

## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

A covenant is a solemn agreement between the members of a church to act together in harmony within the precepts of the gospel. It articulates the basis of our commitment in spirit and in truth to Peace Lutheran Church

The Lord often made covenants with His people.

*"Then God said, "I am giving you a sign of my covenant with you and with all living creatures, for all generations to come. I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth." Genesis 9:12-13 (NLT),*

God's people often responded by entering into a covenant with God and one another.

*"So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day at Shechem, committing them to follow the decrees and regulations of the Lord." Joshua 24:25 (NLT)*

As people of the New Covenant, we remember His covenant with us each time we share in His Holy Supper. Jesus said:

*"And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many."Matthew 26:27-28 (NLT)*

We follow these examples by making this covenant between us.

**I. I CONFESS GOD THE FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT AS THE ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD, AND JESUS CHRIST AS MY LORD AND SAVIOR.**

*"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9 NLT)*

**II. I WILL SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH**

**A. By attending worship faithfully**

*"O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and sheep of His hand" (Psalms 95:6-7 RSV)*

**B. By living a godly life**

*"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:2-3 NIV)*

**C. By helping finance the work of our church**

*"Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and put down for you an overflowing blessing." (Malachi 3:10 RSV)*

**III. I WILL SERVE IN THE MINISTRY OF MY CHURCH**

**A. By discovering my spiritual gifts and human talents**

*"As each has received a gift employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace". (1Peter 4:10 RSV)*

**B. By being equipped by my leaders to serve**

*"Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ."  
(Ephesians 4:11-12 NLT)*

**C. By developing a willing servant's heart**

*"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2:4-5 NIV)*

**IV. I WILL SHARE THE WORK OF MY CHURCH**

**A. By praying for its growth**

*"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word."  
(Acts 6:4 KJV)*

**B. By Sharing Jesus with others**

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20 NIV)*

**C. By welcoming our guests**

*"Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7 RSV)*

**V. I WILL PROTECT THE UNITY OF MY CHURCH**

**A. By acting in love toward other members**

*"If we live by the spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another." (Galatians 5:25-26 RSV)*

**B. I will not gossip or say unkind things about others**

*"Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear." (Ephesians 4:29 RSV)*

**C. By supporting our spiritual leaders**

*"Brothers and sisters, we ask you to show your appreciation for those leaders who work among you and instruct you. We ask you to love them and think very highly of them because of the work they are doing. Live in peace with each other."  
(1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 GWN)*

I make this promise to my Christian brothers and sisters in this congregation, and ask that they encourage me in the fulfillment of this covenant.