

Peace Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship

August 21, 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 #821 Shout to the Lord



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

○ God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Psalm 71:1-6 (see insert)

Gospel Acclamation – Alleluia Lord and Savior – ELW page 205

Gospel: Luke 13:10-17 (see insert)

Sermon – Pastor Ben Morris

Hymn of the Day- ELW #807 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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.

You crown your church with steadfast love and mercy. Guide us continually in our baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Use our diverse gifts in service to the whole people of God. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You satisfy the needs of all creatures. Protect the habitats of fish and birds. Repair ecosystems damaged by misuse, neglect, or natural disaster, that all creation may thrive. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You make your ways known to all people. Inspire the rulers and leaders of nations with your compassion and mercy. Raise up activists and community organizers to restore places affected by violence, poverty, and inequality. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You provide justice for all who are oppressed and relief to all who are afflicted. Heal those who are bent over by addiction, depression, and anxiety. Set free all who cry out under the weight of mental, emotional, or physical distress. We especially pray for... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Renew our bodies, minds, and spirits in this worshiping assembly. Give rest to all who lead our congregation in worship, study, and service. 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.

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 #796 How Firm a Foundation

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 28 – Bishop Felix

September 4 – Pastor Dawn