



August 18, 2024
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota

8:30am “Be Thou My Vision”, Grace Puckett, soloist

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 575 (Maroon): My Hope Is Built (Anita Miller, Hazel Sitz)

10:30am SONG: Come, Let Us Worship

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 34:12-22

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

¹² Whoever of you loves life
and desires to see many good days,

¹³ keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from telling lies.

¹⁴ **Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

¹⁵ The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,
and his ears are attentive to their cry;

¹⁶ but the face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to blot out their name from the earth.

¹⁷ **The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.**

¹⁸ The LORD is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

¹⁹ **The righteous person may have many troubles,
but the LORD delivers him from them all;**

²⁰ **he protects all his bones,
not one of them will be broken.**

²¹ Evil will slay the wicked;
the foes of the righteous will be condemned.

²² **The LORD will rescue his servants;
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned. (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.**

HYMN G704 (Green): Make Me a Servant (Deb Wiprud) *We will sing this twice.*

**Make me a servant Humble and meek
Lord let me lift up Those who are weak
And may the prayer of my heart always be
Make me a servant, Make me a servant, Make me a servant today**

Readers: 6:30pm Joanne Keilen; 8:30am Gwen Wichmann; 10:30am Arlene Benshoof

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. ² Joshua said to all the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says:

¹⁴ "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! ¹⁷ It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. ¹⁸ And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God." (NIV)

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EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 5:6-20

⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God's wrath comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷ Therefore do not be partners with them.

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (NIV)

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

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

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

GOSPEL READING: John 6:51-69

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

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

⁵² Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

⁵³ Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

⁶⁰ On hearing it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷ “You do not want to leave too, do you?” Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.” (NIV)

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

SONG: How Deep the Father's Love for Us (Lynn Brown, Sally Moehring)

**How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, Bring many sons to glory**

**Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there, Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished**

**I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom**

MESSAGE "Choices" (Joshua 24:15) 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

8:30am "Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me", Grace Puckett, soloist

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.

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

HYMN 570 (Maroon): Just As I Am (John Lietz, Kim Grussing)

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: When the Roll is Called Up Yonder (Faye Shaw)

**1. When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.**

Refrain: **When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.**

**2. On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise,
And the glory of his resurrection share;
When his chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. [Refrain]**

**3. Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun;
Let us talk of all his wondrous love and care.
Then when all of life is over and our work on earth is done,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. [Refrain]**





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

September 4th, Wednesday, 5:00pm Confirmation parent meeting

September 8th, Sunday, 10am Installation of Pastor Weber
(one worship service that weekend)
Children and Youth will sing. Indoor picnic lunch to follow.

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

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

September 18th, Wednesday, 11:45am Lunch Bible Studies begin.

September 22nd, Sunday, 9:40am Adult Bible Studies begin.