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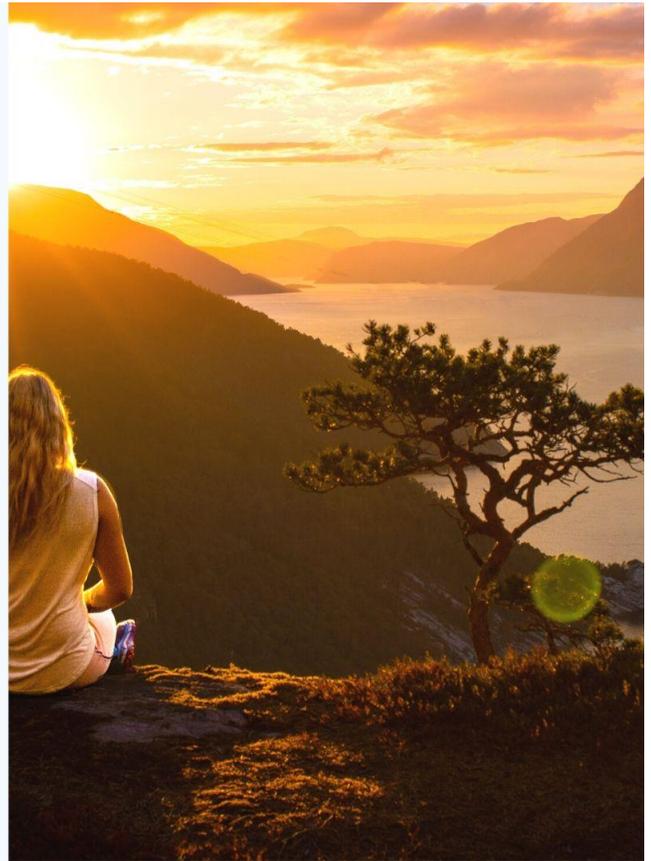
Evangelical Lutheran Church

Good morning and thank you for joining us!

YOU WILL BE

MY WITNESSES

To The Ends Of The Earth.



Online Streaming Worship - 9:00 a.m.

The Seventh Sunday After Easter - May 24, 2020

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

WELCOME

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Reflecting God's light through love and service. For Lutherans, worship stands at the center of our life of faith. Through God's word, water, bread and prayer we are nurtured in faith and sent out into the world.

ABOUT US

Peace Lutheran Church, formerly First English Lutheran Church, has proclaimed the gospel and loved South Haven since 1901. We are a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the North/West Lower Michigan Synod.

JOIN US NEXT WEEK FOR

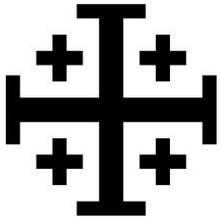
Our First Ever

Drive-In Worship Service

Remember the days of drive-in movie theaters? The fresh air, popcorn, drinks, and friends who went with you? Well, it's not quite a drive-in movie, but Peace is gearing up to offer drive-in worship at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 31st in the Church parking lot.

This will be your opportunity to see each other through your cars, but also to receive Holy Communion. We will invite you to enter the parking lot and drive under the canopy by the front doors to receive the bread and grape juice for Holy Communion and then to proceed to the parking lot where a Church Council Member will assist you in parking your car. We ask that you remain in your vehicle for the service. If you step outside and are around your vehicle, please wear a mask.

The service will be broadcast over an FM radio station through your car radio. **We are really looking forward to offering this and hope you will wear RED to help us celebrate Pentecost!**



Gathering: *God the Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

What's that cross?
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Worship Guide: *The assembly stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Bulletin Symbols:
P: *Pastor*
A: *Lay Assistant*
L: *Lector/Reader*
C: **Congregation**

(Items in italics are instructions)

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

*We continue to see the resurrected Jesus all over our world.
The liturgy and hymns are in the bulletin and cranberry pew hymnal (ELW).*

GATHERING

Prelude: “Voluntary V: Adagio”

John Stanley

Spoken Call To Worship

(Pastor Travis will offer a spoken Call To Worship)

Welcome and Announcements

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

(If you have some water at home, put some in a bowl and have it with you as you engage in worship. Make the sign of the cross (+) on your forehead and remember your baptism)

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism ... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: “I Love to Tell the Story”

(Please find music on the next page)

Gathering Hymn:

*Please stand and face
the cross at the door
of the sanctuary.*

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

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of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Apostolic Greeting:
During this time, the minister and the assembly greet each other.

