



# Peace Lutheran CHURCH



## **Peace @ Monroe**

**Sunday, October 25th, 2020**

**We are committed to growing in Christ and bringing others to Him.**



## **Little Doves Preschool**

*A Ministry of Peace Lutheran Church*

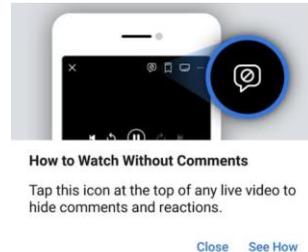
# Reformation Day

## WELCOME

And for now, type your greeting of peace and love in the comments under this video!

Please feel free to post your prayer requests in the comments for the video.

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Please check out our children's video on our Facebook page or on our Website: [peacemonroe.org](http://peacemonroe.org)

Pastor: We gather together to worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a helper who is always found in times of trouble.

**People: O Lord, you are our help in times of trouble but so often I do not look to you in trouble. I try to solve my problems with my own strength and my own resources. I forget that even my own strength and resources are a gift from you. Forgive me.**

Pastor: Therefore, we will not be afraid, though the earth trembles and the mountains topple into the depths of the seas, though its water roars and foams, and the mountains quake with its turmoil.

**People: We know we do not need to fear and yet we are afraid. We fear for our health, we fear for our country, we fear for our families. Forgive us and reassure us with your ever-present help.**

Pastor: There is a river—its streams delight the city of God, the holy dwelling place of the Most High. God is within her; she will not be toppled. God will help her when the morning dawns.

**People: O God, we want to hide in your dwelling place. We know that with you we cannot fall. Protect us Lord!**

Pastor: Nations rage, kingdoms topple; the earth melts when he lifts his voice.

**People: The Lord of Armies is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

Pastor: Come, see the works of the Lord, who brings devastation on the earth. He makes wars cease throughout the earth. He shatters bows and cuts spears to pieces; he sets wagons ablaze.

**People: We are in awe of your amazing power. Stop the wars and the discord in our world and in our nation. Help us!**

Pastor: “Stop fighting, and know that I am God, exalted among the nations, exalted on the earth.”

**People: We fight and we strive for what we think we deserve. Forgive us and let us acknowledge you as God—the exalted one.**

Pastor: The Lord of Armies is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

**People: You are our stronghold. You are with us even though we have sinned against you. Bring us grace and forgiveness. We need you.**

Pastor: ... in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit!  
Amen.

**SONG: “A Mighty Fortress”**

A mighty fortress is our God / A bulwark never failing  
Our helper he amid the flood / Of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe / Doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and power are great / And armed with cruel hate  
On earth is not his equal.

**That word above all earthly powers / No thanks to them abideth  
The spirit and the gifts are ours / Through Him who with us sided  
Let goods and kindred go / This mortal life also  
The body they may kill / God's truth abideth still  
His kingdom is forever.**

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## **GREETING OF THE PEACE**

*While we cannot physically shake hands or hug, please send your greetings and peace to those you are worshipping with through a smile, wave or spoken greeting. If you are worshipping online, please put your greetings in the comments.*

## **CHILDREN'S SONG: "John 3:16"**

*Chorus*

**John three sixteen / Says that God so loved the world  
He gave His only begotten Son / That whoever believes in Him  
Will never die but have eternal life**

*Bridge*

**He is the Way / He is the Truth  
He is the Life / So put your faith in Jesus Christ  
And your soul will never die / Will never die / Will never die**

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## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:**

## **EPISTLE: *Romans 3:19–28***

Reader: In this reading Paul explains what was to become the heart of the Reformation. It is Faith that truly fulfills the Law. We all have sinned, but God makes us righteous. We hold on to that righteousness by trusting in God's promises. This is what God wants from us.

Reader: <sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are subject to the law, so that every mouth may be shut and the whole world may become subject to God's judgment. <sup>20</sup> For no one will be justified in his sight by the works of the law, because the knowledge of sin comes through the law.

<sup>21</sup> But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been revealed, attested by the Law and the Prophets. <sup>22</sup> The righteousness of God is through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe, since there is no distinction. <sup>23</sup> For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented him as the mercy seat by his blood, through faith, to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his restraint God passed over the sins previously committed. <sup>26</sup> God presented him to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so that he would be just and justify the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By one of works? No, on the contrary, by a law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we conclude that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL: *John 8:31–36***

Reader: In today's Special Good News we hear how it is God's Truth that truly sets us free.

Reader: <sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you continue in my word, you really are my disciples. <sup>32</sup> You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

<sup>33</sup> “We are descendants of Abraham,” they answered him, “and we have never been enslaved to anyone. How can you say, ‘You will become free?’”

<sup>34</sup> Jesus responded, “Truly I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin. <sup>35</sup> A slave does not remain in the household forever, but a son does remain forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.

