

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation,  
from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb,  
**clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands . . .**



**REVELATION 7:9**

## ***ALL SAINTS' DAY***

*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).

- **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

Today we thank God for those who risked, even lost their lives to stand up for the faith in Jesus Christ their Savior. The Church's commemoration of early martyrs dates back to the fourth century after Christ. The first connection to November 1 was is found in the English and Irish churches of the eighth century. Martin Luther chose the eve of All Saints' Day, October 31, to post his Ninety-Five Theses in Wittenberg, Germany because he wanted the crowds who would attend church on All Saints' Day to see the theses.

All Saints' Day is called All Saints' Day because on this day we also thank God for those who were Christian examples for us and passed the faith on to us, the next generation of Christians. We remember that we are saints too. Not because there is something special in and of ourselves, but because God made us saints when he created faith in us. We are saints before God through faith in the work of Jesus Christ. Martin Luther said, "The Bible calls us saints and the people of God. To forget that we are saints is to forget Christ and our baptism." God bless your worship today!



# ALL SAINTS' DAY

*This service reminds of the unity of Christ's church, believers on earth and believers in heaven are united through the death and resurrection of the Lamb, our Savior Jesus.*

## OPENING HYMN

*For All the Saints | 551*



1 For all the saints who from their  
 2 You were their rock, their for-ress,  
 3 Oh, may your sol-diers, faith-ful,  
 4 Oh, blest com-mun-ion, fel-low-  
 5 And when the fight is fierce, the



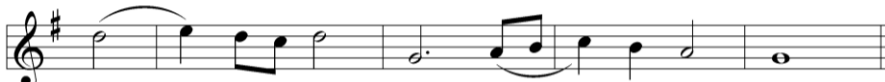
la-bors rest, All who their faith be-  
 and their might; You, Lord, their cap-tain  
 true, and bold Fight as the saints who  
 ship di-vine! We fee-bly strug-gle;  
 war-fare long, Steals on the ear the



fore the world con-fessed, Your name, O  
 in the well-fought fight And in the  
 no-bly fought of old And win with  
 they in glo-ry shine, Yet all are  
 dis-tant tri-umph-song, And hearts are



Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest.  
 dark-ness drear their one true light.  
 them the vic-tor's crown of gold.  
 one with-in your grand de-sign.  
 brave a-gain and arms are strong.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
 Soon, soon, to faithful warriors comes their rest.  
 Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

## INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

## OPENING DIALOGUE

M: Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. They admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

C: **Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.**

M: Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

C: **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.**

M: Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

C: **I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.**

M: We do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.

C: **We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.**

M: Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – in a flash in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

C: **For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.**

M: Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor is not in vain.

C: **Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

*All Sing:*

♪ **But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

♪ **From earth's wide bounds to ocean's farthest coast  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Text: William W. How, 1823–97, abr., alt.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one holy Church, in heaven and on earth. We are knit together as the body of Christ. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through 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

Revelation 7:9-17

*The scene of victory and peace for the departed believers*

**A**fter this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

<sup>11</sup>All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>Therefore,

"they are before the throne of God  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

<sup>16</sup>Never again will they hunger;  
never again will they thirst.  
The sun will not beat upon them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;  
he will lead them to springs of living water.  
And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 34

*Praise the Lord for his deliverance, his salvation!*

Taste and see that the Lord is good;

**Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous

**And his ears are attentive to their cry.**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,

**And he delivers them.**

The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;

**He delivers them from all their troubles.**

The Lord is close to the broken hearted

**And saves those crushed in spirit.**

The Lord redeems his servants;

**No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.**

## SECOND LESSON

*1 John 3:1-3*

*By the gift of God's grace alone, we are saints, children of God.*

**S**ee what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 5:1-12*

*please stand*

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 5.

**N**ow when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them. He said: <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## CONFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Bill Von Axelson*

### 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.**

## PRAYER





1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and  
 2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on, All ju - bi -  
 3 There is the throne of Da - vid, And there, from  
 4 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of



hon - ey blest— The sight of it re - fresh - es The  
 lant with song And bright with man - y an an - gel And  
 care re - leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The  
 God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try That



wea - ry and op - pressed. I know not, oh, I  
 all the mar - tyr throng. The Prince is ev - er  
 song of them that feast; And they who with their  
 ea - ger hearts ex - pect! Je - sus, in mer - cy



know not What joys a - wait us there, What ra - dian -  
 in them; The day - light is se - rene; The pas - tures  
 lead - er Have con - quered in the fight For - ev - er  
 bring us To that dear land of rest; You are with



cy of glo - ry, What bliss be - yond com - pare.  
 of the bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green.  
 and for - ev - er Are clad in robes of white.  
 God the Fa - ther And Spir - it ev - er blest.

Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.

Tune: EWING (76 76 D) Alexander C. Ewing, 1830-95, alt.

## SERMON

*1 John 3:1-3 (same as Second Lesson)*

Theme: Waiting and Watching as Children of God!

## 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

With thanksgiving and praise we remember all your faithful servants who throughout the ages have witnessed to your name: **the mighty and the lowly, great leaders and humble men and women, those who have served you in prosperity and those who in the day of trouble have not failed, those in foreign places and those in this land.** We rejoice that they now rest from their labors in your presence.

We recall all the blessings you have given to your Church through these faithful, departed Christians. **May their good works prompted by your saving love encourage us to live for you.**

We join the throngs of believers before your throne in heaven to offer our worship and praise. **Unite all your people in the true faith, in the hope of eternity at your side, and in the love that reveals us to be your children.**

Holy Spirit, our comforter in trouble and guide through life, as you have protected and prospered your saints in the past, **look with favor on us now and bring us safely to eternal glory.**

## A PRAYER FOR OUR NATIONAL SECURITY DURING THE ELECTIONS<sup>1</sup>

O Lord, our rock, our fortress, our shield, and our deliverer, in you alone we take refuge. In your mercy now stand as a wall around our nation and protect us from all who would seek to use terror to disrupt our elections. Frustrate their plans with your all-surpassing wisdom

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and power. Give strength, safety, wisdom and success to all who work to defend our nation from attack. And grant that we may exercise the blessing of voting in security and peace. We know that our true security does not lie in human intelligence or military might but in the forgiveness of sins that you have given us in Jesus. Use us as your ambassadors to spread the good news to people who still live outside his kingdom. And grant that all people would find eternal security through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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



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## *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, or *Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



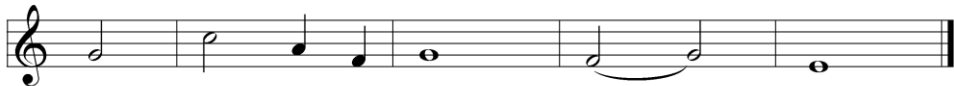
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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.

## 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.**

## 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.**



1 There is a high - er throne than all this  
 2 And there we'll find our home, our life be -



world has known, Where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue  
 fore the throne. We'll hon - or him in per - fect song



will one day come. Be - fore the Son we'll stand,  
 where we be - long. He'll wipe each tear - stained eye



made fault - less through the Lamb; Be - liev - ing  
 as thirst and hun - ger die. The Lamb be -



hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.  
 comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.

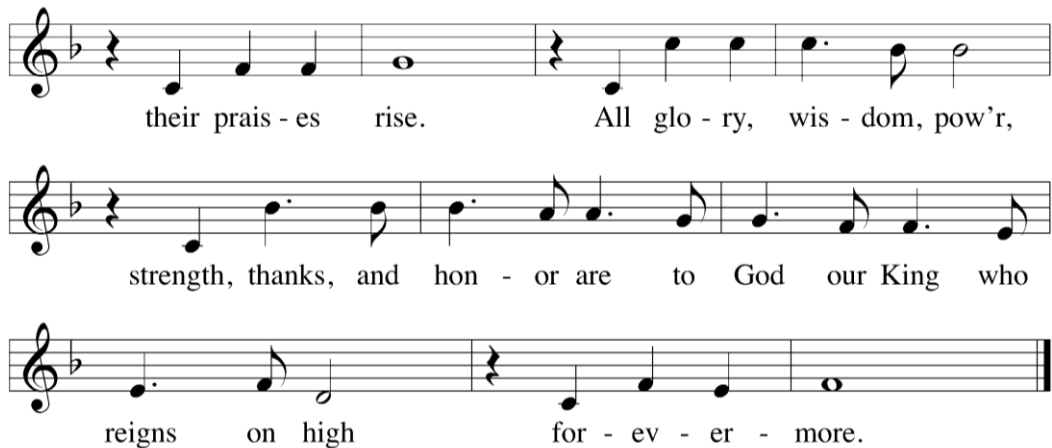
*Refrain*



Hear heav - en's voic - es sing; their thund - 'rous



an - them rings. Through em - 'rald courts and sap - phire skies



their prais - es rise. All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r,  
strength, thanks, and hon - or are to God our King who  
reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

*The vivid imagery of our Lord's revelation to Saint John is elegantly summarized in this Irish hymn.*

Tune: THERE IS A HIGHER THRONE (12 12 12 12 and Refrain)

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Growing in God's grace  
Telling of his love to all people*

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