

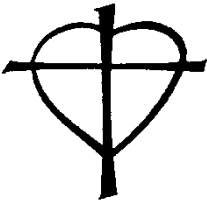
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 7, 2022

AS WE GATHER



"Fear and Faith"---these two key concepts leap out of today's lesson to envelope God's people. Abraham and his fellow "heroes of faith" had plenty of reason to fear. After all, when God's faithful flock carry out God's Word, they will encounter resistance! But being people of faith, the writer to the Hebrews assures us, they could set their eyes ahead, trusting God fearlessly. Likewise, Jesus in our Gospel lesson calls us to fearless living, trusting solely in Him! Let us praise fearlessly today!

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 in the chair backs holders. 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 receptacle as it is passed.

(stand)

OPENING SONG

“King of My Heart”

John Mark McMillan and Sarah McMillan

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P: Our God is amazing! He created us and all of creation. He provides us with everything we need. He's given us the gift of eternal life. Yet still we have times of doubt; too many times we don't reflect on His great love. So now let us take some time to admit all of our sins and doubts to our Heavenly Father.

All: Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for all of Your blessings. Yet we wonder ... How can all of this be true? Strengthen us in our times of doubting and weakness. Forgive us for all of the times we've sinned against You and others in our thoughts, words or deeds.

Silent Reflection

P: Listen to this good news. Nothing will ever be able to separate you from the love of God that is in Jesus Christ our Lord. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you have freely and honestly confessed your sins to God our Father, He has heard them and has removed them as far as the East is from the West. That is His promise of love and forgiveness to you. You are loved. You are forgiven.

All: Amen.

(sit)

PRAISE SONG

“My Reward”

Paul Baloche

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God,

People: You are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of Your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 15:1-6

(God confirms His covenant of grace with Abraham.)

15 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 11:1-16 *(Faith is the Lord's foundation for the life of His chosen patriarchs, apostles, disciples, and martyrs.)*

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. ⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith,

though he died, he still speaks. ⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

(stand)

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 12:22-40

(In His own Words, Christ instructs His precious flock to be prepared for His coming.)

²² And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³² "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

³⁵ "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once

when he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹ But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

(sit)

MESSAGE SONG

“Song of Hope”

Seay/Johnson/Owens/Jenkins/Hamilton/Tjornhom

MESSAGE FROM GOD’S SERVANT: “Anxious” *Pastor Alarik Morris*

(stand)

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

(sit)

OFFERING

“Jesus Loves Me”

Chris Tomlin, Reuben Morgan, and Ben Glover

(stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH / THE 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.

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 upon you and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“Arise”

Paul Baloche and Don Moen

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 Pastor Alarik Morris at [morrissalarik@gmail.com](mailto:morrisalarik@gmail.com).

The Chosen Season 2 Bible study is here!!! Join the Peace midweek Bible study in person or on Zoom Wednesday, August 10 from 6:30-7:45 pm. This week we will be meeting at the Florines: 3555 St Andrews Pl, Seymour. Watch Season 2 Episode 5: "Spirit" Just bring yourself and your Bible. Light refreshments will be available. If you have any questions, call Becky Goecker 812-525-5994, Sharon Florine 520-343-4557, or David Florine 520-343-4156. A link to watch the episode will be sent out via email or you can start early at <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen/watch/episodes/season-2>

ATTENTION Parents of Lutheran School Children – School is once again right around the corner. Please contact the church office (812-523-3838) if your child will attend one of the tri-county area Lutheran Schools for the 2022-2023 school year. We want to make sure tuition disbursements are credited appropriately. Thank You!

The next Peace Meal will take place on Thursday, August 18. We appreciate all of the donations you have provided so far and would appreciate your continued support. The need for pantry staples continues to grow with the addition of new families each month (now serving 80+ adults and children). Your donations of pasta, pasta sauce, rice or noodle packets, soup, canned fruit or vegetables, peanut butter, cereal, oatmeal or other shelf-stable items would be greatly appreciated. These can be dropped off at the church at any time. If you prefer to donate fresh items like bread, fruit or vegetables please let us know and we can arrange a drop off on the distribution day. Thanks very much for your continued support! Please contact Cindy Bodem if you would like to help (812.528.0298 or cindybodem@hotmail.com).

ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH – WHITE CREEK ANNUAL FALL DINNER is Saturday, SEPTEMBER 10, 2022. Carry out only this year – Drive thru from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM.

_ See the bulletin board for more information.

A LERT (Lutheran Early Response Team) event is being held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Seymour, IN on September 30 and October 1. The event is a Chainsaw Training that would prepare participants to be certified to be able to participate in LERT deployments to disasters throughout the country. On Friday, September 30, a 2 ½ hour classroom module will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the church beginning at 6:30 and ending at 9:00. A meal will be provided prior to the class at 5:30. The next day, participants will be able to have hands-on experience at a site close to the church. The cost is \$25/participant. A complete description of the class and sign-up can be found on the Indiana District page of LERT, or at https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need_id=715341. This class is being limited to 21 participants who will be using the chainsaws. Others may participate and be trained as those who can work with and around those wielding the chainsaws. Certification for this part of the team is also required to be able to deploy. Questions can be directed to Pastor Rodriguez at Immanuel – 812-522-3118.

Trinity Resale Shop Seeks Volunteers - The Trinity Resale Shop, The Cougar's Den, is a tremendous blessing to Trinity Lutheran High School. Through the work of many dedicated volunteers, \$1,269,000 has been donated to the school over the last 16 years. This year Trinity will receive a record \$101,000 to support the students and the mission of the school. Additional volunteers are needed to continue this vital mission and to continue supporting our Lutheran High School. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, please contact Linda Pollert at 812-525-9720.

Zion Lutheran Daycare is looking for qualified applicants to serve in our daycare rooms for this upcoming school year. Please contact the school office for more information or to apply at 812-522-5911.

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>Lay Reader</u>	<u>SongShow/ Sound</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Worship Host</u>
7-Aug	Teresa Noelker	Wischmeiers	Kevin Hoevener	
14-Aug	Kayla Goecker	Onkens	Don Sweeney	
21-Aug	TBD	Branhams	Max Goecker	
28-Aug	TBD	Ellerman/TBD	Steve Hackman	