

July 18, 2021 Peace Lutheran Church Hutchinson, Minnesota

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 23)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Psalm 23. A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. (ESV)
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

HYMN (147 All God's People Worship): Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

- 1. Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
 Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
 Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.
- 2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.

 Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
 Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest, Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are thine; Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN 740 (Maroon): I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

I am Jesus little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need, and well provides me,
Loves me every day the same,
Even calls me by my name

Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherds lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within his arms to rest.



Children's Sermon

Readers: 8:30 Anita Miller; 10:00 Betty Ruskamp

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

"Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ² Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD. ³ "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD.

- ⁵ "The days are coming," declares the LORD,
 - "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
- a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land.
- ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called:

The LORD Our Righteous Savior. (NIV)

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Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)— ¹² remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. (NIV)

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▲ GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (repeat) The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (repeat)

GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:30-44

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

³⁷ But he answered, "You give them something to eat."

They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

³⁸ "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see."

When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."

³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand. (NIV)

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HYMN G650 (Green): I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love; I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true, It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story, Of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat,
What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet;
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word. Refrain

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest; And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song, 'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. Refrain

MESSAGE

Shepherding the Flock

Pastor Pasche

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

At Peace, we celebrate the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ as He gives us His body and blood with bread and wine in the sacrament. If you wish to commune, please first examine yourself with the following question: "Do you believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of your sins?" Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of each tray.

8:30am HYMN 611 (Maroon): Chief of Sinners Though I Be

1 Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me. Died that I might live on high, Lived that I might never die. As the branch is to the vine, I am His and He is mine.

2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me--wondrous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.

3 Only Jesus can impart Balm to heal the wounded heart, Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n. Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.

4 Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me. All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own. He sustains the hidden life Safe with Him from earthly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word! When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way; Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

10:00am SONG G691 (Green): Pass It On

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's Love, Once you've experienced it,
Your spread the love to everyone, You want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring, When all the tress are budding The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming; That's how it is with God's love, Once you've experienced it. You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, You want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend This happiness that I've found; You can depend on God It matters not where you're bound, I'll shout it from the mountain top I want the world to know The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

DISMISSAL

Who are we? We are a loving community called by God's grace.

Our purpose is? That all know the Peace of God.

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