Welcome to
Peace Lutheran Church

10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 6, 2023

Sharing God's love, growing in faith, and creating community...

Be at Peace.
In Person and Online Worship
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If joining us online, please have bread & wine/juice for communion.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE
played by Liz Mun

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

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

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG
“All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” (ELW 461) all verses
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

1 All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
2 All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
3 All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.

Come from wilderness and wandering. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from restless-ness and roaming. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all around us is our food.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion’s love have stood.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in grat-i-tude.

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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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 Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
P Let us pray: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5 read by Karen Olmsted
God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

1 Ho, everyone who thirsts,
   come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
   come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
   without money and without price.
2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
   and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
   and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.

L The word of the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21 (Read responsively by whole verse.)
8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
9 LORD, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.  
14 The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.  
15 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,  
and you give them their food in due season.  
16 You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.  
17 You are righteous in all your ways  
and loving in all your works.  
18 You are near to all who call upon you,  
to all who call upon you faithfully.  
19 You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;  
you hear their cry and save them.  
20 You watch over all those who love you,  
but all the wicked you shall destroy.  
21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;  
let all flesh bless God’s holy name forever and ever.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Nadia Fitzcharles
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

13Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. 15When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” 16Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” 17They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” 18And he said, “Bring them here to me.” 19Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Tom Knoll

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken” (ACS 966)
Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

1 Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the
2 Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a
3 Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us

Galilean shore. Jesus, Bread of life from
quiet room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gather here. Jesus speaks across the
in your name to share bread for which the millions

heaven, was their food forever more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from
ages: “I am with you; do not fear!”
hunger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain

By your body broken for us, by your

wine of life poured, Jesus, feed again your

people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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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
A   Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A   You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire all the baptized to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. Lord, in your mercy,
C   hear our prayer.

A   You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain. Protect fragile ecosystems, send favorable weather, supply food and water to nourish creatures, and raise us up to care for all you have created. Lord, in your mercy,
C   hear our prayer.

A   You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders your desire, support the work of international peace organizations, and provide relief for those in war-torn areas. Lord, in your mercy,
C   hear our prayer.

A   You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you. Lord, in your mercy,
C   hear our prayer.

A   You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. Lord, in your mercy,
C   hear our prayer.
A We now offer our own petitions either silently or aloud. *(A brief silence.*) Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

A You have placed before us examples of faithful living who have witnessed to your promises throughout
time and space. Rouse us by their lives of service and dedication to be your hands and feet in this
world. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all
creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.
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. If you wish to give by cash or check, please put your offering in the plate.

Special Offering. Each month, Peace designates a recipient of our special offering. Individuals may
choose to give a special gift - over and above their usual offering to Peace - in support of a particular
ministry.

August’s 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. Virginia is considering pulling out of the Regional
Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), an effort that has data to show success in its previous months of operation. FACS is
acting to stop Virginia’s withdrawal from RGGI and needs extra funds.
OFFERTORY SONG  “All The Way My Savior Leads Me” (Tomlin, Redman, Crosby)  sung by Jim and Paul

OFFERING PRAYER
A  Let us pray together
C  God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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:
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 worshiping in person: We will commune using continuous distribution in one station. The ushers will indicate when it is your turn. You will come forward and receive bread. Then you will dip it in the cup. One cup has red wine; the other has white grape juice. All bread is gluten free.
For those worshiping online: The Pastor will invite you to partake of communion at the beginning of the meal before all are served in person. If you are 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

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.
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SONG DURING COMMUNION  

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” (ELW 484)  
all verses
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Gift of Finest Wheat

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.

Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
2 With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude;
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
4 The mystery of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell;
5 You give yourself to us, O Lord; then self-less let us be,

so when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice.
that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav’nly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord?
whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity.


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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 We thank you, generous God for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
C Amen.

SENDING SONG “By Your Hand You Feed Your People” (ELW 469) all verses
By Your Hand You Feed Your People

1 By your hand you feed your people, food of angels, heaven’s bread.
2 In this meal we taste your sweetness, bread for hunger, wine of peace.
3 Send us now with faith and courage to the hungry, lost, bereaved.

For these gifts we did not labor, by your grace have we been fed:
Holy word and holy wisdom satisfy our deepest needs.

