

Peace Lutheran Church
9th Sunday after Pentecost
Thursday, August 7, 2025 + 6:00 PM & Sunday, August 10, 2025 + 8:00 AM

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK - "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."
Luke 12:32

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" ***LSB 816 v. 1-3***

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: O Lord, our God, You have set before us the way of life in Your Son, Jesus Christ, but we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

C: **Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive us our sins.**

L: Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitance to witness for Christ, our reluctance to serve You, and our failure to be faithful in the stewardship of all that You have entrusted to our care.

C: **Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive us our sins.**

L: Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been quick to judge and condemn, and slow to forgive and reconcile, neither loving You above all things nor loving our neighbor as ourselves.

C: **Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive us our sins.**

L: God has indeed had mercy upon you. By sending His one and only Son, Jesus Christ, your sins were taken to the cross, where He died in your place. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Your sins are forgiven!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

- L: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING*Genesis 15:1-6**Pew Bible Pg. 10*

After these things 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.

- L: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING*Hebrews 11:1-16**Pew Bible Pg. 947*

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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

8:00AM

Pastor Dave Karolus

GOSPEL

Luke 12:22-34

Pew Bible Pg. 818

[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.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN

"O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"

LSB 666 v. 1-4

SERMON

"How Much Faith is Enough Faith?"

Pastor Dave Karolus

Luke 12:22-34

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING PRAYER

OFFERING HYMN

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

LSB 781 v. 1-6

COMMISSIONING/INSTALLATION

Julie Oetting, Middle School Teacher

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

LSB 794 v. 1