



Peace Lutheran Church  
In Person and Online Worship  
9th Sunday after Pentecost  
August 7, 2022

*If joining us online,  
please have a bowl of water as a sign of your baptism,  
and bread & wine/juice for communion.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

played by Paul Sticha

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Merciful God,

C **we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.  
Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.  
When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.  
Set us again on the path of life.  
Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.  
Amen.**

P Hear the good news!  
God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.  
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
You are free to love as God loves.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

“God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” (ELW 771)

all verses

## God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
 2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
 3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;  
 known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
 chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
 May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
 great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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### GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

read by Diane Yeager

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>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?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 33:12-22 (*Prayed responsively by whole verse.*)

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven,  
and sees all humankind.**

<sup>14</sup>God sits firmly enthroned and watches  
all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>**God fashions all their hearts  
and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The horse gives vain hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,  
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup>**to deliver their lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,  
our helper and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,  
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we place our hope in you. Selah.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Nadia Fitzcharles

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

<sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will

fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Ray Ranker

SONG

“Have No Fear, Little Flock” (ELW 764)

all verses

## Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4  
 Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930  
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## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS

L Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

L Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

L Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

L Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

L Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you. Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

L Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation and all who care for those in need. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

L We now offer our own petitions either silently or aloud. *(A brief silence.)* Lord, in your mercy,  
 C **hear our prayer.**

L With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed  
 their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. Lord, in your mercy,  
 C **hear our prayer.**

Pastor Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love;  
 through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

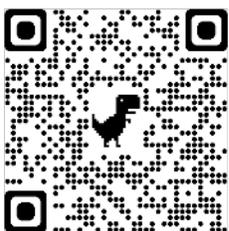
C **Amen.**

#### SHARING PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

#### OFFERING



*Thank you to everyone who faithfully continues to support Peace's ministries. To give online, please use the [online giving portal](#), noting that it is in the process of changing to Breeze.*

**Special Offering.** Each month, Peace designates a recipient of our special offering to whom you may choose to give a special gift - over and above your usual offering to Peace.



**The August Special Offering is [Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions](#).** The Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions (FACS) was formed to create opportunities for people to act together effectively from their values, moral, spiritual, and religious beliefs. The faith community's ability to organize large numbers of people who might not otherwise engage in advocacy makes it a critical asset to advancing climate justice solutions. Many people aren't aware of decisions made at the local level that impact climate policies, yet that is where effects of climate change are felt most keenly. Persistent, local advocacy grounded in morality is how FACS makes an impact.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray together

C **God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

**C Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C** **Our Father in heaven,**  
           **hallowed be your name,**  
           **your kingdom come,**  
           **your will be done,**  
                   **on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**  
           **as we forgive those**  
                   **who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**  
           **and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**  
           **and the glory are yours,**  
           **now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*For those worshipping in person: The ushers will indicate when it is your turn. You will come forward and receive bread from the pastor. Then you will take a cup. The center ring has grape juice. Then please return to your seat or find a place at the communion rail to eat the meal. Ushers will come with a basket to collect your empty cup. All bread is gluten free.*

*For those worshipping online: I will invite you to partake of communion, after everyone has received in person. If you are physically with someone, please serve one another. If you are physically alone, you may serve yourself trusting these words: The Body of Christ given for you and The Blood of Christ shed for you.*

**P** This is God's table. All are welcome here.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

#### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

#### COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C **Amen.**

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray,

C **Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

#### BLESSING

P The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C **Amen.**

#### SENDING SONG

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” (ELW 545)

all verses

## Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
 May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
 let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
 Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
 May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.  
 Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

### DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

played by Paul Sticha

**The Worship has ended. The Service begins.**

**Thanks to Pastor Ray Ranker for presiding in worship today.**



## Peace Notes

**CURRENT COVID-19 POLICY:** Masks are optional for all Peace activities, including worship, and we no longer require physical distance of 6 feet. We urge those who have not gotten the vaccine and booster to do so.

**House Group Gatherings:** Thanks to those who have offered to host a small group gathering which will include a guided discussion led by Pastor Sarah. Please see the enews, website, or sign ups in the narthex to sign up.

