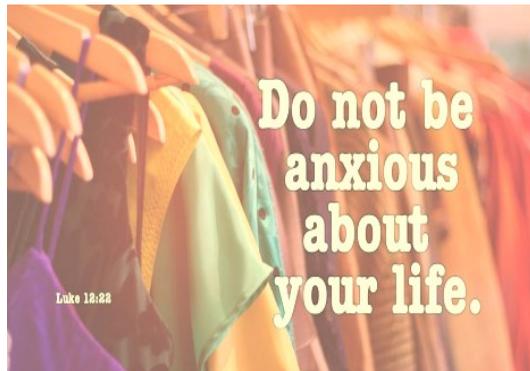


**Peace Lutheran Church
St. Joseph MI**

**Worship with Communion
Sunday, August 7th, 2022 10:15am
Ninth Sunday of 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*



PRELUDE For the Beauty of the Earth

Trumpet, Debbie Kroening

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Called, gathered, enlightened and sanctified by the Holy Spirit of God, we worship in the name of God the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us come humbly before God and our brothers and sisters in the faith, confessing our sins, known and unknown, trusting God's gracious word of forgiveness.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination)

Holy God who brings life out of death and transforms the whole creation with a Word, forgive our disobedience and breathe on us the Spirit of your righteousness.

Free us from the power of sin, death, and the devil in our lives; renew us with your loving Spirit as you bring us from death to sin to life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Make us your instruments of peace and love in the world and free us from all that seeks to enslave us, trusting that your will for us is that we would be free to live fully into your mercy and grace. Amen.

By the command and authority of Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit. For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. (Galatians 5:1) **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *(please stand as you are able)*

Gather Us In



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,
2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,
4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
We are the old— who yearn for your face,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, But



See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
Now is the King - dom, now is the day.



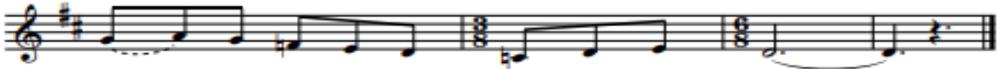
Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,
Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,
Gath - er us in and hold us for ev - er,



Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;
Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;
Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Gath - er us in and make us your own;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
Gath - er us in— all peo - ples to - geth - er,



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
Give us the cour-age to en - ter the song.
Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b.1950
Tune: GATHER US IN, Irregular; Marty Haugen, b.1950
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who grants us life eternal, the glory of the Father who created us in love, and the power of the Holy Spirit who forgives and renews our life, be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE *(spoken)*

In peace let us pray to the Lord,

Lord Have Mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord Have Mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord Have Mercy.

For this house and for all who worship here let us pray to the Lord,

Lord Have Mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray ...

God of all grace, you delight in your children and give them the kingdom. Give us faith to trust in your loving provision, that we might not worry needlessly, but live in freedom and gratitude; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

(please be seated)

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:12-22

Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

The LORD looks down from heaven, and beholds all the people in the world.

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze on all who dwell on the earth.

He fashions all the hearts of them and understands all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save.

Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, on those who wait upon his love,

To pluck their lives from death, and to feed them in time of famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, for in his holy name we put our trust.

Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, as we have put our trust in you.

THE SECOND LESSON Hebrews 11:1-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, being

warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*please stand as you are able*)

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alle -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 12:22-40 *(please stand as you are able)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Twelfth Chapter

Glory be to you O Lord.

[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(please be seated)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

This is My Father's World



This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my lis-t'ning ears All
This is my Fa-ther's world; The birds their car - ols raise; The
This is my Fa-ther's world; Oh, let me not for - get That,



na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their mak - er's
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er



spheres. This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the
praise. This is my Fa-ther's world; He shines in all that's
yet. This is my Fa-ther's world; Why should my heart be



thought Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His
fair. In the rus - tling grass I hear him pass; He
sad? The Lord is king, let the heav - ens ring; God



hand the won - ders wrought.
speaks to me ev - 'ry - where.
reigns let the earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

Tune: Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930

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THE APOSTLE'S 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.**

