



Sunday, January 14, 2024  
Peace Lutheran Church  
Hutchinson, MN

**HYMN 411: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

**INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP, PSALM 139**

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

<sup>1</sup> You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

<sup>2</sup> **You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

<sup>3</sup> You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup> **Before a word is on my tongue  
you, LORD, know it completely.**

<sup>5</sup> You hem me in behind and before,  
and you lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too lofty for me to attain.**

<sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup> **If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

<sup>9</sup> **If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,**

<sup>10</sup> **even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.**

<sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me  
and the light become night around me,"

<sup>12</sup> **even the darkness will not be dark to you;  
the night will shine like the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.**

<sup>13</sup> **For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

<sup>14</sup> **I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

**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.**

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.**

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I 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.**

**HYMN G679 (Green): Open Our Eyes, Lord (We will sing this twice.)**

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, To reach out a touch Him and say that we love Him.**

**Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**



*Readers: 6:30pm Lee Uldbjerg; 8:30am Marie Maki; 10:30am Phyllis Hecht*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

<sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. <sup>3</sup> The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

<sup>6</sup> And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

<sup>8</sup> And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." <sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. <sup>12</sup> On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup> And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup> Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

<sup>15</sup> Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup> But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup> And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup> So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him."

<sup>19</sup> And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup> And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD. (ESV)

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

#### **EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

<sup>12</sup> "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup> "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup> And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup> Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." <sup>17</sup> But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (ESV)

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)

**Thy word is a path to follow, a light to show the way.**

**Thy word is a path to follow, a light to show the way.**

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

#### **10:30am SONG: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks**

#### **GOSPEL READING: John 1:43-51**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him,

"Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." (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:** Come and See (John 1:45-46)

**HYMN 833 (Maroon):** Listen, God Is Calling

**MESSAGE:** Your Servant is Listening (1 Samuel 3:1-20) 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**

**Lord, I Need You**

**What Feast of Love**

### **BLESSING**

**HYMN G607 (Green):** Here I Am, Lord

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**AGENDA**  
**ANNUAL VOTER'S ASSEMBLY MEETING**  
**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024**

1. Slate of candidates for open positions on Church Council & Board of Elders
2. Presentation of amendments to the Bylaws
3. Ballot distribution, vote
4. Annual Financial Plan
  - a. Question/Answer period
  - b. Call for motion to approve
5. Trustee report
6. Call Committee update
7. Child Care Commissioned Team update
8. Pastor's report
9. Adjournment

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**2024 SLATE OF CANDIDATES**  
**FOR CHURCH COUNCIL AND BOARD OF ELDERS**

CHURCH COUNCIL

President

Melissa Weckwerth (incumbent)

Vice President

Chuck Jones (incumbent)

Members at Large (3 openings)

Kathy Hochsprung (incumbent)

Becky Kobow (incumbent)

Gary Havemeier

BOARD OF ELDERS (5 openings) (All seats are at large)

Robbie Peterson (incumbent)

Matthew Markgraf (incumbent)

Dale Schumann (incumbent)

Jeff Weckwerth (incumbent)

Marc Telecky