



Peace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN
November 20, 2022

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN 905 (Maroon): Come, Thou Almighty King
10:30am SONG: Waymaker

INVOCATION and PSALM 93

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

¹ The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

² **Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.**

³ The seas have lifted up, LORD,
the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴ Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea—the LORD on high is mighty.

⁵ **Your statutes, LORD, stand firm; holiness adorns your house for endless days.**
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Christ, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
And for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Christ, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ is coming again and coming soon. Although we know this, although we have heard His words and warning, we have not always acted as though Christ were coming soon. At times we have grown complacent and lazy, focused on the things of this world rather than on Christ, His Word, and His salvation. As we gather together in the Lord's house, let us consider our failure to live according to His holiness.

Silence for reflection.

Heavenly Father, we have not always lived according to Your Word. We have fallen asleep in the comfort of our sins. We have not stayed awake and remained prepared for the return of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and stir us up so that we might prepare ourselves and others for Christ's return.

Because of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, you are presented blameless before the presence of God. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

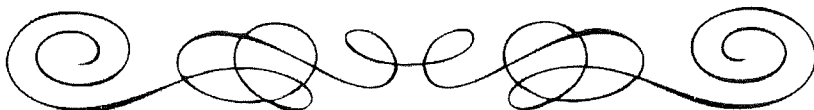
SONG: Wonderful, Merciful Savior

**Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men
Oh, You rescue the souls of men**

**Refrain: You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for
Oh, our hearts always hunger for**

**Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. *Refrain.***

**Almighty, infinite Father, Faithfully loving Your own
Here in our weakness You find us, Falling before Your throne
Oh, we're falling before Your throne. *Refrain.***



Readers: 6:30pm Joanne Keilen; 8:30am Shirley Wurdell; 10:30am Hazel Sitz

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Malachi 3:13-18

¹³ "You have spoken arrogantly against me," says the LORD.

"Yet you ask, 'What have we said against you?'

¹⁴ "You have said, 'It is futile to serve God. What do we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the LORD Almighty?' ¹⁵ But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly evil doers prosper, and even when they put God to the test, they get away with it.'"

¹⁶ Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the LORD and honored his name.

¹⁷ “On the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty, “they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not. (NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: Colossians 1:13-20

¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. (NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 816 (Maroon): From All That Dwell Below the Skies

10:30am SONG: Hosanna (I See the King of Glory)

GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:27-43

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁷ A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. ²⁸ Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’

³⁰ Then “‘they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!”’

³¹ For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.” (NIV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The final three weeks of the Church Year are traditionally concerned with “the last things.” The lessons of the Church bring a special opportunity to reflect on the end of time and on the end of our earthly lives. In the Apostles’ Creed, we affirm our belief in the resurrection of the body, which is God’s good but temporary gift to us while we are living on earth. With all who have died in the faith before us, we await the coming of the Lord. In these, the final three weeks of the church year, we will be reading one article of the creed each week, along with a portion of Luther’s Small Catechism. We encourage you to read the rest of Luther’s explanation as a part of your Bible study this week.

The Apostles’ Creed: The Third Article

In the Third Article, we affirm our confession of the last things and add our “Amen” to all we have professed that we believe.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.



8:30am Sunday School Children Sing

Preschool & Kindergarten Children Sing
This Little Light of Mine

Children’s Message
“An Offering Worthy of the King”

Elementary Children Sing
Doxology
Give Thanks to the Lord

HYMN 783 (Maroon): Take My Life and Let It Be

10:30am SONG: Be Thou My Vision

SERMON Pastor Meyer

PRESENTATION OF OUR COMMITMENTS AND OFFERINGS

Please sign the friendship pad in the pew and pass it along to others. As it is passed back to the center aisle, please take the opportunity to note the names of others seated in your pew. **10:30am SONGS: Give Thanks, There Is a Redeemer**

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

6:30pm & 8:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Page 198, AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

HYMN 537 (Maroon): Beautiful Savior

HYMN 527 (Maroon): O Savior, Precious Savior

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.**

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 837 (Maroon): Lift High the Cross, verses 1-4

10:30am SONG: Days of Elijah



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Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas Schedule

Thanksgiving Services

Wednesday, November 23rd at 6:30pm and Thursday, November 24th at 9:00am

Advent Services, Wednesdays, November 30th, December 7th, 14th & 21st
11:30am (followed by lunch) and 6:30pm (no meal)

Children's Christmas Service, Sunday, December 18th at 3:00pm
Saturday, December 17th rehearsal, 10am – 12:00 (noon)

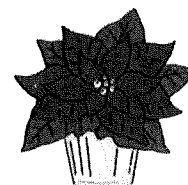
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, with communion
December 24th at 5:00pm, 7:00pm and 9:00pm

Christmas Day, December 25th at 9:00am in the Sanctuary, with communion
(Note: No services at 8:30am or 10:30am. No Bible class or Sunday School.)

Saturday, December 31st at 6:30pm, with communion
Sunday, January 1st at 9:00am in the Sanctuary, with communion
(Note: No services at 8:30am or 10:30am. No Bible class or Sunday School.)

Poinsettias

Peace members and visitors will again be enjoying beautiful decorations during the Christmas season. **This year we will need only 25 poinsettias to decorate our church for the Christmas season.** The cost of a plant is \$11.50.



If you would like to buy a poinsettia plant as a memorial, or perhaps to honor a special person in your life, or give a donation for a project or ministry such as **TTNG** (7 yr. Debt Free Initiative), **General Fund**, or **Other**, please fill out the form below and return to church along with your donation **by December 9th**. Your name and the name of the person in whose memory or honor you are giving a poinsettia or donation will be listed in the bulletin.

_____ Number of Poinsettias x \$11.50 = \$ _____

\$ _____ Donation to _____

TTNG (7 yr. Debt Free Initiative), General Fund or Other

In Memory of _____

OR In Honor of _____

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