Refrain

Christ’s own body, blessed and broken, cup overflowing, life poured out,
given as a living token of your world redeemed, restored.

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DISMISSAL
A  Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C  Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE played by Liz Mun

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.

Thanks to Rev. Tom Knoll for presiding in worship today.

Rev. Tom Knoll is a retired pastor from First Trinity in D.C. and an organizer for the Synod’s Sacred Ground training. In his continuing ministry he is interested in ending poverty and growing in the Spirit.

Abundance from Scraps

Jesus is able to feed us abundantly, even with scraps. He meets earthly needs by feeding the crowds and continues now to offer himself as holy meal, freely given to all, no matter their income or rank in society. Advertisers have trained us that what’s proclaimed as FREE usually isn’t. More often, it’s a ploy to get our money for some other, larger, purchase. Today we are invited to trust and receive Jesus’ free gift of love without mistrusting that he’s got up his sleeve some scheme to swindle our money.

It can be hard to relax and trust God to take care of us and nourish us with the mere scraps we often see around us. We panic and take matters into our own hands instead of trusting. We experience that crushing sense of responsibility, not just to ourselves, but to our children or parents or other loved ones to keep them fed and clothed and healthy. Trusting as the crowd did that day seems completely foreign to those of us living in North America, abundant in resources.

With food freely given, with quantity enough to feed only a few, Jesus makes this miracle, and there are leftovers to clean up. But for most of us, belief comes slowly and warily when we’ve been burned by experience: how will there be enough for all of us, when we’ve been the last one at the lunch line, the late arrival at the party, and everything’s gone? What if we see people in the crowd we don’t want fed and jostle our way to the head of the line to get first choice? Will it be fair? Trusting that our daily bread and even our very lives are in God’s hands is hard to do as we grow older and burdened by responsibility, but God has compassion for every member of the crowd, and we are blessed and invited to be joyful recipients of that generosity.
**Peace Notes**

**Pastoral Care during Peace’s Transition:** Peace Lutheran Church has arranged for pastoral care during this period of transition for members of the congregation and their families. If a need for pastoral care arises, please contact Norm Phillion at normanphilion@gmail.com or Rose Stillwell at rkstillwell3@gmail.com who will undertake to arrange matters.

**Call Committee Update:** Thank you to the dozens who have provided valuable input via the Call Committee’s survey so far. The survey is your chance to help inform how Peace presents itself to candidates in the first phase of the call process. You can also email the committee at peacecallcmte@gmail.com.

**Blessing of the Backpacks, Aug 20:** Save the date for Peace’s Blessing of Backpacks on Sunday, August 20 during the 10:30 worship service! Bring your backpacks and receive a backpack tag along with a blessing for the upcoming year. Be sure to stay for some light food and fellowship after service!

**Sunday School and Youth Choir Resumes:** Sunday school and the Children and Youth Choir practices will resume in September! The schedule this fall will be similar to the schedule last spring. Sunday school will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays before worship services, and begin formally on Sunday, September 17. The Children and Youth Choir practice will take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays after the worship service.

**Children, Youth, and Family Ministry:** Are you interested in volunteering with Peace’s Children, Youth and Family ministry by assisting with Sunday School, Youth Group, service learning, trips, and more? This would be a great fit if you enjoy spending time with children and youth, are flexible, and want to engage with your faith in a new way. Please fill out this interest form and/or contact Nadia@SharingPeace.org with questions.

**Back-to-School Picnic with N2N, Aug 13:** Peace is an important part of two meaningful communities - Neighbor to Neighbor (N2N) and Interfaith Communities for Dialogue (ICD). On August 13, these groups will come together for a back-to-school picnic for N2N families. During this event, backpacks and school supplies will be distributed, thanks to ICD. Over the years, several Peace members have volunteered with, and supported, N2N (formerly known as Homework Club)...THANK YOU! If you’d like to get involved and/or contribute to the purchase of school supplies, please email Nadia@SharingPeace.org.

**God-Wrestling – A Bible Study Focused on Women’s Stories:** Thursday evening Zoom Bible Study (first and third Thursdays monthly) has begun and will focus on women in Scripture, structured around *A Woman’s Lectionary for the Whole Church* by Dr. Wil Gafney. Facilitators are Dr. Rev. Rode Molla, Shannon Spence, and Diane Yeager. If interested, please sign up here. Contact Shannon Spence with questions (shannonspence12@gmail.com).

