



October 22, 2023
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota

8:30am Handbell Prelude – Meditation on Beautiful Savior

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 940 (Maroon): Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
10:30am: SONG: Creation Sings the Father's Song

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 96:1-9*)

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

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth!

**² Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

**³ Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!**

**⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.**

**⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.**

**⁶ Splendor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

**⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!**

**⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

**⁹ Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth! (ESV)**

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION

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

Readers: 6:30pm Joanne Keilen; 8:30am Marlene Hamblin; 10:30am Sadie Jenkins

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him that gates may not be closed:

² "I will go before you and level the exalted places,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,

³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God;

I equip you, though you do not know me,

⁶ that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;

I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷ I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity;

I am the LORD, who does all these things. (ESV)

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

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come. (ESV)

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

▲ 6:30pm & 8:30am GOSPEL ACCLAMATION HYMN 582 (Maroon)

God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.

▲ 10:30am Caribbean Hallelujah

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:15-22

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away. (ESV)

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: "Sing to the Lord A New Song" (Psalm 96)

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 782 (Maroon): Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings, verses 1-3

10:30am SONG: Hymn of Heaven

SERMON "In Accordance With The Truth" (Matthew 22:15-22) Pastor Meyer

1. The Trap
2. The Truth of the Law
3. The Truth of the Gospel
4. Give to God what is God's

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

10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

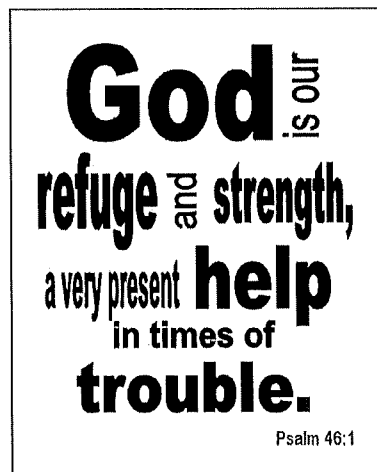
SONG: We Believe

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 850 (Maroon): God of Grace and God of Glory

10:30am SONG: Our God



UPCOMING DATES

October 28-29 – First Communion for 7th and 8th grade students
October 29 – 11:30am Pre-call Congregational Meeting

November 4-5 All Saint's Day Celebration (all services)
November 5 – PRAYZ team sings at 10:30am
Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 12 – Sunday School sings at 8:30am

November 18, Saturday – Turkey Dinner

Nov. 22 at 6:30pm, Nov. 23 at 9:00am – Thanksgiving Worship services

Wednesday, November 29th – Carols and Bells
5:30pm Baked Ham dinner & 6:30pm Handbell program

December 3 – PRAYZ team sings at 10:30am

December 6, 13 and 20 – Wednesday Advent Services.
11:30am, 4:30pm (Peace Center), 6:30pm

Saturday, December 9th – Cookie Sale

December 16th – Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal, 10am-12 (noon), plus pizza party
December 17th – 10:30am Children's Christmas program

Saturday, December 23: No Worship.

*Sunday, Dec. 24 services: 9:00am worship, Fourth Sunday of Advent
No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study

*Dec. 24th Candlelight Services at 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm.

*Christmas Day, Dec. 25: 9:00am

*Communion at all Christmas Eve and Day services

December 30-31 Normal worship times
No Sunday School or Adult Bible Study