



May 26, 2024
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN

Welcome and Announcements

Armed Forces Medley

Veterans and active duty personnel, please stand for your song.

Air Force

Off we go, into the wild blue yonder climbing high into the sun!
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder, At 'em boys, give 'er the gun!
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under off with one terrible roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey! Nothing will stop the U.S Air Force!

Army

Over hill, over dale as we hit the dusty trail and those caissons go rolling along
"Counter march, and right about!" Hear those wagon soldiers shout,
While those caissons go rolling along
For its Hi! Hi! Hee! in the field artillery, Call off your numbers loud and strong!
And where'er you go, you will always know that those caissons are rolling along

Navy

Anchors aweigh my boys, anchors aweigh.
Farewell to college joys, we sail at break of day, day, day, day!
Through our last night on shore, anchors aweigh.
Until we meet once more, here's wishing you a happy voyage home.

Coast Guard

We're always ready for the call, We place our trust in Thee.
Through surf and storm and howling gale high shall our purpose be.
"Semper Paratus" is our guide, our fame and glory too.
To fight to save, to fight and die! Aye! Coast Guard, we are for you!

Marines

From the halls of Montezuma, to the shores of Tripoli;
we fight our country's battles in the air, on land and sea
first we fight for rights and freedom and to keep our honor clean;
we are proud to claim the title of the United States Marines!

The Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands,
one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

National Anthem

O say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation.
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."
And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER

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

**Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by,
Celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things
that our country has achieved.**

On this day we rejoice in the favor You have graciously given us.

**We thank You for the blessings of liberty,
for this generation and for the generations to come.**

**We thank You for our independence, peace and for all those who have bravely
given their lives in the defense of freedom and justice.**

We thank You that Your gracious and provident hand has given us so much.

Yet, as a nation and people we have not always chosen the right way.
We ask You to forgive us for these times.
On this day we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving You.
With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You.
Make us a generous people, A holy nation,
A people set aside to love You forever,
For the sake of the land of the brave and free,
And the peoples and nations of this world.
(a time of silent reflection)

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.**

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 507 (Maroon): Holy, Holy, Holy
10:30am HYMN 965 (Maroon): God Bless Our Native Land

Readers: 6:30pm Annette Koehler; 8:30am Lynn Brown; 10:30am Sadie Jenkins

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (NIV)

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵ David said about him:

“I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope,
²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay.
²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’
²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴ For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “The Lord said to my Lord:
“Sit at my right hand ³⁵ until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”
³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” (NIV) This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 504 (Maroon): Father Most Holy

**1 Father most holy, merciful, and tender;
Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;
Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender, Light never waning;**

**2 Trinity blessed, unity unshaken,
Goodness unbounded, very God of heaven,
Light of the angels, joy of those forsaken, Hope of all living,**

**3 Maker of all things, all Thy creatures praise Thee;
All for Thy worship were and are created;
Now, as we also worship Thee devoutly, Hear Thou our voices.**

**▲ 4 Lord God Almighty, unto Thee be glory,
One in three persons, over all exalted!
Glory we offer, praise Thee and adore Thee,
Now and forever.**

GOSPEL READING: John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases.

You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (NIV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN 717 (Maroon): Eternal Father, Strong to Save

**1 Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.**

**2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low; Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand From ev'ry peril on the land.**

**3 O Spirit, whom the Father sent To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by Thy watchful care From ev'ry peril in the air.**

**4 O Trinity of love and pow'r, Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them where-soe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.**

MESSAGE “I Scarce Can Take It In!” (John 3) Pastor Bode

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**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,**

by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

Welcome to worship at Peace. Holy Communion is for those who believe as we do in this Sacrament of the Altar. We believe it is the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, in, with, and under the bread and wine, given for the forgiveness of our sins. If you have questions, please speak to the Pastor or an Elder.

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.

HYMN G621 (Green): America, the Beautiful