



July 23, 2023
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 528 (Maroon): Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
10:30am SONG: Come, Let Us Worship

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 119:57-64)

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

⁵⁷ You are my portion, LORD;

I have promised to obey your words.

⁵⁸ **I have sought your face with all my heart;**

be gracious to me according to your promise.

⁵⁹ I have considered my ways

and have turned my steps to your statutes.

⁶⁰ **I will hasten and not delay**

to obey your commands.

⁶¹ Though the wicked bind me with ropes,

I will not forget your law.

⁶² **At midnight I rise to give you thanks**

for your righteous laws.

⁶³ I am a friend to all who fear you,

to all who follow your precepts.

⁶⁴ **The earth is filled with your love, LORD;**

teach me your decrees. (NIV)

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

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 G612 (Green): There Is a Redeemer

There is a redeemer, Jesus, God's own son
Precious lamb of God, Messiah, Holy one
Thank you oh my Father, For giving us your Son
And leaving Your Spirit 'Til the work on earth is done.

Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names
Precious lamb of God, Messiah. Oh, for sinners slain.
Thank you oh my Father, For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit 'Til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory. I will see his face
And there I'll serve my King forever In that holy place.
Thank you oh my Father, For giving us Your Son
And leaving Your Spirit 'Til the work on earth is done.

Readers: 6:30 Annette Koehler; 8:30am Nona Anderson; 10:30am John Lietz

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶ “This is what the LORD says—

Israel’s King and Redeemer, the LORD Almighty:

I am the first and I am the last;

apart from me there is no God.

⁷ Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and lay out before me

what has happened since I established my ancient people,

and what is yet to come—

yes, let them foretell what will come.

⁸ Do not tremble, do not be afraid.

Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?

You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?

No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.” (NIV)

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

EPISTLE READING: Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

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

▲ Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to His Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to His Name.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

²⁸ "'An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

²⁹ "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

³⁷ He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear. (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 Sermon

HYMN G629 (Green): In Christ Alone

SERMON

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 Communion

Let Us Break Bread Together
What Feast of Love

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 G691 (Green): Pass It On

Summer Concert Series

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

July 26th – Hutchinson Family Singers

August 2nd – BASICS

August 9th – Root beer & Bells, 6:00pm meal and 6:30pm program