(please be seated)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Come Let Us Reason

Vocal Quartet

OFFERTORY

Create in Me

Musical score for the Offertory "Create in Me". The score is written for a vocal quartet in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it". The score includes a fermata over the first measure of the first staff, a first ending bracket around the first staff, and a second ending bracket around the fourth staff.

from me. [C] Re - store to me the joy of your sal -
 va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.
 [C] Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
 spir - it with - in me. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O
 God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Benevolent God, you have granted us in abundance with all the good things that life has to offer. May we be truly grateful for our daily bread, even as we return a portion of what you have first given us as a sign of our humility and thanksgiving for your bounteous gifts. Let the treasures we have received from you be used to serve the world you love. Amen.

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, our duty and our joy... we praise your Name and join their unending hymn:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
 san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

(When directed by the usher, please come forward to receive Holy Communion. 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.)

COMMUNION HYMN

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat;



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Verses



1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They
2. With joy - ful lips we sing to you Our
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The
4. The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, No
5. You give your - self to us, O Lord; Then



know and heed his voice; So when you call your
praise and grat - i - tude, That you should count us
blood of Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
mor - tal tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
self - less let us be, To serve each oth - er



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - jice.
wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
in your name In truth and char - i - ty.

D.C.

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

Thank the Lord

(Organ)

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of 28 measures. The lyrics are: 'Thank the Lord; sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho-ly name. Thank the Lord; sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Send us with your prom-is-es, Lord; lead your peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv-ing. Thank the Lord; sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le lu - ia.' The score includes measure numbers 5, 8, 12, 16, 20, and 24. The final measure (28) ends with a double bar line.

Thank the Lord; sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and
bear Christ's ho-ly name. Thank the Lord; sing his praise;
tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Send us with your prom-is-es, Lord;
lead your peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv-ing.
Thank the Lord; sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done. Al-le-
lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace .

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

How Great Thou Art



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some
2. When thru the woods and for - est glades I
3. And when I think that God, His Son not
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla -



won - der Con - sid - er all the worlds Thy hands have
wan - der And hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the
spar - ing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it
ma - tion And take me home, what joy shall fill my



made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
trees, When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
in That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r thru - out the un - i - verse dis - played!
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin!
ra - tion And there pro - claim, my God, how great Thou art!



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee; How great Thou



art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

(You are invited to be seated until the ushers dismiss your row.)

POSTLUDE

Lessons for Next Week

Jeremiah 23:16-29; Psalm 119:81-88; Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3; Luke 12:49-56

Worship Attendance & Giving

Sunday Attendance Total: 40

Facebook views: 38 YouTube Views: 23

Monday Attendance Total: 13

Sunday Giving: \$2,202

Simply Giving: \$850

*Major Rep. & Maint: \$100

Monday Giving: \$110

Total Giving: \$3,162

Total Operating Fund: \$3,062

Weekly Budget Need: \$3,434

Over/(Under) Budget: (\$372)

* Designated Funds, which are subtracted from total giving to make our operating fund

Assisting with
Worship

Preacher: Pastor Steve Hartten
Organist: Maria Tallman
Choir Director: Debbie Kroening
Audio: Josh Lochner, Mark Carpenter
Video: Bryan Sorensen, Jacob Tallman
Usher: Wayne Schuermann
Altar Guild: Mark Carpenter
Welcome Center: Barb Berry
Lector: Ken Berry
Communion: Marty Tallman
Greeters: Bob Phillips & Herb Kroening

Prayer Requests

Birthdays

7 Betty McKee
9 Herb Kroening
10 Elaine Chartrand
22 April Lochner
25 Karen Coffey
29 Bev So

Anniversaries

19 Herb & Debbie Kroening
19 Bryan & Heidi Sorensen

The shut - ins

Leona Barowicz
Andrea Barowicz
Thomas Boozer
Evelyn Chevrette
Dolores Kraklau
Harold Lick
Ray Lietz
Ruth Retzke
Gloria Siewert

