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Organic Word † Hybrid Worship † Local Work

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2019

In the name of Jesus, God's Son, our Savior, welcome to Peace Lutheran! Whether this is your first time with us or Peace is your church home, we're glad you're here! If you :



- ... have questions, please ask; we'll do our best to answer;
- ... need the restrooms, they're down the hall past the office;
- ... brought your children, thank you (Jesus loves having them here, too!);
- ... can stick around after worship, we'd love to chat over coffee & snacks;
- ... would like to talk to Pastor, please give him a call (720.315.0910)

To adore the God of Order in a fitting and orderly way (*I Corinthians 14:33, 40*), our service path is printed in this booklet. Today, hearts are thrilled to hear and relay the truth of Christ, that our *"God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation"* (*II Corinthians 5:19*), as we consider the service theme:

Height of Love. Depth of Faith.

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Opening Song : From All that Dwell below the Skies (*red hymnal, 250*)

These happy stanzas collect our hearts and voices for this time of praise. As we ponder – again and again – the magnificent mercy and the deep love of our Savior God, we raise our alleluias to ascribe him all glory and honor.



From all that dwell below the skies

Let the Creator's praise arise.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung



Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are your mercies, Lord;

Eternal is your glorious Word.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your praise shall sound from shore to shore

Till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Greeting and Invocation

Jesus promises that where two or three come together in his name, there he is with his presence to bless and be with them (Mt. 18:20); that's why we call on ("invoke") his name and magnify the praise of the One, true God.

Minister : In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

All : **Amen!**

The Word is near you;

It is in your mouth and in your heart (*Romans 10:8*).

It is with your heart that you believe and are justified,

And it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved (*Romans 10:10*).

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved (*Romans 10:13*).

Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame (*Romans 10:11*).

A Confession of our Sins

God's grace allows us to directly approach him for forgiveness. This portion of our worship service reminds us of our sinful condition, realizes that we've fallen short of God's demands, and focuses us on our need for a Savior.

Before our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden, we confess our sins:

Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

A moment of silence to recognize our own, individual sins and our deep need for forgiveness.

Our Lord's Absolution

For the sake of the Son, the Father has forgiven all our sins! It's the pastor's joy to proclaim and assure you that you have been set free ("absolved" or "acquitted") from all of your sins and from all of your guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen!

Our Prayer in the Joy of Forgiveness

This confident petition, known as the Prayer of the Day, rejoices in our good and gracious King and in all that he has so wondrously done as it pulls our hearts and minds to his throne of grace and asks for his blessing.

Lord God, you are the strength of all who trust in you; mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness. Come to us with your comforting Word, which alone can drive away our doubts. Direct us to our Savior, Jesus, so that we may trust in him with our whole heart, and live to follow your commands. In Jesus' name we pray; he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen!

After this prayer, the children are invited forward for a devotion geared toward their hearts (any 'non-kids' are welcome to listen in & pay attention to the lesson, too!).

A Reading from I Kings 17:17-24 (this translation is the NIV84)

In a marvelous display of grace and power, God provided for Elijah, a widow, and her son during a severe drought. His hand was so visible; until her son became sick and died. Graciously, for faith's refreshment, God raised him!

¹⁷ Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. ¹⁸ She said to Elijah, **“What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?”**

¹⁹ “Give me your son,” Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. ²⁰ Then he cried out to the LORD, “O LORD my God, have you brought tragedy also upon this widow I am staying with, by

causing her son to die?” ²¹ Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the LORD, “O LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!”

²² **The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived.** ²³ Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, “Look, your son is alive!”

²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, **“Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth.”**

Point to Ponder:

This section is full of great truths about God! What's it say about the :

- ✓ wages of sin?
- ✓ power of God?
- ✓ blessing of prayer?

Sung Response: What God Ordains Is Always Good (red hymnal, 429, vv. 1, 2, 5)

Sometimes we forget that our God has a plan – in all things, he has a plan . . . for us – even as he allows things that serve a purpose bigger than we might see now. Grace! These stanzas stay happily mindful of all God ordains.



***What God ordains is always good;
His will is just and holy.
As he directs my life for me,
I follow meek and lowly.
My God indeed, in ev'ry need
Knows well how he will shield me;
To him, then, I will yield me.***

***What God ordains is always good;
He never will deceive me.
He leads me in his righteous way
And never will he leave me.
I take content, what he has sent;
His hand that sends me sadness
Will turn my tears to gladness.***

***What God ordains is always good;
This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
I shall not be forsaken.
I fear no harm, for with his arm
He will embrace and shield me;
So to my God I yield me.***

Statement of Faith : The Apostles' Creed

This creed is an irenic (peaceful) statement of faith. Though it was not written by the apostles, it is a true and concise statement of what they taught and of what the Bible has always taught concerning the Three-in-One God.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

A Reading and Sermon the Gospel of Luke 7:11-17 (this translation is the NIV84)

Divinity. Power. Compassion. All of those admirations are on display in the Savior as he confronts the tragedy outside the town called Nain. So, so graciously he assures – them and us! – when narratives collide, Jesus wins!

Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. ¹² As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out – the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. ¹³ **When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.”**

¹⁴ Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, **“Young man, I**

Point to Ponder:

Nain wasn’t situationally far from Zarephath. By raising this widow’s son, what truths are on display concerning our Savior?

say to you, get up!” ¹⁵The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

¹⁶They were all filled with awe and praised God. **“A great prophet has appeared among us,”** they said. **“God has come to help his people.”** ¹⁷This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

JESUS BEING JESUS

my sermon notes regarding . . .

*Context & insights
to these specific verses:*

*Connection to my heart
via that which shows me
both my sin (Law) &
my Savior (Gospel):*

*Call to action in
ways these truths apply
to my daily life:*

Sung Response : Day by Day (blue hymnal, 765)

Jesus never promises our days here are easy or days lived in his grace won't experience sorrow. In fact, he assures the opposite. But with breath equally stunning, the Emmanuel-always reminds us that he is with us day by day.



*Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
Bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
Draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
Brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
Where, at last, I'll find eternal rest.*

*Day by day, I know you will provide me
Strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me
O'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow;
I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow;
Till in glory I behold your face.*

*Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
When my burdens grow too great to bear;
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me
When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me,
You will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,
I will reach at last the promised land.*

The Offering

Concerning the offering, the Lord says "each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7); if you're blessed to support Peace with an offering – tangibly here or electronically at peacelutheranboulder.org – thank you! As we carry on our Lord's work, whether the gospel moves your heart to offer a prayer, a gift, or an encouragement, please do know we appreciate you for it!

Our Prayer & Sung Response

This prayer pairs with a wonderful melody (red hymnal, 367) to approach Heaven's Throne with the needs and thanksgivings we've considered so far and asks our dear Savior to refresh us in his saving grace.



***Christ be my leader by night as by day,
Safe through the darkness, for he is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future his care;
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.***

Heavenly Father, Creator of all things, you give us all that we need for body and life.

Every good and perfect gift comes from you, the Father of heavenly lights

(James 1:17).

Lord Jesus Christ, by your suffering and death you have opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

We approach your throne, O God, with confidence, for mercy and grace in our time of need *(Hebrews 4:16).*

Holy Spirit – Counselor and Guide – you have raised us from death by your powerful Word.

You, O Spirit of God, have made us. Your breath, almighty One, gave us life

(Job 33:4).

A moment to offer today's prayer requests & a moment of silence to offer our own, private prayers.

Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

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 forever and ever. Amen.

Lord, fill our hearts with thanksgiving for your mercy and love.



*Christ be my teacher in age as in youth;
Drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.
Grant me to trust him, though shifting as sand.
Doubt cannot daunt me – in Jesus I stand!*

Concluding Prayer and Benediction

Where the LORD's name is, there his blessing also is. Again aware of his goodness, his gifts, and his grace to us, our service concludes with God's promise to be with us, to bless us, to keep us, and to give us peace (Numbers 6).

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth

(Revelation 1:4, 5).

Amen!

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.



*High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Son.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all!*

This Week for Peace Lutheran :

Sunday (6/30):

11:15a – Coffee & snacks on the patio

Monday (7/1):

Sterns out of town (through Friday)

Tuesday (7/2):

No Manor Care Devotion

Wednesday (7/3):

No *Seeing Jesus* Bible Class

Thursday (7/4):

Happy Independence Day!

Sunday (7/7): *please remember to invite others!*

8:00a – Peace monthly meeting

9:00a – *Our Questions, God's Answers* Bible Class

10:00a – Worship with Communion (musician: _?_?_?)

Notes for the Next Weeks:

July already! 'Tis grace that's brought us safe thus far (and grace will lead us home)! Friends, as we peer into the 7th month, please do take a hard-copy of our calendar home – if, for no other reason, than a prayer-outline as the month progresses. Additionally, a few big dates to remember :

- July 13 – clean up the Longmont parsonage for the vicar (9:00a)
- July 14 – Quarterly meeting at Peace
- July 28 – Delegate meeting at Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School

Next Week's Service Theme:

Why Jesus?

Next Week's Scripture Readings (italicized is the likely sermon lesson):

Isaiah 49:14, 15, 25, 26 † I Timothy 1:12-17 † *Matthew 1:18-25* † Psalm 14