

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth

God Calls David

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE Discipleship Medley Paul Tate

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+GREETING

ONE: Please rise.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

MANY: And also with you.

+CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ONE: When we are honest with ourselves we know our lives contain elements of messiness, brokenness, suffering, and confusion. There are specific events where we have been hurt and where we have hurt others, by actions we have done and left undone. We feel guilt and shame. There are times when we don't feel called and there are times when we don't feel equipped for our callings in family, community, congregation, work, and school.

Let us pause to open our hearts and lay our messy stories before God.

Silence for reflection...

ONE: We are not climbing a spiritual ladder. We don't continually improve until we are so spiritual we no longer need God. We die in our sin and are made new. The movement in our relationship to God is always from God to us. God is always coming nearer to us. God loves you, cares for you, and is always with you. We are claimed by God's grace alone and called to lives of service for the well-being of our neighbor and the world God loves.

MANY: AMEN!



see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: Let us pray. God of strength,

In David you chose a king with a big heart.

MANY: Create clean and willing hearts in us, and choose us to do your work. AMEN

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

PSALM 139

The cantor sings the refrain first; the congregation echos, then sings after each psalm verse.

ONE: Refrain:



Lord, you have searched me; you know me through and through.

MANY: Refrain

ONE: You know when I rise up; you know when I rest; you read my thoughts from far away. You watch over each step; you know when I sleep; you are acquainted with all my ways. *Refrain*

ONE: Even before a word is on my lips, you know what is in my heart. You are before me and behind me, and all around me; you lay your hand upon me. *Refrain*

ONE: Every part of me, O Lord, you created; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I will praise you for the wonder of my being, for the wonder of all you have made. *Refrain*

ONE: Lord, you know me through and through; you saw me before I was born; my days were recorded in your book even before my days were to come. *Refrain*

ONE: How dear to me are your thoughts, O God; I could never count them. I could not count them any more than I could count the sand, and if I could, you would still be with me. *Refrain*

1 Samuel 15:34-35, 16:1-13

SCRIPTURE

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. ³⁵ Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." ⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

ONE: Word of God, Word of Life. **MANY: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Rev. Wayne Peterson



+APOSTLES' CREED

ONE: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the Triune God.

MANY: I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day Jesus rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

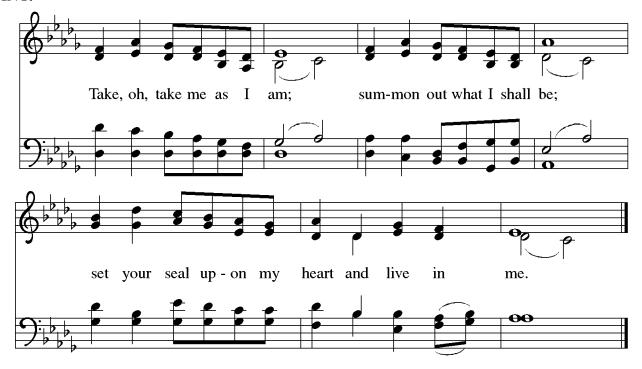
the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. AMEN

ONE: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

MANY:



ONE: Graceful God, you move toward the entire human family in love. Empower us to move beyond bias and prejudice to love like Jesus. Where there is racism and conflict, bring reconciliation and joy. Lord, we ask you,

MANY: (sung, as above)

ONE: Just God, we come to you, asking for leadership and guidance. Bless leaders around the world and in our nation that their actions would echo Jesus' mission, "to bring good news to the poor." Send us out to be the hands and feet of your gospel. Make us instruments of your peace and justice as we live out our faith in our daily lives. Lord, we ask you,

MANY: (sung, as above)

ONE: God of all times and places, our world knows pain and suffering. Extend your loving hand upon all who seek relief in mind, body, and spirit. Aloud and in the silence of our hearts, we name those people and places in need of your care... Bob Tauring, the people of Afghanistan and Haiti, those recovering from natural disasters

ONE: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, so that all people might walk in newness of life through Jesus Christ.

