

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Take Heart; It Is I; Do Not Be Afraid

July 25, 2021

AS WE GATHER



"Fear is the mind killer," said one sci-fi character. Fear is the mind killer--it has the power to steal our joy, to distract us from our hope, and to enhance whatever current misery befalls us. We are surrounded by fears---for economic security, for the well-being of our family, for safety in our violent and contentious world, among others. Today, Jesus comes speaking to us and to our fears. "It is I," He says to us. And indeed it is Jesus---in the Word that speaks forgiveness to our guilty hearts, in the water that cleanses us from the stain of sin and marks us as God's own, and in the Sacrament that feeds us heaven's bread and salvation's cup to sustain our lives in Christ, both for now and for

all eternity. Fear is the mind killer and Christ is the fear killer.

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

“Overtaken”

Zach Neese, Walker Beach

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISMS AND CALLING FOR GOD’S PRESENCE

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.

People: And His greatness is unsearchable. *Psalm 145:3*

Pastor: Every day I will bless You

People: and praise Your name forever and ever.

Pastor: On the glorious splendor of Your majesty,

People: and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

All: They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness. *Psalm 145:6*

CONFESSION and DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: (*Silence for self-examination*) Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you. *[We may share the peace of Christ, safely]*

PRAISE SONG “Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord”

Paul Baloche

+ LITURGY OF THE WORD + GREETING and PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. . . (*Silence for prayer*) Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 9:8-17 (*God places the rainbow as a sign of the covenant relationship between Him and all flesh.*)

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹² And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." ¹⁷ God said to Noah,

"This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

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

EPISTLE Ephesians 3:14-21 (*Christ dwells in your hearts by faith.*)

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith--that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

ALLELUIA and VERSE Mark 6:50c

Pastor: Alleluia.

People: Alleluia.

Pastor: Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.

People: Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 6:45-56 (*Do not be afraid; I am here.*)

⁴⁵ Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹ And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. ⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴ And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵ and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

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

CHILDREN'S LESSON

MESSAGE SONG

"I Walk By Faith"

Chris Falson

MESSAGE: "Mine, Mine, Mine" Genesis 9:8-17

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.

OFFERING

"We Are an Offering"

Dwight Liles

PRAYERS

Pastor: Having heard the promise of God's presence, let us draw near in prayer and make known to Him all the desires of our heart and pray on behalf of all people as they have need. (*Silence for prayer*) Almighty God, You are over all things and nothing can overcome You; come to us in the midst of our fears and plant within us a confident faith, that we may trust in Your mercy and not be overcome by fear or anxiety. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give courage and confidence to all pastors and church workers, that they may faithfully proclaim Your Word, both to convict us of our sin and restore us through the sweet word of the cross and empty tomb. Bring to fruit every ministry of our Church that through word and deed we may proclaim Jesus Christ to the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Give courage and wisdom to our president, governor, and all elected and appointed civil servants, that they may act justly and honorably, for the causes of peace, justice, the protection of the weak and the promotion of virtue. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Protect and defend those who protect and defend us, both here at home and throughout the world. Bring an end to war, violence, and oppression. Give us wisdom to use the precious gift of liberty to display in word and action the fruits of the Savior in whom we live by Baptism and faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bless our stewardship of Your creation that we may act responsibly in our care over this good earth and the fruits of the earth, using them faithfully and for Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant to every home Your peace and Your protection, that in our fears and anxieties we may know and share the comfort of Your love and rejoice together in Your presence among us through the Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Wherever Your people are sick, suffering, grieving the loss of loved ones, or dying, grant to them Your every aid and blessing. . . [*add the names of those with special needs*]. . . May all who cry to You in need find a home in Your mercy, healing according to Your gracious will, and grace sufficient for their every need. Lord, in Your mercy, We trust all things to Your mercy, O Lord, and ask for all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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)

"I Need You More"

Lindell Cooley

"Above All"

Lenny LeBlanc

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.!

Trinity Lutheran High School News: Friends in Christ, Thank you for your help over the last several weeks sharing our staffing needs with your churches. Thanks be to God, we have filled all of our vacant positions.

Those joining us this year at school in those particular roles are as follows:

Mr. Patrick Downey, School Counselor

Mrs. Jaime Brown, Biology teacher

Mrs. Sarah Akey, Chemistry teacher

Mrs. Faith Wilder-Newland, English teacher

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!

Servant Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Sound/SongShow</u>
25-July	Yes	Don Sweeney	Branhams