Welcome to
Peace Lutheran Church

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 18, 2024

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

Be at Peace.
PRELUDE

“Psalm 5” Performed by Messengers of Peace

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P  Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
    the God of manna,
    the God of miracles,
    the God of mercy.

C  Amen.

P  Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.
    God, our provider,

C  help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.
Turn us again to you.
Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.
Amen.

P  Beloved people of God:
    in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life,
you are shown God’s mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C  Amen.
1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
2 I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best

of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,

it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the story: 'twill be my theme in glory

to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey. 1834–1911
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer. 1849–1936
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

 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God’s people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, 
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.
PRAYER OF THE DAY
P  Let us pray: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C  Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: PROVERBS 9:1—6  
1Wisdom has built her house, 
she has hewn her seven pillars.
2She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, 
she has also set her table.
3She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls 
from the highest places in the town,
4“You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,
5“Come, eat of my bread 
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
6Lay aside immaturity, and live, 
and walk in the way of insight.”

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

PSALM 34:9—14 *(Read responsively by whole verse.)*
9Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, 
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
10The lions are in want and suffer hunger, 
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
11Come, children, and listen to me; 
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.
12Who among you takes pleasure in life 
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
13Keep your tongue from evil 
and your lips from lying words.
14Turn from evil and do good; 
seek peace and pursue it.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Krista Vingelis
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: John 6: 51—58
P The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.
[Jesus said,] 51“Am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”
52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” 53 So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”
P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Krista Vingelis

Please stand as you are able.
"Voices Raised to You" (ELW 845)

HYMN OF THE DAY

verses 1, 3, & 5

1 Voic-es raised to you we of-fer; tune them, God, for songs of praise.
2 All cre-a-tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your works dis-play.
3 Christ, the song of love in-car-nate, touching earth with heav-en's grace, for your liv-ing, suf-fering, dy-ing, in each heart. Lift our voices high in cho-rus; thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voices—
4 Spir-it, flam-ing through cre-a-tion, kin-dle faith with for-your gifts through all our days. Al-le-lu-ia!
5 How can an-y praise we of-fer mea-sure all the for your ris-ing, hear our praise! Al-le-lu-ia!
through our hands your love im-part. Al-le-lu-ia!
gifts of love we can be-stow. Al-le-lu-ia!

Al-le-lu-ia! Tri-une God, to you we sing!
Al-le-lu-ia! God, cre-a-tor, source of life!
Al-le-lu-ia! Christ, re-deem-er, Lord of life!
Al-le-lu-ia! Spir-it, help-er, breath of life!
Al-le-lu-ia! Tri-une God, to you we sing!

Text: Herman G. Stempfle Jr., b. 1923
Music: SONG OF PRAISE. Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936
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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 power of 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 Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation (local agriculture may be named). Protect and conserve the earth. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic and governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages and safe working conditions. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.
Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and comfort. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at this table to anyone who comes. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Wisdom has shown her path of insight. May we journey on her paths, looking toward a bright future while remembering from where we have come. We give our thanks for those who have gone before us. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.
Amen.

SHARING PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Please be seated.

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 the Peace Quilters: The Peace Quilters use the special offering to buy materials for quilts that they make for Lutheran World Relief. These quilts will be sent wherever they can give warmth and comfort to people in need. Thank you for supporting this special ministry of Peace!
OFFERTORY HYMN  “As the Grains of Wheat” (ELW 465)  Refrain, v. 1 & 2, refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were
gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from
all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when

may we share the presence of your love.
all creation shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen
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Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER
P  Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.

C  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:

HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
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 Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!
C Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.
COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION
“God’s Highway” Performed by Messengers of Peace
Sandra McCracken, Thad Cockrell

Please stand as you are able.

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 Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
C Amen.

Please be seated.
MISSION MOMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

✝ be upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (ELW 543) all verses

1 “Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
2 “Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
3 “Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.

Wake, singing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh traditional
Text © 1983 Concordia Publishing House
DISMISSAL
A  Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
C  Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Open The Eyes Of My Heart” Performed by Messengers of Peace

Paul Baloche

The Worship has ended. The Service begins.

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and conversation.

