



June 11, 2023  
Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Peace Lutheran Church  
Hutchinson, MN

6:30pm, 8:30am HYMN 802 (Maroon): Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise  
10:30am SONG: Come, Let Us Worship

**INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP, PSALM 119:65-72**

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

<sup>65</sup> Do good to your servant  
according to your word, LORD.

<sup>66</sup> **Teach me knowledge and good judgment,  
for I trust your commands.**

<sup>67</sup> Before I was afflicted I went astray,  
but now I obey your word.

<sup>68</sup> **You are good, and what you do is good;  
teach me your decrees.**

<sup>69</sup> Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies,  
I keep your precepts with all my heart.

<sup>70</sup> **Their hearts are callous and unfeeling,  
but I delight in your law.**

<sup>71</sup> It was good for me to be afflicted  
so that I might learn your decrees.

<sup>72</sup> **The law from your mouth is more precious to me  
than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.**

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

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Beloved in the Lord!

Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ 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  
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 our way  
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way  
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

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  
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

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*Readers: 6:30pm Joanne Keilen; 8:30am Marion Fenske; 10:30am John Lietz*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Hosea 5:15-6:6**

Then I will return to my lair  
until they have borne their guilt  
and seek my face—  
in their misery  
they will earnestly seek me."

"Come, let us return to the LORD.

He has torn us to pieces

but he will heal us;

he has injured us

but he will bind up our wounds.

<sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us;

on the third day he will restore us,

that we may live in his presence.

<sup>3</sup> Let us acknowledge the LORD;

let us press on to acknowledge him.

As surely as the sun rises,

he will appear;

he will come to us like the winter rains,

like the spring rains that water the earth."

<sup>4</sup> "What can I do with you, Ephraim?

What can I do with you, Judah?

Your love is like the morning mist,

like the early dew that disappears.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets,

I killed you with the words of my mouth—

then my judgments go forth like the sun.

<sup>6</sup> For I desire mercy, not sacrifice,

and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings. (NIV)

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#### **EPISTLE READING: Romans 4:13-25**

<sup>13</sup> It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>14</sup> For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, <sup>15</sup> because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup> As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

<sup>18</sup> Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>19</sup> Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. <sup>20</sup> Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup> The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, <sup>24</sup> but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. <sup>25</sup> He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. (NIV)

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

## Alleluia (new for the summer)

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Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the Ris - en Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -

6  
lu - ia give thanks to His Name. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth,

13  
He is the King of cre - a - tion. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, give

19  
thanks to the Ris - en Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia give thanks to His Name.

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with line numbers 6, 13, and 19 indicating the start of new lines of music.

### Gospel Reading: Matthew 7:15-29 & Matthew 9:9-13

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> chapters. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>15</sup> "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. <sup>16</sup> By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

<sup>21</sup> "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' <sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

<sup>24</sup> "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

<sup>28</sup> When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Chapter 9: <sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. <sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (NIV)

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

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** "It's Easier To Follow When We're Close"

**HYMN 686 (Maroon): Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

**SERMON** "Follow Me" Pastor Meyer

### PRESENTATION OF 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.*

### PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

### 10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

**Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone**

### 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.**

**HYMN 829 (Maroon): Christ the Eternal Lord**

# **JESUS IS MY LIFESAVER!!!**

**June 12-16 , 9:00-11:30am, Vacation Bible School – Registrations are still OPEN!**

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, STUDENTS, TEACHERS,  
VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF!**

On the last day of VBS, Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, we will have a program at 11:00am followed by a pizza party at 11:30am for all students, volunteers, family members and other guests. VBS students will sing for 10:30am worship on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary.

## **PLEASE PRAY EACH DAY FOR VBS**

Heavenly Father: You fill your world with a season of summer delights—Sunshine, warm breezes, and a slower pace to enjoy your creation. Fill us with the joy of this season. As we gather around your Word in the midst of our summer, may our days lead to new friendships, new activity, new insights, and a strengthened relationship with you. May your Spirit guide our teachers, leaders, and volunteers—giving us energy, creativity, and patience. May your love embrace the children and young people who join us for Vacation Bible School so they may come to know you more deeply. May we enjoy fellowship together as we study, create, and play. Bless us, O God, as we seek to learn from your Word and to share your love. As you gather us in for Vacation Bible School, send us out beyond this place to show the world what we have come to know: that Jesus Is Our Lifesaver! Amen.

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## **Summer Concert Series**

Wednesdays at 11:30am followed by 12:15 lunch (\$10)

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW 11:30am START TIME!**

June 28<sup>th</sup> – Brandon Begnaud and Joan DeVee Dixon

July 5<sup>th</sup> – Patriotic concert with Grace Puckett and the Hutchinson Memorial Rifle Squad

July 12<sup>th</sup> – Chuck Thiel

July 19<sup>th</sup> – Cogley Sisters

July 26<sup>th</sup> – Hutchinson Family Singers

August 2<sup>nd</sup> – BASICS

August 9<sup>th</sup> – Rootbeer & Bells, 6:00pm meal and 6:30pm program