**Art in the Sanctuary: The Time After Pentacost (aka Ordinary Time) Project:** The Art in Sanctuary Team invites you to take photos of crosses that you create or happen upon during the Time After Pentecost. Please email photos to nadia@sharingpeace.org so they can be highlighted in the e-news and printed & displayed in the Sanctuary. We look forward to witnessing where and how you see signs of God!

**Urgent Need for Quilt Fabric:** The quilters have an urgent need for fabric and request larger pieces that can be cut into several squares, preferably a yard or more. The material can be new or left over from previous projects and can be a variety of colors from neon to pastels. Please consider donating. If you do, look for it in the final quilted products next year! Contact Mary Downs at mdowns56@comcast.net with questions.
Help Host Sunday Fellowship: Do you love building community through hospitality and fellowship? Please sign up here if you are interested in co-hosting fellowship after the 10:30 worship service on an upcoming Sunday. The sign up includes the link to an orientation video and there will be periodic Fellowship 101 trainings before the 10:30 service (keep an eye on the enews for dates.) Contact nadia@sharingpeace.org with questions.

OUR PRAYERS
Adapted from For What Shall We Pray?

- For the Call Committee as they continue to discern Peace’s pastoral future…
- For Peace church and all families who are in a time of transition…
- Prayers of comfort for family and friends of the late Doris Lou Thiemann, mother of Stan Thiemann. Doris did not survive heart surgery on July 24, 2023. She’s survived by husband Otto Thiemann, three children, seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren…
- For Beth Westerburg’s family, as they grieve the passing of Debo Westerburg…
- For Debbie and Ray Marquardt’s godson Greg Sanders, recovering from injuries after falling from a bike…
- For relief to all who are suffering from excessive heat and humidity…
- For the health of life-giving bodies of water: rivers, lakes, streams, reservoirs, and oceans…
- For peace in Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti, Niger, Pakistan, and Colombia
- For those near death and for those mourning the loss of a loved one…
- For safety and rest for those traveling for vacations and summer trips…
- For the work of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, and for staff and campers in the final weeks of summer camps…
- For survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault…
- For victims of flooding in China following Typhoon Dokuri…
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 1924 | Birth of James Baldwin (Novelist, Activist) |
| AUG 1956 | Indian Relocation Act of 1956 enacted |
| AUG 1942 | Bracero Program signed into law |
| AUG 1938 | Birth of James Cone (Theologian) |
| AUG 1965 | Voting Rights Act signed |
| AUG 2014 | Murder of Michael Brown |
| AUG 1935 | Social Security Act signed. It barred agricultural and domestic workers from social security benefits and unemployment insurance. |

**AUG 1619**
First ship carrying enslaved peoples lands in Virginia

**AUG 2016**
ELCA repudiates the Doctrine of Discovery

**AUG 3 2019**
Walmart mass shooting in El Paso, deadliest attack on Latinos in modern American history

**AUG 15 2016**
Standing Rock Sioux begin protest over the Dakota Access Pipeline

**AUG 27 1963**
Death of W.E.B. Du Bois

| AUG 1887 | Birth of Marcus Garvey (Activist, Journalist) |
| AUG 1969 | Death of Artemisia Bowden (Educator, Activist) |
| AUG 1931 | Nat Turner Rebellion |
| AUG 1945 | Birth of Marsha P. Johnson (Activist) |
| AUG 1925 | Founding of The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters |
| AUG 1927 | Birth of Althea Gibson (Athlete) |
| AUG 1955 | Murder of Emmet Till |
| AUG 1963 | Birth of William J. Barber II (Minister, Activist) |
| AUG 1931 | Death of David Pendleton Oakerhater (Activist) |
Peace warmly welcomes all people, no exceptions!

**Worshipping with us for the first time?** We receive you as a gift from God. Please sign the guest book at the entrance with your name and any contact info you would like to share.

**This service is live-streamed.** If you prefer never to appear on camera, please let an usher know and they will seat you in an off-camera area.

**Children are welcome in worship.** We have a staffed nursery available as well; please ask an usher to direct you.

**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.

*Thanks to all who help lead worship. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact info@sharingpeace.org.*

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