

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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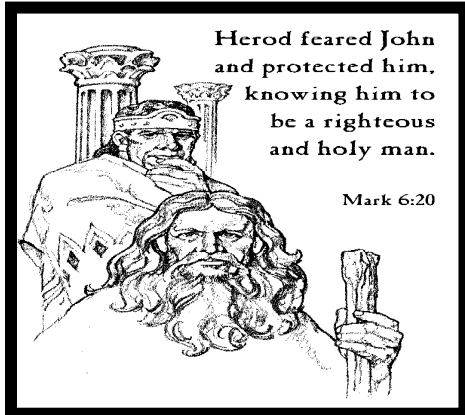
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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A Powerful Memory

July 11, 2021

AS WE GATHER We all have regrets, things in our past that bother us so much yet



we can't let go of them, including the times when we could have spoken up in witness to Christ and didn't. Many of these things we drag with us week in and week out. Yet, as we come to this place today, we are reminded that there is One who wants to take away our regrets, mistakes, sin, and shame. He is the One who calls us here. He is the One who enters into the troubled places of our lives and transforms them with His love and His life-giving Word. He is JESUS, our Savior, Redeemer, and Friend--the very One whom we can seek to confess in our lives and neighborhoods.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church – a special welcome to our guests! Please take some time during worship to fill out the attendance/prayer card, located by the bulletins as you enter the sanctuary. If you are a guest, we would love to receive contact information so we can respond to your visit with us today. Please place the card in the offering plate as it is passed.

OPENING SONG

“Friend of God”

Michael Gungor and Israel Houghton

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION *(from Psalm 85)*

Pastor: As God brings us to this place, we come bringing the baggage of our sins. We also come knowing that our Lord promises to take those sins away. Our help is in the name of the LORD

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,

People: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: LORD, You were favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin. You withdrew all Your wrath; You turned from Your hot anger.

People: Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away Your indignation toward us! Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations? Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You? Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation. *Psalm 85:1-7*

Pastor: (*Silence for Confession*) Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly. Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way. (*Psalm 85:8-13*) As God's righteousness goes before Him, He gives us the goodness of His forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ... In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. And He made known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Christ.

Ephesians 1:3, 7-9, adapted

PRAISE SONG

"King of Kings" *Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, and Scott Ligertwood*

GREETING and COLLECT (PRAYER) OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray . . . O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death;

All: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Amos 7:7-15 (*Amos will not be hindered from his prophetic call.*)

⁷ This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; ⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰ Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." ¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴ Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵ But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE Ephesians 1:3-14 (*In Christ we have redemption and forgiveness.*)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"I'll Give Thanks"

solo by Natalie Whan

GOSPEL Mark 6:14-29 (*King Herod beheads John the Baptist.*)

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷ For it was

Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³ And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵ And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷ And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸ and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG

"I Love to Praise Him"

Jennifer Randolph

MESSAGE: "God's Great Mystery" Ephesians 1:3-14

NICENE CREED:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Because His mercies are always new and His compassions never fail, let us pray to the Lord for the whole Church of God and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the one, holy, Christian, and apostolic Church, and especially the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, that You would always enlighten her with Your gifts and keep her faithful to proclaim Christ and Him crucified to a lost and dying world.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Please be with our nation, our state, and the communities in which we live, that You would bless our lives together and especially those who lead us, granting wisdom and humility to all who serve in positions of authority, that we may be governed with justice and lead peaceful and godly lives, let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Father we pray for those who serve to protect us and the freedoms that we enjoy, including the men and women of our armed services who continue to serve in dangerous places, that God would watch over them and guide them in all their ways, let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Father please be with the sick and injured (*especially _____*), that You would grant healing in body and soul, as well as patience to endure their afflictions, that You would grant them the comfort, hope, and joy of the resurrection to life eternal with Your Son Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord,

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: O Lord, heavenly Father, we remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own high priest. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver, and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

ALL: 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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Regarding the Lord's Supper

Peace Lutheran Church and the other congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod share the Scriptural belief that the Lord's Supper is a sacramental meal that brings us not only Christ's true Body and Blood with the bread and wine, but also the forgiveness of sins and strength to amend our lives

Those intending to commune with us may find it spiritually helpful to consider these questions:

1. Am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior?
3. Do I believe He makes His Body and Blood present in this Meal?
4. Am I determined, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to change my sinful life?

WE PREPARE

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We Lift Them Up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks for His glory.

People: We Give Thanks. We Rejoice In His Presence.

WE BELIEVE HIS WORDS: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: On the night when He was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying "Take eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of 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 as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." Therefore, remembering His death, believing in His rising from the grave, affirming His presence now, in this place, we obey His command. We await the gift.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, Come.

WE EXPERIENCE HIM IN HOLY COMMUNION: THE DISTRIBUTION

[Please follow the Pastor's direction.]

DISTRIBUTION SONG(S)

"How Can It Be"

Paul Mabury, Jason Ingram, & Jeff Johnson

"I Love You Lord"

Laurie Klein

WE THANK HIM: PRAYER

Pastor: Our souls, give thanks to the Lord, and we never forget all His blessings. It is He who forgives all our guilt, who heals every one of our ills, who redeems our lives from the grave, who crowns us with love and compassion, who fills our lives with good things, renewing our youth like an eagle's. Give thanks to the Lord, all His works, in every place where He rules. Give praise to the Father Almighty, to His Son Jesus Christ the Lord, to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts, both now and forever.

People: Amen.

GOD'S BLESSING IS PLACED UPON US [BENEDICTION]

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"That's Why We Praise Him"

Tommy Walker

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor: Go in peace—Connect, Celebrate, and Serve the Lord! Let all the people say:

People: "Amen!"

*Permission for all lyrics used during worship – CCLI # 2647991
Copies of song lyrics are available upon request from the church office.*

Notes & News

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS! We are so glad to have you with us for worship this morning. You are welcome to join us anytime. If you have an interest in joining Peace Lutheran Church or have questions about our ministry, please contact Matt Branham (812-216-3465).

For any Peace member in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Lohn Johnson @ (859) 361-3181 or he can be found in his office most Sunday afternoons.

Adult bible study is downstairs at 9:20AM. It will also be broadcast via zoom at the same time.

Children's Sunday School is also at 9:20 A.M.!

Lakeview Ministries is in search of individuals to join our ministry team. We have openings in food service, housekeeping, and maintenance. These positions are available as full time or part time work schedules. All positions start at \$12.00 an hour with flexible scheduling. Full time positions also include benefits. Please contact David Vandercar for more information at 812-342-4815 or by email at david@lakeviewministries.camp

USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES – Anyone wanting to add activities or use of church facilities should contact the church office at 812-523-3838 or Jeremy Wischmeier by texting or calling 812-498-9913. Thanks.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS – Announcements for the bulletin are due to the office by 8:00 A.M. on Thursday mornings. Thanks!

Face Coverings & Servant Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Sound/SongShow</u>
11-July	Yes	Kayla Goecker	Ellerman/Onken
18-July	No	Max Goecker	Wischmeiers
25-July	Yes	Don Sweeney	Branhams