



August 6, 2023
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota

FAVORITE HYMN 803 (Maroon): Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (Jacquelyn Dixon)

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 136)

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

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. **His love endures forever.**

² Give thanks to the God of gods. **His love endures forever.**

³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords. **His love endures forever.**

⁴ to him who alone does great wonders. **His love endures forever.**

⁵ who by his understanding made the heavens. **His love endures forever.**

⁶ who spread out the earth upon the waters. **His love endures forever.**

⁷ who made the great lights—**His love endures forever.**

⁸ the sun to govern the day. **His love endures forever.**

⁹ the moon and stars to govern the night. **His love endures forever.**

¹⁰ to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt

¹¹ and brought Israel out from among them

¹² with a mighty hand and outstretched arm. **His love endures forever.**

¹³ to him who divided the Red Sea asunder

¹⁴ and brought Israel through the midst of it,

¹⁵ but swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea;

¹⁶ to him who led his people through the wilderness

¹⁷ to him who struck down great kings

²¹ and gave their land as an inheritance,

²² an inheritance to his servant Israel. **His love endures forever.**

²³ He remembered us in our low estate

²⁴ and freed us from our enemies.

²⁵ He gives food to every creature. **His love endures forever.**

²⁶ Give thanks to the God of heaven. **His love endures forever.**

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.**

FAVORITE HYMN: Just a Closer Walk With Thee (Joan DeVee Dixon)

I am weak but Thou art strong, Jesus keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied as long As I walk, let me walk close to Thee
Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

Thro' this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who will me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

When my feeble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently, safely o'er, To Thy kingdom's shore, to Thy shore
Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 55:1-13

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶ "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

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

EPISTLE READING: Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ² that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

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

▲ Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia



The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins in 6/8 time and contains the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia." The second staff continues the melody, marked "Fine" at the end, with lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia." The third staff starts at measure 9, marked "10" and "11" above the staff, with lyrics "Speak, Lord, your ser - vant is lis - t'ning— Speak Your Words of". The fourth staff starts at measure 12, marked "13", "14", and "15" above the staff, with lyrics "wis-dom, For the Words You speak are ev - er - last - ing life." The piece concludes with a double bar line and the instruction "DC al Fine".

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Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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wis-dom, For the Words You speak are ev - er - last - ing life.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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: The Feeding of the (more than) 5.000

- 1. Who fed them?**
- 2. With What?**
- 3. How Much Was Left?**

FAVORITE HYMN G703: Days of Elijah (George Moehring)

MESSAGE God Is Near and Leading Us Forward Pastor Meyer

- 1. Come**
- 2. Listen**
- 3. Be Fed and Nurtured**
- 4. Go Forth in Peace, Led By God**

OFFERING PRAYER

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

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

AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

FAVORITE HYMN G704 (Green): Make Me a Servant (Deb Wiprud)

**FAVORITE HYMN 770 (Maroon): What a Friend We Have in Jesus
(Gene Ebnet and Arlene Benshoof)**

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 FAVORITE HYMN 878 (Maroon): Abide With Me (Jon and Cindy Mons)

10:30am A NEW FAVORITE SONG: Grace Flows Down



August 9th – Root Beer and Bells
Meal at 5:45pm and Program at 6:30pm
Come, ready to celebrate, play and sing!

September 6th— Confirmation parent meeting at 6:00pm
September 13th— Confirmation classes begin (6th, 7th and 8th grades).
We are planning for the students to be bused to church and meet after school.

Rally Sunday Fun Day, Sunday, September 10th
9:40am Meet with teachers, fun and games
10:30am worship

Children and Youth Ministry
Fall online registration form is available on our website.
Questions? Call the church office.

If you wish to schedule Bible Study groups and rooms for fall
Please contact the church office
So we can be sure our schedule is up to date.