



Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota
July 28, 2024

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 801 (Maroon): How Great Thou Art
10:30am HYMN 861 (Maroon): Christ Be My Leader

INVOCATION

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

PSALM 136:1-9

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

² Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever.

³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

His love endures forever.

⁴ to him who alone does great wonders,

His love endures forever.

⁵ who by his understanding made the heavens,

His love endures forever.

⁶ who spread out the earth upon the waters,

His love endures forever.

⁷ who made the great lights—

His love endures forever.

⁸ the sun to govern the day,

His love endures forever.

⁹ the moon and stars to govern the night;

His love endures forever. (NIV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Jesus speaks with authority, power and love. He expects us to listen to Him and follow Him. Yet, far too often, we choose to listen to others. We choose to listen to our sinful natures, the world, or the temptations of the devil. Though we confess that Jesus is our Lord, too often we do not welcome His authority and power into our lives.

Father in heaven, I confess my sins to You:

I have not listened to You as I should.

Instead, I have listened to others who have led me astray.

I have sinned against You in action.

I have sinned against You in my thoughts.

I have sinned against You in my desires.

I come before You, asking for your mercy and forgiveness.

Jesus speaks and acts with authority, power and love. He has paid for your sins in full, for every sin of thought, desire, and action. And so in His name, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SONG G679 (Green): Open Our Eyes (*We will sing this twice.*)

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

Readers: 8:30am Melissa Weckwerth; 10:30am Kim Kruse

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 9:8-17

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: ⁹“I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you ¹⁰and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: ¹³I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. ¹⁶Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.” ¹⁷So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.” (NIV)

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

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 3:7-21

⁷ I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. ¹³ I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (NIV)

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

▲ SONG: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Alleluia, alleluia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia, Give thanks to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth; He is the King of creation.

Alleluia, alleluia, Give thanks to the Risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia, Give thanks to His name.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:45-56

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁵ Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

⁴⁷ Later that night, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and he was alone on land. ⁴⁸ He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. Shortly before dawn he went out to them, walking on the lake. He was about to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the lake, they thought he was a ghost. They cried out, ⁵⁰ because they all saw him and were terrified.

Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." ⁵¹ Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, ⁵² for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴ As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. ⁵⁵ They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed. (NIV)

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



Children's Message

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 770 (Maroon): What a Friend We Have in Jesus

(Fav. Hymn Gene Ebnet, Arlene Benshoof, Connie Schmuhl)

10:30am SONG: Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone

MESSAGE "Do You Understand" Pastor Miller

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.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

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: 10,000 Reasons

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 809 (Maroon): Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Deb Wiprud)