



September 1, 2024  
Peace Lutheran Church  
Hutchinson, Minnesota

*Hymn for Labor Day by Thurlow Weed and Michael Morgan*  
*Tune: Beach Spring*

All our work and all our being come from you, most gracious Lord.  
Ev'ry task which lies before us is Creator's will outpoured.  
Help us as we build your kingdom know we labor not in vain;  
give us sure and deep conviction for the tasks that you ordain.

Some may nurture those who hunger, tend and heal the broken heart;  
set our flagging spirits dancing, spark our vision through their art.  
Others teach and offer counsel, bear life's burdens, ease its care;  
strive for justice, peace, and freedom for all people ev'rywhere.

Let us labor in the knowledge that no task can be too small;  
that the God who stretched the heavens no less shaped the least of all.  
Give us strength, Lord, to accomplish what you set our hands to do,  
that by serving those around us, we return the gift to you.

**INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 119:129-136**

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

<sup>129</sup>Your statutes are wonderful;  
therefore I obey them.

<sup>130</sup>**The unfolding of your words gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple.**

<sup>131</sup>I open my mouth and pant,  
longing for your commands.

<sup>132</sup>**Turn to me and have mercy on me,  
as you always do to those who love your name.**

<sup>133</sup>Direct my footsteps according to your word;  
let no sin rule over me.

<sup>134</sup> **Redeem me from human oppression,  
that I may obey your precepts.**

<sup>135</sup> Make your face shine on your servant  
and teach me your decrees.

<sup>136</sup> **Streams of tears flow from my eyes,  
for your law is not obeyed. (NIV)**

This 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.**

### **HYMN G707 (Green): They'll Know We Are Christians**

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*Readers: 6:30pm John Lietz; 8:30am Darlyn Egge*

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup> Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

<sup>6</sup> Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." <sup>7</sup> What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? <sup>8</sup> And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup> Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. (NIV)

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

**EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 6:10-20**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. (NIV)

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

**▲ CARIBBEAN HALLELUJAH** (*We will sing this twice.*)

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

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

**GOSPEL READING: Mark 7:14-23**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. <sup>15</sup> Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them."

<sup>17</sup> After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. <sup>18</sup> "Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? <sup>19</sup> For it doesn't go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

<sup>20</sup> He went on: "What comes out of a person is what defiles them. <sup>21</sup> For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. <sup>23</sup> All these evils come from inside and defile a person." (NIV) This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN G641 (Green): Brothers and Sisters in Christ**

**MESSAGE** "Recognize and Honor" (Mark 7 and Psalm 51) Pastor Bode

**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.*

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

Page 198 Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

HYMN G606 (Green): The Old Rugged Cross (Marlene Hettver and Mary Melin)

## 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 G603 (Green): Lead On, O King Eternal (Mary Haag)

10:30am SONG: Thy Word

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Sunday School and Confirmation Registration is online. Sign up now!

September 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 5:00pm Confirmation parent meeting

September 8<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 10am Installation of Pastor Weber  
(one worship service that weekend)

Children and Youth will sing. Indoor picnic lunch to follow.

September 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation classes  
begin after school (with busing)

September 15<sup>th</sup>, Rally Sunday Family Fun Day, 9:40am.  
Parents meet with Paster Weber at 10:00am. Children and Youth sing at 10:30am worship.

September 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 11:45am Lunch Bible Studies begin.

September 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday, 9:40am Adult Bible Studies begin.