

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Old Testament

Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. 4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. 5 Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. 6 He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. 7 There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf." 8 His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words. 17b So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. 18 They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. 19 They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. 20 Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." 21 But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." 22 Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" — that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. 26 Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? 27 Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. 28 When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. 29 When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. 30 He returned to his brothers, and said, "The boy is gone; and I, where can I turn?" 31 Then they took Joseph's robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. 32 They had the long robe with sleeves taken to their father, and they said, "This we have found; see now whether it is your son's robe or not." 33 He recognized it, and said, "It is my son's robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces." 34 Then Jacob tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days. 50:15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" 16 So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. 21 So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Gospel

Luke 6:35

Jesus said, "Love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked."

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The Old Testament Reading:

Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8

The Gospel:

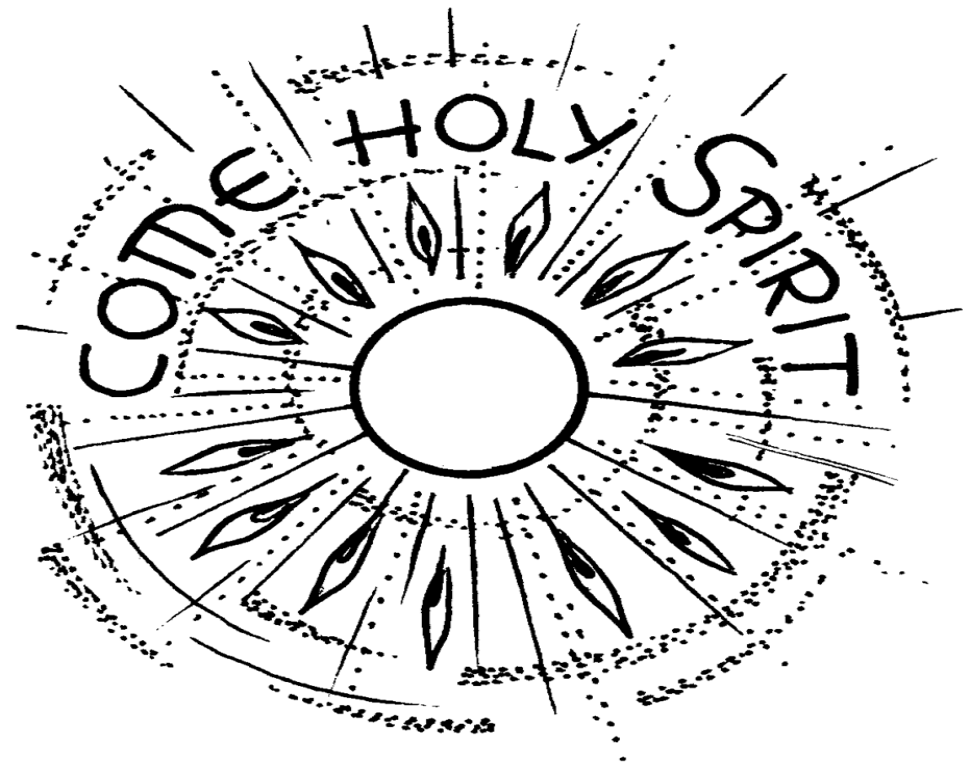
Luke 22:14-20

Peace Lutheran Church

**Living in the Spirit:
God Works through Joseph**

September 27, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



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Genesis 50:19-20

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Welcome to worship at Peace! We include here the order of worship, together with songs and scripture passages, for this Sunday. Please check 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 and faith resources.

+ *In this unprecedented time of the health crisis around the coronavirus, we worship online, trusting that across our physical distance, God is holding us close and keeping us connected to one another in community. May you know God's peace and blessing.*

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

+ *If you have questions or concerns you would like to discuss with Pastor John or if you have prayer concerns, please email him at pastorjohn@peacetacoma.org or call him at 253-383-1317 ext. 101.*

THE GATHERING

Welcome

Opening Songs “Victory Chant”

Hail Jesus you're my king. (echo) Your life frees me to sing. (echo)

I will praise you all my days. (echo) Perfect in all your ways. (echo)

Hail Jesus you're my Lord. (echo) I will obey your word. (echo)

I want to see your kingdom come. (echo) Not my will but yours be done. (echo)

Glory, glory to the Lamb! (echo) You take me into the land. (echo)

We will conquer in your name (echo) And proclaim that Jesus reigns. (echo)

Hail, Hail, Lion of Judah! (echo) How wonderful you are! (echo) (2x)

“My Life Is In Your Hands”

You don't have to worry, and don't you be afraid,

Joy comes in the morning, troubles they don't last always,

For there's a friend named Jesus who will wipe your tears away,

And if your heart is broken, just lift your hands and say...

Refrain: I know that I can make it, I know that I can stand,

No matter what may come my way, my life is in your hands,

With Jesus I can take it, with him I know I can stand,

No matter what may come my way, my life is in your hands.

So when your tests and trials, they seem to get you down,

And all your friends and loved ones are nowhere to be found,

Remember there's a friend named Jesus, who will wipe your tears away,

And if your heart is broken, just lift your hands and say... *Refrain...*

“I Know the Plans”

I know the plans I have for you, I know just what you're going through,

So when you can't see what tomorrow holds and yesterday is through,

Remember I know the plans I have for you (2x)

To give you hope for tomorrow, joy for your sorrow,

Strength in everything you go through, (2x) Remember I know the plans I have for you.

Confession and Forgiveness

Burgundy Book pg. 25 Order C

People's Confession: Gracious God, we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Litany Refrain: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who comes to set us free.

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 Reading

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The Gospel Song “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 6:35

The Gospel Song “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Sermon

Pastor Jae Bates

Song of the Day “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Burgundy Book Hymn 296

Lift ev'ry voice and sing, 'til earth and heaven ring. Ring with the harmonies of Liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on 'til victory is won.

Blessing of Faith Education and Feet to Faith Confirmation Students & Teachers

The Prayers of the People of God

Prayer Response: “Give Me You”

Give me you. Everything else must wait, Lord, give me you. I hope I'm not too late. (2x)

It's me, O Lord, I'm on my knees, crying out to you. (2x)

THE SENDING

The Benediction

Sending Song “One More Time”

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

One more time, one more time, he allowed us to sing together... pray together...

ASSISTING TODAY

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