You’re Invited

Today Jesus invites us to a meal. It is an extraordinary invitation to do an ordinary thing: form bonds of love and community through shared food and drink. Like Wisdom inviting us to the feast of insight (Prov. 9:1-6), Jesus’ invitation to share in the meal of his body and blood teaches us about the breadth and depth of God’s love and about God’s desire for us to abide in that love (John 6:56).

Jesus’ audience asks a reasonable question: “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” (John 6:52). Jesus’ answer doesn’t really address the question; instead, he reiterates that he is the true bread from heaven, the true source of eternal life. This must have been off-putting to his listeners. Eat flesh? Drink blood? And yet, here we find a profoundly grace-filled invitation—abide in me—and a promise: through this meal I abide in you. We are invited to not only join Jesus at the table, but to be at home in the love of God, knowing that Christ makes his home in our hearts and lives too. So come: eat, and get to know God.
Our Prayers:

- Prayers for Pastor Doug Ryniewicz as he transitions to join Peace...
- Prayers for Pastor Krista Vingelis as she prepares to respond to God’s new call...
- Prayers of comfort and strength for Audrey Huthwaite, a long time close friend & bowling companion of the Marquardt family, who is battling Stage 4 pancreatic cancer...
- Prayers for all who face hurricanes and natural disasters during this season of the year...
- Prayers for the Kiernan/Vingelis family at the death of Pastor Krista's Aunt Ellen...
- Prayers for Marcus Godigh...
- Prayers of comfort and peace for Betty Sunding, and her family...
- Prayers of thanks and continued blessing for Emily Como, a friend of the Marquardt family, as her knee continues to heal...
- Prayers for Katelynn Reighard as she is treated for stage four lung cancer...
- Prayers of peace for Daniel Crabtree...
- Prayers of healing for our nation and for a spirit of truth and civility among all elected officials, those running for office, and those who follow political campaigns...
- Prayers for the people of Ukraine that they may once again enjoy the freedom, democracy, and economic independence that they have been focused on since their independence...
- Prayers for the many citizens of Russia that are struggling under the oppression, misinformation, and depletion of their human and material resources under the authoritarian regime they have...
- Prayers for Gaza and Israel, Palestinians and Jews and all across the world impacted by the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas...
- Prayers for peace, support, and resilience for the people of Sudan and Haiti, who are living with conflict and hunger...
- For all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, and any who suffer...
- For our congregation, for its artists and musicians, for its educators and caregivers, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love...
Peace Notes

Celebrate August Birthdays: Peace will celebrate August birthdays Sunday, August 18th. Happy Birthday to: Jakob McElveen, Brianna Akakpo, Jacob Tlusty, Ingeborg Kaculis, Robert Boyles, Kathy Nice, Mary Downs, Josephine McElveen, Tammy Heppner and Sue Czarnetzky. Watch the enews for more birthday celebrations. To help out or have someone included, speak to Sandi Penoyar, Alicia Fredrickson or Jenae Williams.

The Fellowship Committee Needs YOU: Peace's new Fellowship Committee has had quite a bit to host in recent months. A few extra sets of hands for the committee would be wonderful to continue offering our Sunday coffee hours as well as our special receptions, funeral meals, and other events. The specific help needed is to serve as the coordinator of 3-4 Sunday coffee/fellowship hours per year. Contact Sandi Penoyar at sspenoyar@hotmail.com.

Welcome New Members Aug 25: Our reception of new members is now scheduled for Sunday, August 25 during our 10:30 a.m. worship. We are excited to be receiving members via Holy Baptism as well as Affirmation of Faith. If you are a newcomer to Peace and are interested in becoming a member, contact Pastor Krista at pastor@sharingpeace.org or call the church office at 703-354-5233.

Thank You from Pastor: Thank you, Peace family, for helping me celebrate my 18 years of pastoral service in the ELCA. I didn’t expect the lovely card made for me by Martha Siles-Munoz which you all then signed with your congratulations. Sandi Penoyar was gracious in coordinating set up and clean up of the cake reception and I am so thankful for the heart of hospitality she shares. God loves you, and so do I!
-- Pastor Krista.

Hymn Sing Submissions: Sunday, September 1 during the 10:30am service, we will be having a hymn sing. Between now and August 25, you can submit a request to have your favorite hymn included. To request a hymn, fill out the forms found in the entryways or submit electronically by scanning the QR code below.
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, 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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