



**Peace Lutheran Church
Order of Worship**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2020
10:00 am**

Disciples of Peace Serving Today

Officiating	Pastor Al Cassel
Assistant Minister	Dan Weichart
Music	Michael English
Audio Visual Technician	Matt McNutt

+ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Al Cassel

***GATHERING SONG**

10,000 Reasons

***PRAYER OF GATHERING**

P: Let us pray. God of the covenant, as you promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars, you have also promised us that we might live under those stars as your people, faithful and loved. Show us how to live as your people, and how to nurture all your children with whom we share the same canopy of sky night after night. Amen.

C: **Amen.**

THE LESSON

Genesis 15:1-6

Dan Weichart

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.
I am your shield,
your very great reward.”

But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so, a servant in my household will be my heir.”

Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

R: Here ends the lesson.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ancient Words

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 3:8

Pastor Al Cassel

A: Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***MESSAGE**

Pastor Al Cassel

***SONG OF THE DAY**

Above All

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. Gracious God,

C: We give you thanks for you clothe us in your holiness and sustain us by your spirit. Your generosity is boundless! As we offer you our praise, receive these gifts as our act of worship, trusting in the redeeming work of your church around the world. 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.**

***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.**

***COMMUNION**

Bring Me Back to the Blood Medley

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Dan Weichart

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**

Shout to the North

***SENDING**

Dan Weichart

A: Go in peace as people of peace.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

***SENDING MUSIC**

Shout to the North