



**Peace Lutheran Church
Order of Worship**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2020
10:00 am**

Disciples of Peace Serving Today

Officiating	Pastor Al Cassel
Assistant Minister	Peter Atkins
Music	Michael English
Audio Visual Technician	Matt McNutt

+ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Al Cassel

***GATHERING SONG**

Come Now Is the Time to Worship

***PRAYER OF GATHERING**

P: Let us pray. Lord God, we are grateful for the gift of reconciliation made visible through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ Jesus our Lord. Recreated in the promise of baptism, we too have been called to such a ministry for the sake of a broken world. Send now your Holy Spirit that we might be able to put aside past offense and be reconciled to our neighbor near and far. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

THE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:1-21

Peter Atkins

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Therefore, we are always confident and know that if we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So, we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for

all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

So, from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

R: Here ends the lesson.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

C: Here we come, here we stand, broken lives, needful hands; to be washed by your word; may our voices be heard as we sing Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Luke 15:25-32

Pastor Al Cassel

A. The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So’, he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So, his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***MESSAGE**

Pastor Al Cassel

***SONG OF THE DAY**

I Give You My Heart

THE APOSTLES' CREED

A: Please join with me as we make profession of our Easter faith.

C. 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.

***THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A: Gathered, as God's people in Christ Jesus, let us pray for God's creation, those in need, and all the church.

Brief silence for personal prayer.

A: . . . Hear us, O God,

C: **your mercy is great.**

A: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: Let us pray... Come Holy Spirit Come,

C: **Awaken in us a bold spirit this day! We are grateful for the many gifts you have placed in our hearts as well as in our hands. As we have received, we gladly share in a spirit of thanksgiving and praise. May the gifts we offer this day not only bless the world as well as your church, but may we be blessed in the offering. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**

***WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C: **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

***PASTORAL PRAYER**

Pastor Al Cassel

P: **The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.**

C: **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Peter Atkins

P: Spirit of Joy, Spirit of Peace,

C: **Fill our hearts with a renewed sense of your presence. Let us not be timid in our faith, but may we be empowered by your Holy Spirit to be your apostles as you send us out into a broken and fear-filled world. Let the Spirit of Love be revealed in all we do, as we give witness to the promised reign of your kingdom. Alleluia! Amen.**

***THE BLESSING**

P: And now may the Lord bless us and keep us. May the Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. And may the Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen!**

***SENDING SONG**

Send Us Out

***SENDING**

Peter Atkins

A: Go in peace as people of peace.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

***SENDING MUSIC**

Send Us Out