

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Old Testament

Exodus 4:1-17

1 Then Moses answered, 'But suppose they do not believe me or listen to me, but say, "The Lord did not appear to you."' 2 The Lord said to him, 'What is that in your hand?' He said, 'A staff.' 3 And he said, 'Throw it on the ground.' So he threw the staff on the ground, and it became a snake; and Moses drew back from it. 4 Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Reach out your hand, and seize it by the tail'—so he reached out his hand and grasped it, and it became a staff in his hand— 5 'so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.' 6 Again, the Lord said to him, 'Put your hand inside your cloak.' He put his hand into his cloak; and when he took it out, his hand was leprous, as white as snow. 7 Then God said, 'Put your hand back into your cloak'—so he put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored like the rest of his body— 8 'If they will not believe you or heed the first sign, they may believe the second sign. 9 If they will not believe even these two signs or heed you, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground; and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground.' 10 But Moses said to the Lord, 'O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.' 11 Then the Lord said to him, 'Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? 12 Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak.' 13 But he said, 'O my Lord, please send someone else.' 14 Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses and he said, 'What of your brother Aaron the Levite? I know that he can speak fluently; even now he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you his heart will be glad. 15 You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth; and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and will teach you what you shall do. 16 He indeed shall speak for you to the people; he shall serve as a mouth for you, and you shall serve as God for him. 17 Take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs.'

The Gospel

Matthew 5:16

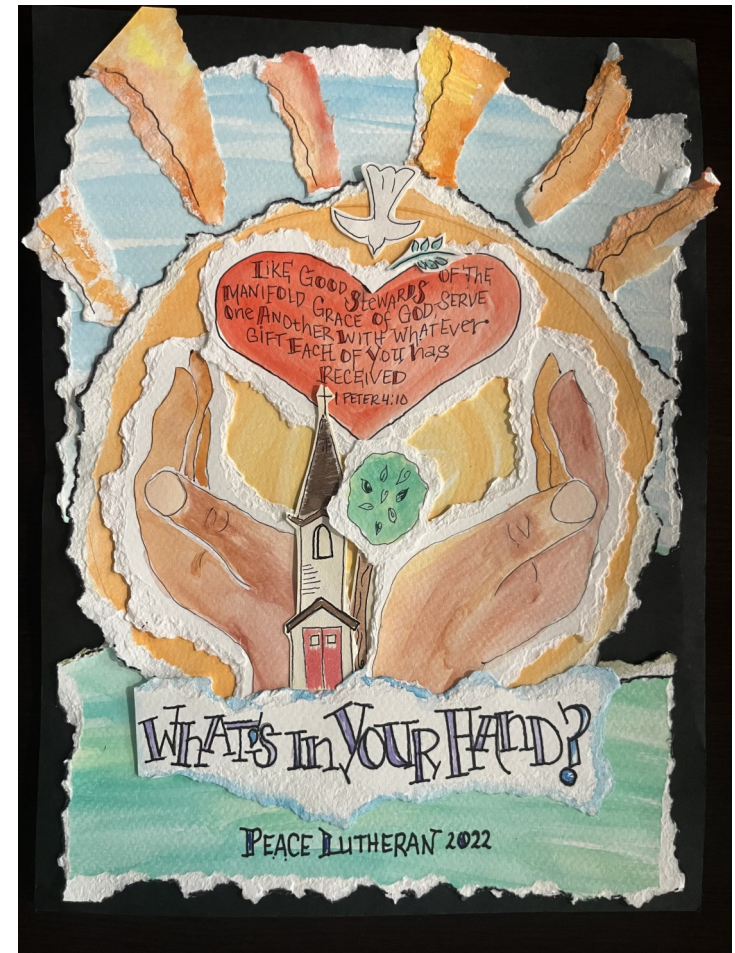
16 Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Peace Lutheran Church

Living in the Spirit:
What's in Your Hand?

September 25, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Lord said to Moses, "What is that in your hand?"

Exodus 4:2

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Old Testament

2 Kings 4:1-7

The New Testament

2 Corinthians 12:9; 2 Corinthians 4:7

Peace Lutheran Church

The Church that Welcomes and Serves

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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 coloring sheets are at the Welcome Table for children to use in worship. Please bring your own crayons. 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, press * dial 120, 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

Opening Songs "What a Mighty God We Serve"

Burgundy Book Hymn 295

Text and music: traditional *

What a mighty God we serve! What a mighty God we serve!

Angels bow before Him. Heaven and earth adore Him. What a mighty God we serve!

"All The Way" Dewitt Jones, Kim Jones, 2000 Four Jones Publishing (Admin. by Music Services, Inc.) *

All the way, I'm going all the way (3x) I'm going all the way with the Lord.

I've made my decision, I'm going all the way (3x) I'm going all the way with the Lord.

No turning back, I'm going all the way (3x) Yes, I'm going all the way with the Lord.

"Lord Make Me an Instrument" Robert Bicknall 1977 Zion Song, admin. by CopyCare *

Lord make me an instrument, an instrument of worship,

I lift up my voice to your name (2x)

Lord make me an instrument, an instrument of power,

I lift up my voice to your name (2x)

Lord make me an instrument, an instrument of love,

I lift up my voice to your name (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)

The Old Testament

Exodus 4:1-17

Gospel Song "God Is So Good" Text: African traditional; Paul Makai © 1970; Music: God Is So Good *

God is so good. (3x) He's so good to me. He cares for me. (3x) He's so good to me.

He saved my soul. (3x) He's so good to me. I praise his name. (3x) He's so good to me.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:16

Gospel Song "God Is So Good"

Peace Community Center Mission Moment

Children's Message

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

Sermon "What's in Your Hand?"

Pastor John

Song of the Day "Use Me" Dewitt Jones 1993 Integrity's Praise! Music (Admin. by Integrity Music) *

If you can use anything, Lord, you can use me. (2x)

Take my hands, Lord, and my feet, touch my heart, Lord, and speak through me.

If you can use anything, Lord, you can use me. (2x)

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

The Prayers of the People of God

Prayer Response: "Breathe On Me"

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Breathe on me, breathe on me, Holy Ghost power breathe on me.

Yesterday's gone and today, I'm in need. Holy Ghost power breathe on me.

THE MEAL

The Words of Institution / The Lord's Prayer / The Meal Is Shared

(All who desire God's gifts of grace and love are invited to share in the meal of Holy Communion.)

Communion Music "Sanctuary" John W. Thompson, Randy Scruggs © 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.

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

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

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

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

The Communion Blessing

The Benediction

THE SENDING

Sending Song "One More Time" Rev James Moore: Live at Jackson State Univ. 1995 *

One more time, one more time, He allowed us to come together one more time (2x)

Pray together... Sing together...

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