Prayer of the Day:
 Formerly known as “the Collect”, the invitation “let us pray” was followed by a lengthy silence that allowed the congregation time to pray individually before the Pastor would “collect” the prayers into a single prayer with a theme that related to the scripture for the day

Word: *God speaks to us through scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

Our congregation follows a 3-year

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

P: The grace of our Lord ... be with you now and always!

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

L: A reading from Acts.

When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

What's Going On:

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit

⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

What's Going On:

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

Gospel: John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Worship Guide:

The congregation is seated after the reading.

P: The gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Reflection**Reflection****Hymn of the Day: “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”**

(Please find music on the next page)

Reflection/Sermon:

In Luther’s understanding, the sermon is the third expression of God’s Word—after Jesus Christ and the Bible. The sermon often draws from the readings that were shared and applies them to the life of the congregation.

Hymn of the Day:

We respond and proclaim the gospel ourselves through song.

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1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

The Nicene Creed:

A creed is a statement about what we believe, and when we use the Creed in worship we are making public confession of our faith. The Nicene Creed is used during festival seasons for a fuller picture of the Trinity (God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).

Prayers of the People:

We call this prayer form intercession. Intercessory prayer primarily addresses the needs of others. We pray for the church, the world, and for our community. These prayers change every week, though some petitions remain as long as the need exists.

Lord's Prayer: The prayer Jesus taught us in Matthew 6:9-13.

The Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Each of our petitions will end with the words, "God of resurrection," and you are asked to respond:

C: send us to bring hope.

The prayers conclude:

P: Almighty God ... our Lord who taught us boldly to pray:
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.

Sending: *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Benediction or Blessing:

The benediction is a declaration of God's love addressed to each person in the congregation at the end of the worship service. Benedictions can be found throughout scripture. One that is very familiar to us (The Lord bless you and keep you...) is known as the Aaronic Benediction and can be found in Numbers 6:24-26

Sending Hymn:

Either in body or spirit, we rise to follow the light of Christ out into the world singing as we go.

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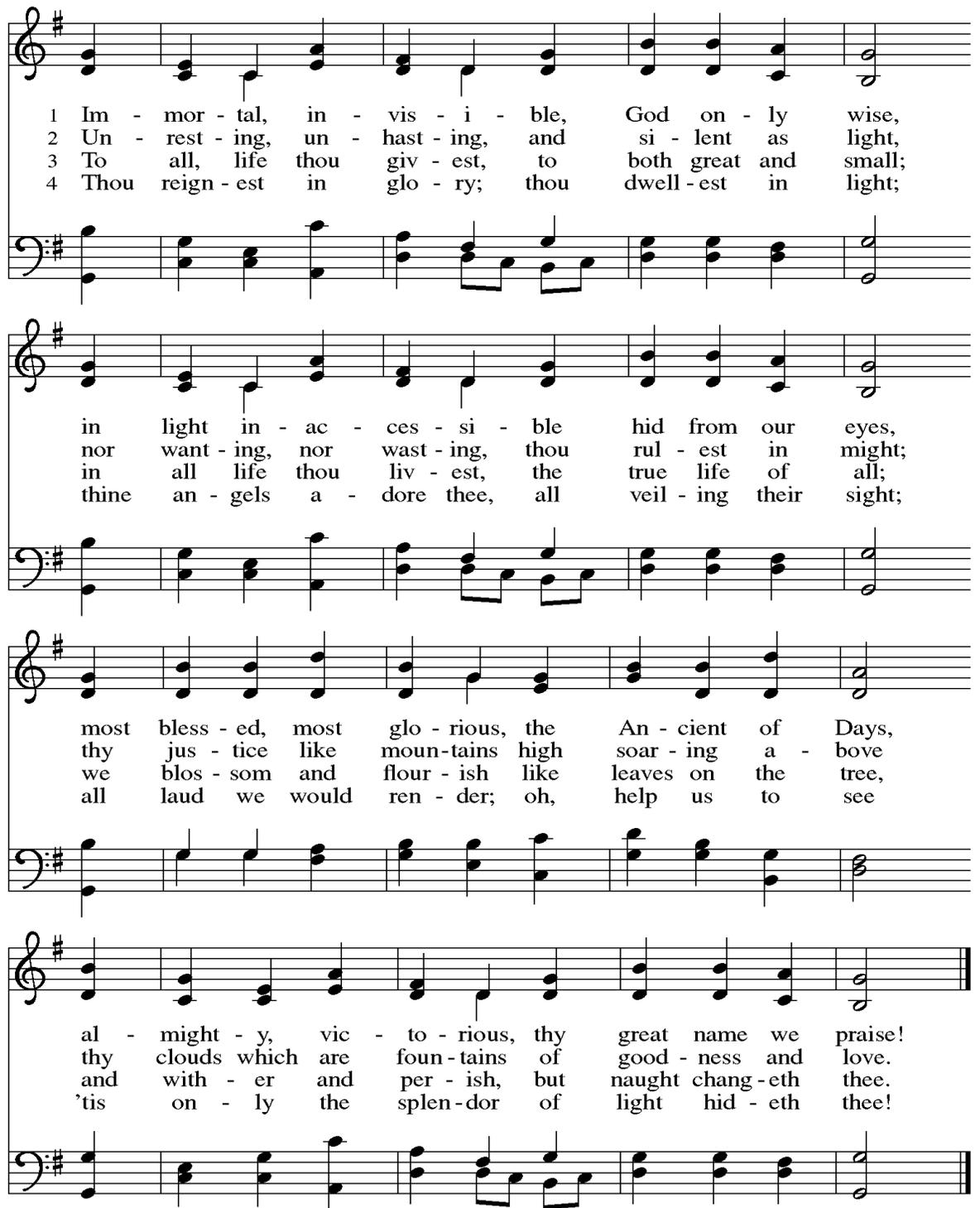
Sending

