



January 21, 2024
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 901 (Maroon): Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
10:30am SONG: John 3:16

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP, Psalm 62

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

¹ Truly my soul finds rest in God;
my salvation comes from him.

² Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

³ How long will you assault me?
Would all of you throw me down—
this leaning wall, this tottering fence?

⁴ Surely they intend to topple me from my lofty place;
they take delight in lies.

With their mouths they bless,
but in their hearts they curse.

⁵ Yes, my soul, find rest in God;
my hope comes from him.

⁶ Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

⁷ My salvation and my honor depend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

⁸ Trust in him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

⁹ Surely the lowborn are but a breath,
the highborn are but a lie.

If weighed on a balance, they are nothing;
together they are only a breath.

¹⁰ Do not trust in extortion
or put vain hope in stolen goods;
though your riches increase,
do not set your heart on them.

¹¹ One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard:
“Power belongs to you, God, and with you, Lord, is unfailing love”;
and, “You reward everyone according to what they have done.” (NIV)
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.**

6:30pm, 8:30am This is the Feast (Maroon, Divine Setting One, page 155)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. (Refrain)**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
And honor, blessing and glory are his. (Refrain)**

**Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing, honor, glory and might,
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)

10:30am SONG: Give Thanks

give
thanks
♥ with a
grateful
heart ♥

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jonah 3:1-10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

⁶The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it. (ESV)

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

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 7:25-35

²⁵Now concerning the betrothed, I have no command from the Lord, but I give my judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy. ²⁶I think that in view of the present distress it is good for a person to remain as he is. ²⁷Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek a wife. ²⁸But if you do marry, you have not sinned, and if a betrothed woman marries, she has not sinned. Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles, and I would spare you that. ²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord. (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 Caribbean Hallelujah

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:14-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God,¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him. 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: Jesus and Jonah (Matthew 12:38-41)

10:30am SONG: Thy Word

6:30pm & 8:30am: Will You Come and Follow Me? (The Summons)

1. Will you come and follow me If I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know And never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my name be known,

Will you let my life be grown In you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind If I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind And never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare, Should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer pray'r In you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see If I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean In you and you in me?

4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside And never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found To reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound In you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you And never be the same.
In your company I'll go Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow In you and you in me.

MESSAGE "The Lesson of Jonah" (The Book of Jonah) 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

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

Page 198, AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

HYMN 570 (Maroon): Just as I Am

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 805 (Maroon): Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

10:30am SONG: This Little Light of Mine



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