Reader: This is the Special Good News of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

**MESSAGE:**            *Pastor Todd Roeske*

**SONG: “Amazing Grace” (My Chains Are Gone)**

- 1) **Amazing grace how sweet the sound/That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found/Was blind but now I see**
- 2) **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear/The hour I first believed**

*Chorus*

- My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains/Unending love amazing grace**
- 3) **The Lord has promised good to me/His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be/As long as life endures**
  - 4) **The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine/But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine / Will be forever mine / You are forever mine**

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## APOSTLES' CREED

**People:** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living  
and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their varied circumstances.

O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, strengthen the Church here and wherever it gathers around Your Word and celebrates the blessed Sacraments. Grant confident faith to clergy and laity, pastors in congregations and missionaries in distant lands, elders in the faith and newly baptized alike. We especially pray for those with special health or other needs this day including... (*Please name those for whom you wish to pray*). Help us to put all our trust in Your protection and power. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** Strong Creator, wherever people call out to You as the earth gives way, mountains move into the heart of the sea, and mountains tremble, hear their cries and keep them safe. Awaken courage and wisdom in those who

search and rescue, those who provide physical and spiritual counsel, and those who offer long-term support of body and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, when nations rage and kingdoms totter, use the earthly powers that be to move the nations and their leaders to seek ways toward peace with their neighbors and stability within their borders. Especially bless the nations of Palau, Nauru, and New Caledonia that they may be places where people may seek and follow you. You, who make wars cease to the end of the earth, provide courage and compassion to all who work for peace and protection as they are deployed abroad and all who maintain concord and order within our communities. We especially pray for our police including Chief Jolley, Kent and Jennifer as they serve in their vocations. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gracious God, stream joy and gladness to those who wait for the dawning of a new day, those dealing with long-term ills, unemployment, discrimination, unjust imprisonment, strife in their families, and the loss of loved ones, especially for families, like those listed on our sign, that have had losses due to violence and injustice. give healing and justice to our land.

Assure them that You are with them, even now a very present help in trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord of hosts, worthy to be exalted among the nations, into Your almighty hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray. Hear our prayer for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: We pray the words You taught us.

**People: 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.**

## **OFFERING**

*Offerings are a way that Christians demonstrate their trust in a loving God that provides for us. Giving an offering is a spiritual act so the motives of the giver are important. Therefore, we invite you to give generously if you are giving in joyful response to Jesus' love to help the mission of this congregation. If you are a guest or a visitor, please do not feel obligated to give.*

**Offerings can be made online by going to the following link**

<https://give.cornerstone.cc/peacemonroe>

**or accessing the link from our website at [peacemonroe.org](http://peacemonroe.org)**

Checks can be mailed to the church at:

202 Dickinson St., Monroe, WA 98272

## **FINAL COMMENTS**

**Please read: *Revelation 14:6–7***

## **BLESSING**

Pastor: For all that God can do within us,  
for all that God can do without us,

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: For all in whom Christ lived before us,  
for all in whom Christ lives beside us,

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: For all the Spirit wants to bring us,  
for where the Spirit wants to send us,

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Pastor: The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
is with you and will be with you on your way together,  
now and forever.

**People: Amen**

## **CLOSING SONG: “Across the Lands”**

**1) You're the Word of God the Father/ From before the world began  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet / Has been fashioned by Your hand  
All creation holds together / By the power of Your voice  
Let the skies declare Your glory / Let the land and seas rejoice**

### *Chorus*

**You're the author of creation / You're the Lord of ev'ry man  
And Your cry of love rings out / Across the lands**

**2) Yet You left the gaze of angels / Came to seek and save the lost  
And exchanged the joy of heaven / For the anguish of a cross  
With a prayer You fed the hungry / With a word You stilled the sea  
Yet how silently You suffered / That the guilty may go free**

**3) With a shout You rose victorious/Wresting victory from the grave  
And ascended into heaven / Leading captives in Your wake  
Now You stand before the Father / Interceding for Your own  
From each tribe and tongue and nation / You are leading sinners home**

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**Pastor:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.





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### ***Our Faith Community's Purpose***

**ENGAGE GOD**  
**ENGAGE EACH OTHER and**  
**ENGAGE THE WORLD**

If you would like to learn more about our church or about becoming a Jesus-follower who is connected to this congregation please consider joining the next "Discovering Peace" class. We offer two classes. One is an in-depth study of the Christian Faith for those who have little background. The other is for those who are joining us from another Christian tradition that highlights the things that are unique to Lutheran followers of Jesus. In either class all of your questions will be welcome. For more information contact [todd@peacemonroe.org](mailto:todd@peacemonroe.org) 907-259-5115