

# WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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10th Sunday after Pentecost, Year C

Sunday, August 17, 2025 ~ 10:00 am



## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**..... **ELW p.94**

**OPENING HYMN** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*..... **ELW 634**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## FIRST READING

### Jeremiah 23:23-29

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

## RESPONSIVE PSALM

### Psalm 82

<sup>1</sup>God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

<sup>2</sup>**"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?**

<sup>3</sup>Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

<sup>4</sup>**rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup>**Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

<sup>7</sup>nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'"

<sup>8</sup>**Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

**SECOND READING****Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. <sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented <sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. <sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**MUSICAL MESSAGE** *What Wondrous Love Is This!* arr. By Don Hustad and Tedd Smith  
**Wanda Mengelkoch, piano Jean Hellner, organ**

**GOSPEL READING****Luke 12:49-56**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>"I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** ..... **Pastor Cassie Anderson**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *When Pain of the World Surrounds Us* ..... **ELW 704**

**APOSTLES' CREED** ..... **ELW p.105**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition:

P: Lord in your mercy...

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**OFFERING** *How Can I Keep from Singing?* By Robert Lowry

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## LORDS PRAYER

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSING

**SENDING HYMN** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* ..... **ELW 815**

## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

**Prayer List:** Maxine Kroke, Carol Middlestead, Maddison Williams, Doug & Sally Larsen, Marcella Hagen, Bryan Halvorson (brother of Joyce Snyder), Betty Neumiller (sister-in-law to Pam Neumiller), Arlene Kolrud, Alan Halverson, Bob Hilborn (son of Marian Hilborn), Dick Larsen, Terry Hanson, Steve Larsen (son of Doug & Sally Larsen), Stephanie Haugen (daughter-in-law of Mike & Jan Haugen), Rose Peterson, Renee Nelson

**To add someone or update the prayer list, call the church office.**

## THIS WEEK AT PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sun: (Aug 17) 10:00 am Worship with Communion  
Coffee by Social Ministry

Mon: (Aug 18)

Tue: (Aug 19) 10:00 am - noon Food Shelf

Wed: (Aug 20) 9:00 am Weed & Water  
10:00 am Bible Study  
4:30-6:30 pm Heart-n-Soul Café  
8:00 pm AA

Thu: (Aug 21) 3-5:00 pm Food Shelf  
7:00 pm AA Recovery

Fri: (Aug 22)

Sun: (Aug 24) 10:00 am Sunday Worship  
Serve Boldly Presentation  
Potluck

**RUMMAGE  
SALE**

**FRIDAY, OCT 17 | 3PM - 7PM**

**SATURDAY, OCT 18 | 9AM - 1PM**

**FRIDAY, OCT 24 | 3PM - 7PM**

**SATURDAY, OCT 25 | 9AM - 1PM**

## IN WORSHIP TODAY

Senior Pastor Cassie Anderson

Members & Guests of Peace

Ushers: Wonderful Volunteers

Altar Guild: Joyce Snyder

Organist: Dr. Jean M. Hellner

Pianist: Wanda Mengelkoch

Trumpet: Dakota Draper

Tech Support: Jeremy Thompson

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# BACK TO SCHOOL

## SPONSOR-A-STUDENT

With school just a few weeks away, YWCA is making plans for their Sponsor-A-Student Program which is to help students return to school in style. We took part last year in this program with an overwhelming response from Peace members. This year we would like to provide new outfits for two students calling YWCA home. Included with the outfits would be other necessities of socks, shoes, and under garments. What a great way to bring joy to these children returning to school. Tags and a collection box are set up in the entryway. Monetary donations would also be appreciated and can be dropped off at the church office. Thank you for supporting this mission.

**Help needed at Churches United First Saturday of the month:** Peace is responsible for preparing & serving brunch at Churches United the First Saturday of each month from 8:30-11:30. We need more folks willing to help. Serving for the first time can feel intimidating, because it's new, but all ages & skill levels are welcome, and we will make sure you're prepared! Contact the church office if you're willing to serve. Thank you!

## TOILET PAPER NEEDED

Our Food Shelf tries to give one roll to each family that visits so each package is stretched as far as possible. Your donation is greatly appreciated!



## HEART-N-SOUL MOBILE CAFÉ

Heart-n-Soul Mobile Café will be in our parking lot once a month on Wednesday afternoons. We hope you will come to support this community non-profit. Come to eat and enjoy a good meal (remember, it's pay as you can). There are usually 2-3 healthy choices including dessert. We also need a few folks to step up as volunteers to showcase Peace's welcoming hospitality.

**WHEN: one Wednesday each month 4:30-6:30pm**

**\*Aug 20 \*Sept 24**

**Who can volunteer?** You! We need 2 or more volunteers each session. This is perfect for a parent and teen or responsible pre-teen or maybe two adults. Come before 4 to set up and help to clean up afterwards. Support and welcome the friendly food trailer folks as they set up. We usually set up 2-4 tables and a garbage can outside, depending on the weather. We welcome visitors to our space inside or in the parking lot. We sit and visit with folks. We make a pitcher of icy lemonade and water. We wipe up tables and put away the tables and chairs at the end. We're done by about 7:00. Sign up will be on the entry table.



## WEED & WATER WEDNESDAYS

We gather to care for our beautiful church grounds and to enjoy fellowship. Come at 9:00 or any time it works for you. There's always a weed to pull or a spot that needs attention. If you have any bedding plants (flowers or veggies) we can use them! Please bring gardening tools if you have them. Thanks for your help!