Benediction

P: May the grace ... in hope for the living of these days.

C: Amen!

Sending Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The Dismissal:

This can vary from congregation to congregation. Here at Peace, we use our Mission Statement to remind ourselves why God has called us together—to reflect God’s light through love and service!

Sending Litany

P: Day by day, God will lead us:

C: to those pools of peace where we can care for our friends and strangers even from a safe distance.

P: Day by day, Jesus will call us:

C: to give ourselves in service, to anoint others with hope, to stay in the safe places for the good of all of God's people.

P: Day by day, the Spirit shows us:

C: the people we might be, the community we might become when once again we can gather.

P: Go in peace, reflect God’s light through love and service.

Video Postlude: “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

Music offered by Austin McWilliams

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Assisting in Worship:

Pastor: The Rev. Travis Wilson

Assisting Ministers: Deb Berkey and Kristen Wilson

Acolyte: Lorelai Wilson

Church Musicians: Austin McWilliams and Lee Haslick

This Week at Peace:

Sunday, May 24, 2020

+ Easter 7 +

Happy Memorial Day Weekend

9:00 a.m. Streaming Worship

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

9:00 a.m. Streaming Bible Study

Thursday, May 28, 2020

7:00 p.m. Streaming Midweek Thursday Reflection

Sunday, May 31, 2020

+ The Feast of Pentecost +

9:00 a.m. Drive-In and Streaming Worship

Readings for Sunday, May 31, 2020

Acts 2:1-21

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 20:19-23

Church Announcements:

We financially support Missionary Pastor Stephen Deal
and Seminarian Paula Dusslejee.

The following partners in ministry are supporting our
Seminarian and Missionaries:

Seminarian– the week of May 24 – Kathy Decker Burrous

Missionary – the week of May 24 – Kathy Decker Burrous

Pastor Deal began serving as an ELCA missionary in 1992 when he worked with the Iglesia Luterana Augustina de Guatemala. He was ordained as a deacon pastor by that church in 1997 while serving marginal communities on the edge of Guatemala City. He began serving as a Regional Representative in Central America in 2002.

Please be aware that the entire church building is closed and is currently being cleaned and sanitized. We realize that you may have keys to the building, but unless you have express authorization from Church Council to be in the building, please stay out and home.

In Our Prayers

(Names will remain on the Prayer List for three months unless notified of a change by family)

For the sick, for those awaiting treatment, for the hospitalized and for those recuperating: Jackie, Jan Ames, Beacon House Residents, Diane Babour, Nolan Beasley, Breanna Beichke, Arlene Broome & her parents Duane & Bert Dewey, Joyce Brubaker, Ann Canzler, Mike Dykstra, John Filbrandt, Tom Fouts, Candy Gryga, **Betty Gulley**, Jessica Hannie, Lee Haslick, Reid Harness, **Arlene Hill**, Jamie, Scott Jirgens, Barb Johnson, JoAnn Johnson, Dan Karaus, Dorothy Karaus, Andrew Kauffman, Tom Leva, Mary Lorren, Marian, Mike Mackson, Virginia Martin, Jamie Mentink, Michaela Miller, Carolyn Moore, Jackie Oxiong and family, Carolyn Peters, Alan Quinn, Jack Richardson, Matthew Savage, Scott Schriener, Sheila Sila, Rob Spencer, Violet Spencer, Donna Sutter, Kathryn Teske, Joseph and Jenny Usry, Jody ThivRidge, Naida Vandentak, Hazel Vassar, Rob Vassar, Paul Wauchek, Paul Wise, Clara Wildt, Peggy Winans.

