

Peace Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

July 31, 2022

Leader/All

GATHERING

Welcome

Call to Worship

Whose story is this?

This is God's story.

It hums in the rivers and the trees.

It whispers in the skies and the seas.

It calls to the people of all places.

It speaks in our hearts; it speaks in our lives.

Why then should we speak of this story?

This story calls our name in Creation.

This story claims our lives through the Cross.

This story shapes our future through the Spirit.

Our story is woven into God's own story.

We are its telling in this time and this place.

This is why we gather. This is why we worship.

Let's be gathered in the name of the great storyteller, in the name of the Creator, Savior (+) and Spirit of Truth. **Amen.**

Confession & Forgiveness

Merciful God, **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.**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Gathering Hymn – ELW #556 Morning Has Broken



Greeting

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

Kyrie - ELW page 203

Hymn of Praise - Glory be to God – ELW page 204

Prayer of the Day

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. Amen.**

WORD

Reading: Colossians 3: 1-11 (see insert)

Sermon – Pastor Hampton

Hymn of the Day- ELW #641 All Are Welcome

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 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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

A brief silence.

O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress. We especially pray for... Renew us at your table of mercy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church councils and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

MEAL

Offering

Members are encouraged to help support the mission and ministry of Peace. If you are visiting Peace, please be our guests. Your presence is a gift to our community.

Offering Prayer

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

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer – page 154

Distribution of Holy Communion

All who believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to receive the gift of this meal. You are welcome no matter who you are, where you've been or what you've done. This is God's gift of grace for you. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available along with the bread and wine. Please ask the server if this is your preference. Those who do not commune are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

Lamb of God – page 208

Communion Blessing and Prayer

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.

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

May the God of peace, the God who knows your story, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. Go with this blessing. Go, in the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn- ELW #705 God of Grace and God of Glory

Dismissal

Go in peace. Tell the story of all God has done.
Thanks be to God.

We are growing disciples who...**Welcome, Worship and Walk with Christ.**

Upcoming Preachers:

August 7– Pastor Dione

August 14 – Pastor Toso