**Back-to-School Blessing:** Save the date: Join us August 21 at the 10:30am worship service for our annual back-to-school blessing. Remember to bring your backpacks for the school year. All ages welcome—this blessing is for everyone headed back to class (preschool, high school, graduate school, trade school, etc)!

**Hospitality is a Holy Practice:** Please let Nadia ([nadia@sharingpeace.org](mailto:nadia@sharingpeace.org)) know if you would like to help with hosting the time of fellowship following the 10:30 service any Sunday this summer! This includes setting up, brewing coffee, bringing treats or fruit to share, and cleaning up.

### OUR PRAYERS

- Thanksgiving for the birth of Isaih James Buck, born Wednesday August 3, son of Patrice and James, grandson of Ron and Marni Maree. . .
- Healing for Gene Wunderlich, who had a pacemaker replaced yesterday. . .
- For people who are experiencing depression, mental and emotional distress. . .
- For those living with cancer. . .
- For those unemployed and underemployed. . .
- For Peace's house groups and the blessing of Christian community. . .
- For the ministry of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services and the people working through Peace to make a difference. . .
- For those trapped in cycles of poverty. . .
- For those who are tending, harvesting and sharing seasonal produce...
- For communities in eastern Kentucky impacted by flooding...
- For communities in the western United States experiencing expanding wildfires...
- For collective engagement in the ELCA's [Truth-Seeking and Truth-Telling Initiative](#)
- For those who are experiencing insomnia...
- For students, teachers, and school workers preparing for the start of the academic year...
- For those who are gathering for the Churchwide Assembly...

- [Praying for the Churchwide Assembly, Petition for August 7:](#)  
 Let us pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and its members who gather this week in its Churchwide Assembly. Inspire the celebration of God's varied works throughout the church. Instill your peace in the midst of the work you have called us to and the deliberations that will take place. Shape the work of the church according to your will for the whole world.

*For the next year, Peace will highlight a calendar of Commemorations, Lamentations and Education produced by the [Metro DC Synod's Racial Equity Team](#). Please use this opportunity to become more aware of important events and people in the life of the world and the church.*

AUG 1856	U.S. Army establishes site of first Indian Boarding school	AUG 1619 First ship carrying enslaved peoples lands in Virginia	AUG 17 1887	Birth of Marcus Garvey (Activist, Journalist)
AUG 2 1924	Birth of James Baldwin (Novelist, Activist)		AUG 18 1969	Death of Artemisia Bowden (Educator, Activist)
AUG 3 1956	Indian Relocation Act of 1956 enacted	AUG 2016 ELCA repudiates the Doctrine of Discovery	AUG 21 1831	Nat Turner Rebellion
AUG 4 1942	Bracero Program signed into law	AUG 3 2019 Walmart mass shooting in El Paso, deadliest attack on Latinos in modern American history	AUG 24 1945	Birth of Marsha P. Johnson (Activist)
AUG 5 1938	Birth of James Cone (Theologian)	AUG 15 2016 Standing Rock Sioux begin protest over the Dakota Access Pipeline	AUG 25 1925	Founding of The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
AUG 6 1965	Voting Rights Act signed	AUG 27 1963 Death of W.E.B. Du Bois	AUG 25 1927	Birth of Althea Gibson (Athlete)
AUG 9 2014	Murder of Michael Brown		AUG 28 1955	Murder of Emmet Till
AUG 14 1935	Social Security Act signed. It barred agricultural and domestic workers from social security benefits and unemployment insurance.		AUG 30 1963	Birth of William J. Barber II (Minister, Activist)
			AUG 31 1931	Death of David Pendleton Oakerhater (Activist)

Thanks to Judy Gallagher and Paul Sticha for leading today's music.

Thanks to all who help lead worship. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact [info@sharingpeace.org](mailto:info@sharingpeace.org).

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP	TODAY	August 14, 2022
Tech and Sound	Andrew Tlusty	Andrew Tlusty
Lector	Diane Yeager	Rose Stillwell
Altar Care	Mary Downs	Tammy Heppner
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