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Stream the Service: FB Live: Peace Lutheran Church NALC
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeIZ8L41wJIGdyn8Ki818dA>

Christian Education and Prayer Opportunities:

Monday: 2 p.m. - Joining Jesus on His Mission
Tuesday: 7 p.m. - Prayer Meeting via Zoom
Thursday: 7 p.m. - Joining Jesus on His Mission

Nursery

We love children in Worship! If you have a child who becomes restless, it's okay. If you feel the need, you may step behind the glass wall at the back of the church, or use the nursery (the third classroom), which is set up with a comfy couch to provide a calm environment. Live video is provided so you won't miss any of the service. Ask an usher if you need assistance.

Communion

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. White grape juice and gluten free wafers are available.

Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available for each service. For assistance please speak to an usher. To request a DVD of the service contact Jim Damaske: 769-3792.

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Peace Lutheran Church St. Joseph MI

Worship with Communion
Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020 - 10:15 a.m.
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

The purpose of Peace Lutheran Church is to express by Word and Deed the Love of God revealed in Jesus Christ to those within and to those outside its fellowship.

Bold Print: Congregation's responses

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church, we are so glad to worship with you! During this unusual time, we ask that you follow some safety guidelines to maintain the health of our members. As we learn to live with the COVID-19 virus, please wear a mask to prevent the spread of infection. Please maintain six feet of distance while seated unless you are members of a nuclear family. At the conclusion of worship, please socialize outside in the parking lot or on the front lawn while observing social distancing. These temporary measures will be relaxed as government regulations permit. If you have not already done so, please fill out an attendance form at the Welcome Center in case contact tracing is necessary.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION *(please stand as you are able)*

In joy and thanksgiving we begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Let us take time to reflect on our deep need for God's forgiveness and mercy in our lives. (Psalm 32:1)

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

Eternal Father, We come before you recognizing that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have failed to follow your commandments and have done what we know is contrary to your holy will. Forgive us, and grant us the joy of your saving presence again. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



In the name of God the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad! For the Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Amen.

GREETING

May the grace of God our heavenly Father who laid the foundations of the world, the love of the Son who is seated at the right hand of God in majesty, and the peace of the promised Holy Spirit, be with you all. (Hebrews 1:3 & 10 ESV)

And also with you.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 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. 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.

Let us pray ...

Heavenly Father, when called to do your will, we often respond with enthusiasm, yet in our human weakness, we fail to follow through. Strengthen us with your grace poured out through your Son, so that we may overcome our weakness and follow you in the way of life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. *(please be seated)*

THE FIRST LESSON: Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: “What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. ... “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your

Assisting with
Worship

Worship Leader: Pastor Steve Hartten
Organist: Maria Tallman
Choir Director: Debbie Kroening
Audio: Josh Lochner, Mark Carpenter
Live Streaming: Bryan Sorensen
Communion Assistant: Teresa Hogan
Altar Guild: Mark Carpenter
Lector: Sandy Warren
Welcome Center: Heidi Sorensen
Altar Flowers: Sandy Warren

Prayer Requests

Birthdays

27 Linda Roberts
October
2 Sandy Warren
4 Norma Carpenter
4 Nathaniel Tallman
5 Braelynn Adkins
7 Bernie Gleason Jr.
11 Alec Carpenter
13 Sandy Landis
18 Emily Sorensen
21 Todd Nitz
23 Martin Tallman
31 Jim Steinbauer

Anniversaries

28 Gary & Barb Walker
30 Wayne & Sandy
Schuermann
October
1 Thomas & Hilde Boozer
10 Rev. Ronald & Sharon
Schmidt
12 Steve & Loretta
Hartten

Those in the military

Chad Knipschild

The shut - in

Marian Hogue
Ruth Retzke
Betty Robbins
Elaine Sirk
Mildred Wantz

Prayer Requests

John Bradosky
(recovery from fall)
Joshua Barnes
(leukemia)
Grace DeBest
(leukemia)
Delores Gaul
(health concerns)
Brett Genovese
(cancer)
Don Hicks
(rotator cuff)
Carrie Kutchie
(breast cancer)

Penny Lagergren
(recovery after near drowning)
Sandy Landis
(cancer surgery)
Darlene McLaughlin
(kidney failure)
Juli Nurbhai
(brain tumor)
Jerry Schlutt
(recovery after stroke)
Roger Shanahan
(stroke/cerebral hemorrhage)
Nick and Sue Youdell
(health concerns)
Eddie Zajac
(leg amputation)



Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. Amen. *(please be seated)*

DISTRIBUTION

(All who are baptized and commune in their home church are welcome at the Lords' Table. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. When the usher approaches your row, please exit to the outside aisle maintaining six feet of distance.)

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *(Spoken, please stand as you are able)*

**Thank the Lord; sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Send us with your promises, Lord; lead your people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and grant you Peace.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**
(Please exit out the rear side doors when dismissed by the usher.)

POSTLUDE

Summary Worship Attendance & Giving

In Person Attendance Total this Week: 45 Facebook Views: 36 YouTube Views: 3

Sunday: \$3,845 Simply Giving: \$277 **Total Giving: \$4,122**

Eddie Zajac benefit: \$1,020 Memorial: \$100 Lutheran World Relief: \$235

Total Operating Fund Giving: \$2,767 Weekly Budget need: \$3,846

Over/(Under) Budget: (\$1,079)

transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord;

therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:1–18

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, as you have always

obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
(John 6:68)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 21:23-32 *(please stand as you are able)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Twenty-first Chapter

Glory be to you O Lord.

And when [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ. *(please be seated)*

SERMON

MUSIC

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(please stand as you are able)*

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray ...

Each petition concludes: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, and salutary... we praise your Name and join their unending hymn:

(Spoken) **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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER