

"I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens Me"

-Phil 4:13

September 17, 2023

Peace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN

HYMN G629 (Green): In Christ Alone

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 103)

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

King of all the earth, Creator of the universe,
Holy Triune God, From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.

You are merciful and gracious, O Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

You forgive all our iniquities and heal all our diseases;

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

You redeem our lives from the pit
and crown us with steadfast love and mercy;

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

You satisfy us with good and renew our youth like the eagles;

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

This is our God, the Holy One.

Come before him with thanksgiving
and offer him the sacrifice of praise. (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 806 (Maroon): Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son (repeat)
And now let the weak say I am strong, Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us (repeat)

Readers: 6:30pm Jim Warnke; 8:30am Mary Haag; 10:30am Anita Miller

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them. (NIV)

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

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 4:10-14

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances.

¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength. ¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. (NIV)

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

▲ 6:30pm & 8:30am GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. (repeat)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

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Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. (repeat)

▲ 10:30am Caribbean Hallelujah

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:21-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart." (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

6:30pm, 8:30am HYMN 843 (Maroon): Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

10:30am SONG: 10,000 REASONS

MESSAGE "Off the Wall Thinking" (Matthew 18:21-35) Pastor Bode

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

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

Page 163 Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

HYMN 618 (Maroon): I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

HYMN 842 (Maroon): Son of God, Eternal 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.**

HYMN 922 (Maroon): Go, My Children with My Blessing (verses 1 and 4)

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