WELCOME TO PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

1011 12th Ave N ~ Fargo ND 58102-3527 Phone: (701) 232-7166 Web Address: www.fargopeace.org 13th Sunday after Pentecost, Year C Sunday, September 7, 2025 ~ 10:00 am



PRELUDE

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CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS	. ELW	p.94
OPENING HYMN All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly	ELW	461

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵"See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

SECOND READING

Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to our beloved coworker Philemon, 2 to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, 5because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. 6I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. 7I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. 8For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, 9yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. 11Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. 20Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. 21Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

MUSICAL MESSAGE

How Great Thou Art, Tiffany Hobson

Tiana Taylor, mezzo-soprano

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:25-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON	Pastor Cassie Anderson	
HYMN OF THE DAY Will You Come and Follow Me	ELW 798	
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

O God Beyond All Praising, Rodney Abriol

Tiana Taylor, mezzo-soprano

WORDS OF INSTITUTION LORDS PRAYER DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS BLESSING

SENDING HYMN Lift High the Cross..... ELW 660

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), Rose Peterson, Renee Nelson, Mike Nelson, family of Warren Skare **To add someone or update the prayer list, call the church office.**

THIS WEEK AT PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

<u>Sun:</u> (Sept 7)	10:00 am W	orship with Communion
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Coffee by Fellowship Committee

Mon: (Sept 8) 4-8:00 pm NDSU Music Academy

6:00 pm Crossroads meal

Tue: (Sept 9) 10:00 am - noon Food Shelf

11:00 am Lunch Club at Applebee's on 19th Ave

4-8:00 pm NDSU Music Academy

Wed: (Sept 10) 9:00 am Weed & Water

1:00 pm Card Making

4-8:00 pm NDSU Music Academy

8:00 pm AA

Thu: (Sept 11) 12:00 pm Altar Guild meeting

3-5:00 pm Food Shelf

4-8:00 pm NDSU Music Academy

7:00 pm AA Recovery

Fri: (Sept 12) 4-8:00 pm NDSU Music Academy

Sun: (Sept 14) 8:30 am Council Meeting

10:00 am Sunday Worship

3rd Grade Bibles

Coffee by Peace & Justice



IN WORSHIP TODAY

Senior Pastor Cassie Anderson Members & Guests of Peace Ushers: Wonderful Volunteers Altar Guild: Sharyl Smith Organist: Dr. Jean M. Hellner

Voice: Tiana Taylor

Tech Support: Jeremy Thompson

United in Christ:









share our gifts

work for peace and justice

Peace Lutheran Church





Thursday September 11, at noon.

Altar Guild members will meet Thu, Sep. 11, at noon. Potluck lunch, garden level, as we make plans for the church season ahead. Please plan to attend if possible, and new members are always welcome.

RUMMAGE

FRIDAY, OCT 17 | 3PM - 7PM SATURDAY, OCT 18 | 9AM - 1PM FRIDAY, OCT 24 | 3PM - 7PM SATURDAY, OCT 25 | 9AM - 1PM

DONATIONS WELCOMED STARTING OCT I PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE KITCHEN REMODEL

Your help with the rummage sale is greatly appreciated in -

- -unpacking and set-up
- -arranging merchandise
- -pricing
- -selling
- -cleanup

Please watch for the sign-up sheet coming soon.

In addition to our usual Mon-Fri daytime hours, we will have some work prep hours on Wednesday evenings:

-3 to 7 pm-Oct 1, Oct 8, Oct 15