Study/Children's Sunday School Youth Confirmation 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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