



*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

God, in his grace, has entrusted his people with gifts to advance his kingdom. Do we view our time and talents and treasures as gifts from God, to be used as such? May God encourage you today to see the joy of serving him with our whole life.

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.

HYMN

Take My Life and Let it Be, 469



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se -
2 Take my hands and let them move At the
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways,
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; Not a
5 Take my will and make it thine; It shall



cra - ted, Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments
im - pulse of thy love. Take my feet and
on - ly for my King. Take my lips and
mite would I with - hold. Take my in - tel -
be no long - er mine. Take my heart— it



and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.
let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
is thine own; It shall be thy roy - al throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79.

Tune: PATMOS (77 77) William H. Havergal, 1793–1870.

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

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

Gloria in Excelsis (Tune of Old Hundredth)



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
 2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
 3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
 4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
 For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
 You take all hu - man sin a - way.
 The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,
 For all, O Fath - er, you have done
 Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
 We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
 Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
 From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
 "All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord God, your Son came among us to serve and not to be served, and to give his life for the sins of the world. Lead us by his love to serve those to whom the world offers no comfort and little help. Through us give hope to the hopeless, love to the unloved, peace to the troubled, and rest to the weary; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



The Word

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 1:10-18

God looks at the things of the heart, here the sincerity of the worshiper. He forgives insincere motives.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah! ¹¹ "The multitude of your sacrifices — what are they to me?" says the Lord. "I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats. ¹² When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts? ¹³ Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations— I cannot bear your worthless assemblies. ¹⁴ Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. ¹⁵ When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood! ¹⁶ Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. ¹⁷ Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. ¹⁸ "Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:1-8 (Responsive Reading)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² **Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.** Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. ³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ **For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,** ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ **We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.** If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

please stand

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 25.

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹ "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.

²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

²¹ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

²² "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

²³ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

²⁴ "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

²⁶ "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.'

²⁸ " 'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!



1 Lord, you love the cheer-ful giv-er Who with
 2 We are yours— your mer-cy sought us, Found us
 3 Blessed by you with gifts and gra-ces, May we



o - pen heart and hand Bless - es free - ly, as
 in death's dread - ful way, To the fold in safe -
 heed your Spir - it's call, Glad - ly in all times



a riv - er That re - fresh - es all the land.
 ty brought us, Nev - er - more from you to stray.
 and pla - ces Give to you who gives us all.



Grant us, then, the grace of giv - ing With a
 Your own life was free - ly giv - en As an
 You have bought us; now no long - er Can we



spir - it large and true That our life and all
 of - f'ring on the cross For each sin - ner, now
 claim to be our own; Ev - er free and ev -



our liv - ing We may con - se - crate to you.
 for - giv - en From e - ter - nal shame and loss.
 er strong - er We shall serve you, Lord, a - lone.

Text: Robert Murray, 1832–1909, abr., alt.

Tune: PLEADING SAVIOR (87 87 D) *The Christian Lyre*, New York, 1831.

SERMON

Matthew 25:14-30

Theme: *You are a Gifted Servant*

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 - FOR A LIFE OF SERVICE

Lord, make us instruments of your peace:

Where there is hatred, let us sow your love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O divine master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled, as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

... Silent prayer.



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 will soon come again in glory to deliver us forever from this present evil age.

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)



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly



pow'r and might, Your glo - ry earth and heav - en In
blest is he Who in God's name is com - ing To



count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -



save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And in your
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er



grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
us from bond - age— Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

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



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



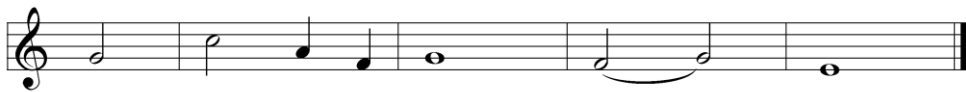
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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.**

CLOSING HYMN

Brothers, Sisters Let Us Gladly, 484

**1 Brothers, sisters, let us gladly
Give to God our all, our best—
Service hearty, thorough, honest,
With a living love impressed.
All our duty, all our striving,
All our time to him belong;
Praise him, then, with true devotion;
Come before him with a song.**

**2 By his mercy, by his bounty,
By the gift of Christ, his Son,
What great goodness he has shown us,
What high marvels he has done!
Let us to him promptly, freely,
Yield our bodies and our souls,
Thankful that his love protects us,
That his wisdom all controls.**

**3 Gracious Lord, accept our service
For the sake of Christ, your Son;
Lo, our hope abides now only
In the righteousness he won.
Bless and save us; help and guide us;
Watch to comfort and restore
Till in heav'n we rest rejoicing,
Praising you forevermore.**

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 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS



FRUITS OF FAITH

Worship Attendance 11/01:	48
Worship Attendance 11/08:	55
Cumulative gifts given in October 2020:	\$11,658
Budgetary funds needed for October 2020:	\$15,770
Cumulative gifts given in November 2020:	\$4,966
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:	\$171,751

CALENDAR

SUN. NOV. 15	11:00 am 5:29 pm	Bible Study/Children's Sunday School Youth Conf. Class In-Person @ Church Council Mtg.
MONDAY	7:00 pm	
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Women of Peace Bible Study Online
WEDNESDAY	1:30 pm 7:00 pm	<i>Cross Connections</i> Bible Study Online <i>Cross Connections</i> Bible Study Online CAP Class
FRIDAY	2:30 pm	
SATURDAY	10:00 am	New Mover Visits
SUN. Nov. 22	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship @ Trinity Elementary School Bible Study/Children's Sunday School No Youth Confirmation Class - Thanksgiving Break



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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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