

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The New Testament

3:10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. 4:1 But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. 2 He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. 3 And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' 4 And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' 5 Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. 6 The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' 9 But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' 10 Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

20 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 the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; 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 the usual daily wage. 10 Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 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 the usual daily wage? 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

The Gospel Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

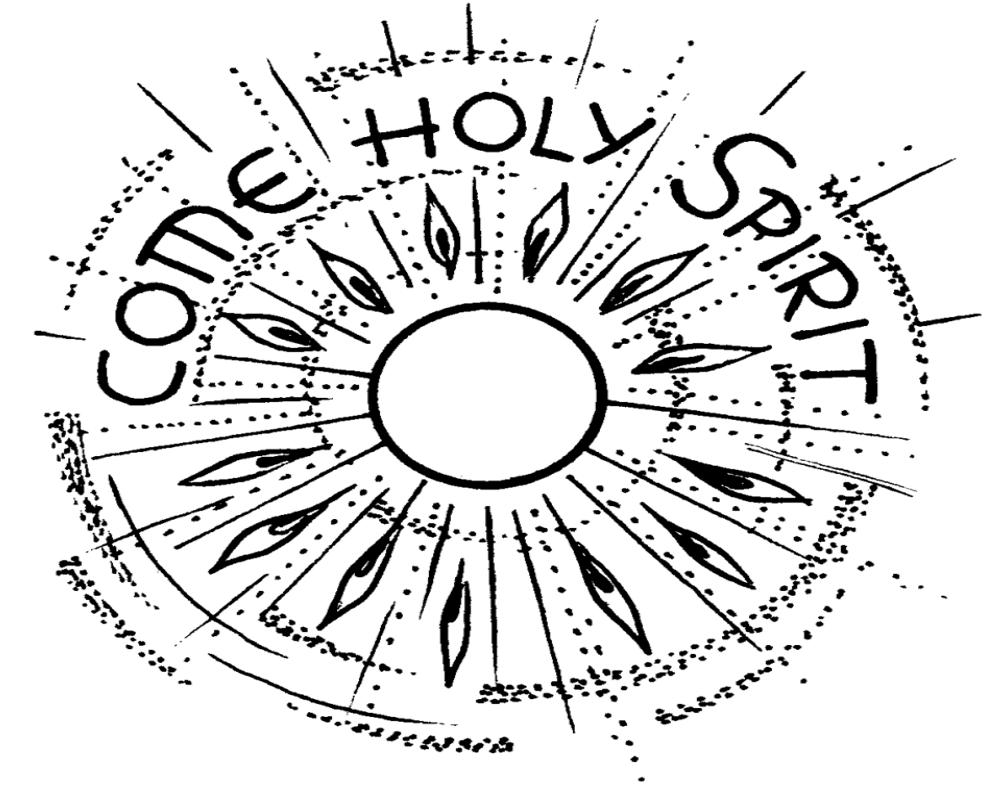
Matthew 21:23-32

Peace Lutheran Church

Living in the Spirit: Jonah and God's Mercy

September 24, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost



When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Jonah 3:10

Peace Lutheran Church

The Church that Welcomes and Serves

2106 South Cushman Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98405, www.peacelutherantacoma.org

(253) 383-1317 Church Office, (253) 383-0702 Peace Community Center

Welcome to worship at Peace! Please see the Peace Lutheran Church website www.peacelutherantacoma.org or Facebook page (Facebook Peace Lutheran Tacoma) or YouTube channel (contact church office for link) for online worship videos.

+ **We worship in person at 8:30 & 11 am and live stream 11 am on our Facebook page.**
+ **Children and worship:** We offer a Children's Worship Time during 11 am worship. Pew Pal activity bags are hanging near the 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. Please bring your own toys.

+ **Holy Communion** is open to all who desire God's gifts of grace and love. Bread and wine/grape juice are distributed at the time of Communion, or pick up prepackaged Communion elements at the Welcome Table, or, if you are worshiping remotely, prepare bread and wine/grape juice for yourself. A gluten-free option is available.

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

+ **Decisions about when a child should receive Communion** belong to the family.

Communion preparation materials are available for parents to provide instruction at home, and Pastor John is happy to help families with this.

+ **Transportation:** Need a ride to worship? Call the church 253-383-1317, press 120, and wait to leave a message on the van line.

+ **If you would like to make an offering** to the ministry of Peace Lutheran Church, please give in person Sundays in the Offering Box, or send your financial contribution to Peace Lutheran Church (address above), donate through the Giving link on the church website, or call the church office 253-383-1317 to set up electronic giving.

+ **If you have questions or concerns or prayer requests or a desire for pastoral care** please contact Pastor John (pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org, 253-383-1317 ext. 101).

THE GATHERING

Welcome

Opening Songs

"In the Name of Jesus"

Text and music: traditional; arr. James M. Capers, b. 1948 Arr. © 1999 Augsburg Fortress *

"Come and Go with Me to My Father's House"

Text and music: traditional; arr. Charles High, Arr. ©1978 Word of God Music, admin The Copyright Company *

"I Need You To Survive" Hezekiah Walker and The Love Fellowship Choir, Family Affair II: 2002 Live at Radio City Music Hall *

I need you, you need me. We're all a part of God's body.

Stand with me, agree with me. We're all a part of God's body.

It is his will that every need be supplied.

You are important to me. I need you to survive. (2x)

I'll pray for you, you pray for me. I love you, I need you to survive.

I won't harm you with words from my mouth. I love you, I need you to survive. (2x)

It is his will that every need be supplied.

You are important to me, I need you to survive. (2x)

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)

Jonah 3:10-4:11

The Old Testament

Gospel Song "Amen" Music: Michael Hassell, b. 1952 Music: © 1995 Augsburg Fortress * **Burgundy Book Hymn 31**
Amen, amen, amen.

Matthew 20:1-16

The Gospel

Gospel Song "Amen"

11 am Children's Worship Time *(Children are invited to the multipurpose room.)*

Sermon

Kit Thompson

Song of the Day "Amazing Grace"

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. *

Red Book Hymn 779

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

The Prayers of the People of God

Prayer Response: "I Don't Mind Waiting" Juanita Bynum A Piece of My Passion © 2006 Flow Records *
I don't mind waiting, (3x) on the Lord.

11 am Music Selection

Gospel Choir

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 in the meal of Holy Communion. The red glasses are wine; the white glasses are grape juice. Individual prayer for comfort, strength, and encouragement is offered in the prayer corner during Communion and following the worship service.)

Communion Music

"Agnus Dei" Michael W. Smith © 1990 Sony/ATV Milene Music (Admin. by Sony/ATV Music Publishing) *

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, for the Lord God Almighty reigns. (2x)

Holy, holy, are you, Lord God Almighty,

Worthy is the lamb, worthy is the lamb. You are holy. (repeat). Amen.

The Communion Blessing

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song "Smile" Kirk Franklin, 2011 Hello Fear *

I smile, even though I hurt, see I smile, even though I've been here for a while, I smile.

I smile, it's so hard to look up when you been down,

Sure would hate to see you give up now, you look so much better when you smile.

Oh, oh, oh, you look so much better when you,

Oh, oh, oh, you look so much better when you smile.

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

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