MANY: AMEN

+SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you always.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Lord, Create in Me a Cleaner Heart

Psalm 51,

music by Heinrich Schutz,

arr. Don McAfee

Lord, create in me a cleaner heart, and grant within a spirit restored and new.

Lord, cast me not out of thy holy sight, and take not Thy holy spirit from me.

Lord, now restore Thy salvation to me, and my heart will rejoice in Thee once more.

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

ONE: Let us pray. Saving Lord, help us remember that life is a gift! Everything we are, everything we can see, smell, taste, touch, and hear is given to us by a God who loves us.

MANY: Accept these offerings we bring before you. Teach us to be good stewards of the blessings in our lives, serving and honoring our neighbors. Let our work and our play be acceptable in your sight. In your name we pray. AMEN

+PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Together in love, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

MANY: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever, AMEN

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

+BENEDICTION

ONE: Let us pray together the Prayer of Good Courage.

MANY: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN



+DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in Peace, serve the Lord. **MANY: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

All Glory Be to God on High

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

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WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2021

TODAY

9AM Worship

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

ALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 9 at 6:30 pm. All are invited, you do not need to be a member of a committee to attend.

PEACEFUL NIGHTS

Peaceful Nights will resume this week with programming and dinner. The dinner menu for October 27th will be chili and chicken noodle soup.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

It's time again to remember our loved ones who have gone on before us. All Saints Sunday is November 7, and we will commemorate the lives of our congregation members who have died in the last year.

If you wish to have the names of your loved ones read in worship, please fill out the insert in today's bulletin or email the names to peace@peaceofplymouth.org by October 31st.

Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return

SAVE THE DATE: CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REVEAL!

Wednesday, October 27, 6:00 pm

'Tis the season once again! As in years past, Peace is planning a CROSS+Generational Christmas Pageant for Sunday, December 12, 9:00 am. All are welcome to participate - ALL unique gifts and talents are needed for this special event, not just actors and musicians!

On Wednesday, October 27, come for Peaceful Nights dinner and stay for LutheranLIVE! Stefanie Fiser Kleven will share her faith and vocation and REVEAL THE 2021 PAGEANT!! Don't miss it!

UPCOMING EVENT: REFORMATION SUNDAY!

Join us as we remember the Lutheran Reformation on Sunday, October 31. Bring your Bible to have it blessed in worship, and stay afterwards for fellowship and further learning about Martin Luther! *Remember to WEAR RED for Reformation!*

Lutheran Live!

Confirmation students are creating a weekly talk show skit called Lutheran LIVE! This week's guest is Stef Fiser Kleven, Peace Lutheran's Minister of Music.

Come and listen as they all talk together about Lutheranism and living out your faith in daily life.

Come for dinner at 5:30 pm and stay for the talk show at 6:00 pm!

IOCP HOLIDAY GIFT CARD PROGRAM

This year IOCP will be accepting donations for the holiday season using gift cards. This program is unique because it honors faith traditions most practiced by program participants. To be matched up with a family, donate by the end of October. General financial donations to the program are accepted as well. More details can be found at www.iocp.org/donations

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

6:45 pm-7:30 pm

Join in a lively discussion about the coming Sunday's Biblical text, led by Lisa Lukis. We will also have an opportunity to share reflections from the previous week, discuss themes from the sermon, and pray

VOCATION BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Oct. 24 for 5 weeks there will be a small group Bible study during the Vocation series. We will be using the book, Your Story, My Story, God's Story. Each week you will reflect on different parts of your story from a new perspective. Just as significant as telling your own story is listening to others' stories in your Peace family. "Together In Love" will be lived out as relationships are formed and deepened through the power The book will be available on-line or as a hard copy (\$5). Small groups will meet in-person after Sunday worship and on Wednesday nights after dinner. An additional Zoom meeting will be held during the week. To join a small group, please go to www.peaceofplymouth.org and sign up.