
Peace Lutheran Church

A Month of Miracles

August 29 & 30, 2020



AS WE GATHER...

In the quiet refuge of this sanctuary, it may be easy to forget that we live in a world that has been marred by sin, by death, and filled with wickedness. Although we confront it every day, this very present evil will not overcome us. God's desire is for us to be saved and delivered by His Son, Jesus, so that we are enabled to love, to live, and to overcome evil with good. In our service today, we receive the same Jesus who once spoke to the wind and waves, "Quiet, be still!" We are reminded that Jesus continues to journey on with us in all the storms we face.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: “Let There Be Peace On Earth” (Rec.11/10/19)

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Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father we are family.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let Peace begin with me, let this be the moment now;

With ev’ry step I take, may this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment with peace eternally;

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Let it begin with me.

OPENING UP TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God.

C: and renew a right spirit within me.

P: Cast me not away from Your presence,

C: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

C: and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Psalm 51:10-12

P: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

Silence for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: we come before You, laying the burden of our sin at the foot of Your cross. We openly acknowledge our failure to follow Your plans for our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in our service to You. We have placed our agenda ahead of Yours. We have been shallow in our love toward those You have placed in our path. We cry out for mercy, trusting in Your promise to forgive us through the love of our Savior Jesus. Amen.

P: God has heard your cry for mercy and fulfills His promise to save and deliver you! Lavishing His grace upon you in Jesus, He enables you to love and forgive as He has first loved and forgiven you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

FOCUSED PRAYER

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the evil of sin and death at the cross for our redemption. Grant to us the goodness of our Savior so that we are not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good; through the same Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

R: O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.
Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.
Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?
Therefore thus says the LORD:
“If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.
They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.
And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL:

Mark 4:35-41

R: On that day, when evening had come, (Jesus) said to (the disciples), "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

MESSAGE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ALL: I have faith in God, in response to overwhelming love. I believe that God created me and all that I have, and has given to me gifts beyond measure. I have faith in Jesus, who emptied Himself out of His love for me. I believe that Christ died on a cross for my sin, conquered death and the power of evil, and was raised to life on the third day. His death is mine, His resurrection is mine, new life is mine because of Jesus' words and work. I believe in the Holy Spirit in response to overwhelming love. I believe that the Holy Spirit is present here among us and lives within each person. The Spirit continues to call people by the Gospel, and creates and builds the church Christ. Through the power of the Spirit I have power to stand in strength and against all adversity. I believe that Jesus is preparing a place for me and will come again to take each of us to be with Him. Amen.

PRAYER

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: For all disciples of Jesus, both here at Peace Lutheran Church and throughout the world, that we not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Bless us, Jesus, as we follow You.

P: For the blessing of all who hunger and thirst, for all who are weary and heavy-laden, and for all who are without house or income, that they seek the restoration the Lord's good hand provides, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Bless us, Jesus, as we follow You.

P: For all who willingly put themselves in the path of evil for the sake of other people's good, including military members, law enforcement officers, and emergency workers, that they be protected by the Lord's mighty hand, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Bless us, Jesus, as we follow You.

P: For all who ail in heart, mind, and body, (especially.....), that they be touched by the healing hand of our Savior and filled with the presence of His comforting Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Bless us, Jesus, as we are healed by You.

P: For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before the throne of grace we find mercy to help us in our time of need, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Bless us, Jesus, as we trust You to hear and answer our prayers. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: Do not be overcome by evil,

C: **but overcome evil with good.**

P: Go forth with the blessing of your good and gracious God:

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG: “For the Beauty of the Earth” **LBW 561**

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For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies;
Christ our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.

For the wonder of each hour, Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flow’r, Sun and moon and stars of light:
Christ our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight,
For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight:
Christ our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above; For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Christ our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.

For yourself, best gift divine To the world so freely giv’n:
Agent of God’s grand design, Peace on earth and joy in heav’n
Christ our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

