

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The New Testament

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

10 Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. 11 For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. 12 What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." 13 Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. 16 I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. 17 For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. 18 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

1 Jesus said, "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' 9 When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. 10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. 11 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' 13 But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

The New Testament Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

The Gospel Reading

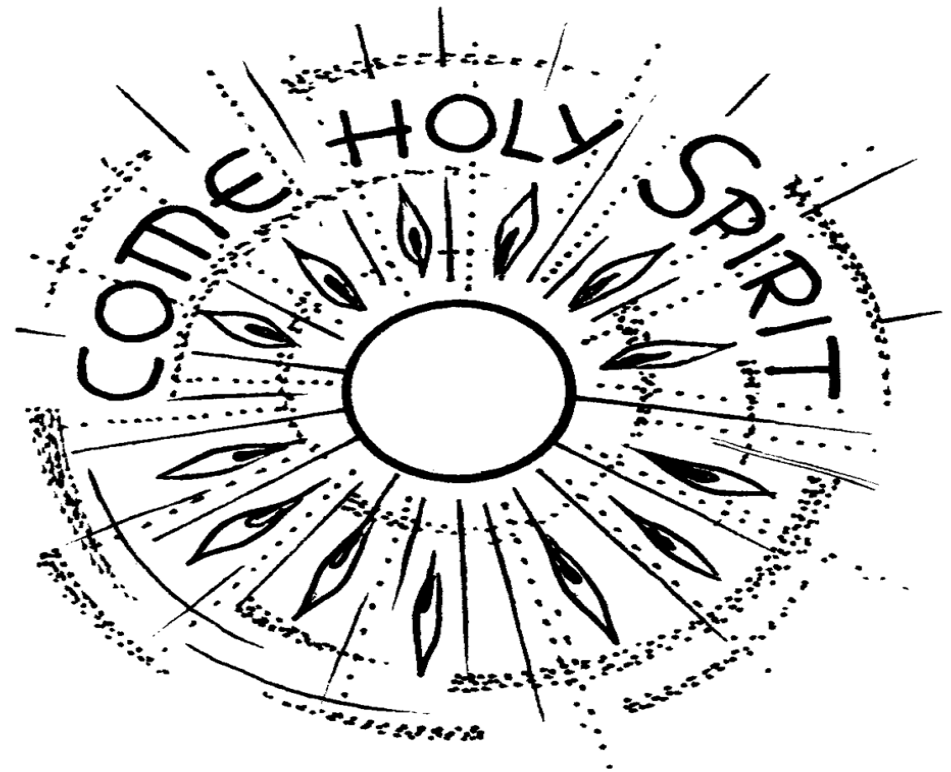
Matthew 21:23-32

Peace Lutheran Church

Living in the Spirit: The Workers in the Vineyard

September 20, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



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Matthew 20:1

Peace Lutheran Church

The Church that Welcomes and Serves

2106 South Cushman Ave, Tacoma, WA 98405, www.peacelutherantacoma.org
(253) 383-1317 Church Office, (253) 383-0702 Peace Community Center

+ **Welcome to worship at Peace!** We worship at 8:30 & 11 am and live stream 11 am on our Facebook page. Please see the Peace Lutheran Church website, Facebook page (Peace Lutheran Tacoma), or YouTube channel for worship videos.

+ **Children and worship:** We offer a Children's Worship Time during 11 am worship. Pew Pal activity bags are hanging near the sanctuary entrance for children to use in worship. Childcare (Nursery) is provided in the basement for children 4 and under. A cry room is just outside the worship space—parents, please be present with your children.

+ **Holy Communion** is open to all who desire God's gifts of grace and love.

+ If you desire **Baptism**, please talk with Pastor John.

THE GATHERING

Welcome

Opening Songs "What a Mighty God We Serve" Burgundy Book Hymn 295

Text/music: traditional *

"I Love You, Lord Today!" Text: William Hubbard Edwin Hawkin, 1985 *

I love you, I love you, I love you Lord today,
Because you care for me in such a special way,
I praise you, I lift you up and I magnify your name,
That's why my heart is filled with praise.
My heart, my mind, my soul belongs to you,
You paid the price for me, way back on Calvary,
I praise you, I lift you up and I magnify your name,
That's why my heart is filled with praise.

"Lord, I Love You" Todd Delaney, The Journey 2003 *

Lord, I love you (Lord, I love you) (3x) forever (forever), forever (forever)

Lord, I trust You... Lord, I need you... Lord, I'll serve you...

Sharing God's Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **People:** And also with you.

Prayer

THE WORD

(See back of bulletin for readings)

The New Testament 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

The Gospel Song "We Praise Thee O God" Burgundy Book Hymn 100

Text: William P. McKay; 1837-1885; Music: REVIVE US AGAIN, John H. Husband, 1760-1825 *

We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love,
For Jesus who died and is now gone above.
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Hallelujah! Amen.
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, revive us again.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

The Gospel Song "We Praise Thee O God"

11 am Children's Worship Time *(Children are invited to the basement classroom.)*

Sermon

Bishop Keith Marshall

Song of the Day "Amazing Grace"

Red Book Hymn 779

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5/Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835:arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851-1921, alt. *

Sharing About Life and Ministry, Celebrations and Concerns of the Community

The Prayers of the People of God *(After each petition, "God, hear our prayer.")*

Prayer Response: "I Need You Lord"

Jonathan Butler © 2006 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Songs; Admin. Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc. *

I need you Lord, I need you Lord right now. (2x)

I lift my hands and bow my knees and worship at your throne,

I need you Lord, I need you Lord right now.

THE MEAL

The Words of Institution / The Lord's Prayer Burgundy Book pg. 39

The Meal Is Shared

(All who desire God's gifts of grace and love are invited to share Holy Communion. We offer red wine; white grape juice, and a gluten-free cracker option. Individual prayer for comfort, strength, and encouragement is offered in the prayer corner during Communion and following the worship service.)

Communion Song "Lord Prepare Me"

John W. Thompson, Randy Scrugg-1982 Full Armor Publishing Company (Admin. by Peermusic III, Ltd.); Whole Armor Publishing Company (Admin. by Peermusic III, Ltd.)*

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true,

With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you. (2x)

Lead me (lead me) where you want me to be (where you want me to be)

Guide me (guide me) where you want me to be (where you want me to be)

Move me (move me) where you want me to go (where you want me to go)

Yes (yes), yes to your will (yes to your will)

Yes (yes), yes, I'll obey (yes, I'll obey)

The Communion Blessing

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song "I've Got the Victory"

Paul Ferrun-1999 The Lorenz Corporation (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.) *

I've got the victory, Hallelujah! (4x)

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess he is Lord. (2x)

The Dismissal **Leader:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **People:** Thanks be to God!

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