Angie Layman

(cancer)
Juli Nurbhai
(brain tumor)
Pastor Eric & Ruth Rauch
(prayer for healing)
Pastor Ron Schmidt
(pacemaker)
Shari Schmidt
(broken wrist, bruised ribs)
Al Solomon
(brain surgery)
Joyce White
(cancer)

Prayer Requests

Debbie Bartels
(pancreatic cancer)
Beth Boyer
(hip surgery)
Pr. Philip Gagnon
(b-cell lymphoma)

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Consider

Find the 34 bold words from Luke 12:22-28 (ESV)

N B E G B H S D E D R C O O M
N A I A N U T S O O E L V N W
T A R R O I D I G G D O E E W
K N P I D E H X A N I T N F O
M N X S E S G T E F S H X I R
Z N N F A I L M O J N E E L G
A M O R E R O G B L O S L T K
E S U O H E R O T S C Y T K V
V A L U E A Y A R Z D H T D M
R U O H S R S A Y O E V I L A
E O O S W U V E B E F P L K L
A S P I N E P B I Q D O F I D
P E L G N I S S O L O M O N D
V Q K S W O S S E C I T L D A
J D S L F L S W V Y E L W Y O

Therefore I tell you, do not be **anxious** about your **life**, what you will **eat**, nor about your **body**, what you will put on. For life is **more** than **food**, and the body more than **clothing**. **Consider** the **ravens**: they neither **sow** nor **reap**, they have neither **storehouse** nor **barn**, and yet **God feeds** them. Of how much more **value** are you than the **birds**! And which of you by being anxious can **add** a **single hour** to his **span** of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? Consider the **lilies**, how they **grow**: they neither **toil** nor **spin**, yet I tell you, even **Solomon** in all his **glory** was not **arrayed** like one of these. But if God so **clothes** the **grass**, which is **alive** in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of **little faith**!

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AUGUST IS LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KIT MONTH

We're already shopping for the best deals in stores and online, but if shopping isn't your thing, we've got you covered. Donations can be made through cash or check, just place in a pew envelope, note "LWR SCHOOL KITS" on your check and envelope. You may drop donations in the offering plate or at the table display in the narthex.

With great sales, kits can cost less than \$6.00 each. Detailed shopping lists and a School Kit sample are on display in the narthex. (Collecting two items each week)

EACH SCHOOL KIT CONTAINS: *(Bags are provided.)*

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|---|---|----------|
| 4 | NOTEBOOKS – Spiral-bound 70-sheets, wide or college-ruled | (Week 1) |
| 1 | 12 Inch Ruler - with inches & centimeters | (Week 1) |
| 5 | Ballpoint Pens - black or blue (please no gel ink) | (Week 2) |
| 5 | #2 Unsharpened Pencils with Erasers | (Week 2) |
| 1 | Blunt-Nose Safety Scissors | (Week 3) |
| 1 | Pencil Sharpener | (Week 3) |
| 1 | Eraser 2 ½" Pinks | (Week 4) |
| 1 | Box of 24 Crayons | (Week 4) |



Your help allows children in need to do the most normal thing in the middle of loss and crisis – go to school. Join us as we send love and prayers in a school bag.



For more information, contact Sandy Schuermann at 630-347-3515 or call the office at 269-556-7000. To learn more about Lutheran World Relief kits and programs, go to lwr.org

Peace Lutheran Church will have a booth at the Berrien County Youth Fair again this year! We will be there from August 15th through August 20th. We'd love to have you volunteer to sit at our booth! Details are on the podium in the narthex; your volunteering includes a free pass to the fair!





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Pastor Steve Hartten home: (269) 281-0307 cell: (303) 638-7598
e-mail: pastorpeacestjoe@gmail.com

Christian Education and Prayer Opportunities:

Monday: 6:45 p.m. - Monday Evening Service

Tuesday: 7 p.m. - Worship Committee

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. - Bingo

Thursday: 7 p.m. - Prayer Meeting via Zoom

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Grounds Clean-Up

Comfort Room

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 comfy couches and rocking chairs 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 is available.

Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available for each service, for assistance please speak to an usher.

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