For those mourning the loss of loved ones: The Curtis Family, Friends and family of Ronnee Harrell, Irene Wiacek, Bertha Dewey, Phil Beckwith, Ron McEnaney, Ione Rahrig, Dorothy Beagle, Velma Schnooberger, Dick Weber, Frank Clausen, Connie Johnson, Bill McFadden, Frank Eldred, Julius Rainey, Tom Henry, Jerry Ridner, Avis (Wallace) Spencer, Steve Henderson, Marilyn Wallace, Brenda Main, Cecil Hunt.

For our partners in ministry: Our Missionary Pastor Stephen Deal and Marta Girón, our Seminarian Paula Dusslejee, and for the North/West Lower Michigan Synod Staff and Bishop Craig A. Satterlee; for Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton.

For those who are homebound: Helen Sharp, Dan Sloyer, Violet Spencer, Kathryn Teske.

For our community and our partners in ministry: WE CARE and the Diversity Coalition 2.0 in the South Haven area; for those who know anxiety or depression; for the lonely and the despairing; and for all who face life's difficulties without a community of loving support.

For those serving in the military: Guide those men and women of our armed forces both at home and abroad, that they may sense your abiding presence wherever they are. Grant them honorable service and a safe return: Patrick Sloyer, Submariner, Airborne Ranger Abraham Fernandez (Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia), Matthias Moore (serving in the U.S.), Private Ryan Rice (Fort Hood, Texas), Sgt. Amy Ramiez, (Fort Bragg, NC) Sgt. Sean Ramiez (Special Ops, Green Beret at Fort Bragg, NC), Staff Sgt. Matthew Kiser (Fort Campbell, Kentucky) ... as well as all the loved ones who await their return.

Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church Leadership Team

President: Deb Berkey Vice President: Mark Savage
Secretary: Brenda Shelton Treasurer: Karen Willming
Financial Secretary: Megan Savage

Council Members by Goal:

Resource Management – Executive Committee
Outreach – Jay Hanson and Brenda Shelton
Fellowship – Jeannie Gerling, Gwen Hills, John Kener
Worship – Judy Chapman and Greg Scholl
Faith Formation – Deb Berkey and Mark Savage

Other Church Staff

Pastor Emeritus:	The Rev. Raymond W. Bartels
Parish Administrator:	
Sexton:	Scott Mark
Parish Nurse:	Linda Harness
Lay Ministry Coordinator:	Debra Berkey
KIDS HOPE Coordinator:	Susie Yule
Wedding Coordinator:	Dayla McMullen

Jesus' Prayer

Decades beyond her early childhood, from time to time she repeats the bedtime prayer she has never forgotten: “Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. Guard me, Jesus, through the night, and wake me with the morning light.” What then follows is the threading of names, precious like pearls, on a string. “God bless . . . ,” she begins, then lists mom, dad, grandmas, grandpas, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, all by name. Then teachers she liked, friends nearby and hungry children afar, the sick neighbor, the old man in the library, the blind lady at the post office, the lifeguard at the beach. Sometimes there is an “Amen,” but often sleep comes first.

Jesus washes the feet of his disciples, shares a farewell meal with them, and teaches for the last time about his way of love. He promises again the presence of the Spirit and the coming of God’s peace. Then, at the end of the day, he prays that God will be with his followers—and he prays for each of us. Jesus prays for his disciples, that they might know the love of God just as much as they know the real person of Jesus.

Jesus’ prayer is also a prayer for unity. Jesus prays that we may be one just as he and God are one. Jesus prays, “All mine are yours, and yours are mine” (John 17:10). Following Jesus’ example, we also may pray for the unity of all people with God, and the reconciling of peoples and all creation. We pray that what the world rejects God will receive. We pray that what the world divides God will make one. We pray that what the world threatens God will protect.