



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

September 11<sup>th</sup>, All Wednesday Youth programs begin.  
6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation classes (with busing),  
Tiger Tweens and Youth Group (Hang out at Peace Place).

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

September 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 11:45am Lunch Bible Studies begin.  
Pastor Kurt Weber, in the Peace Center.

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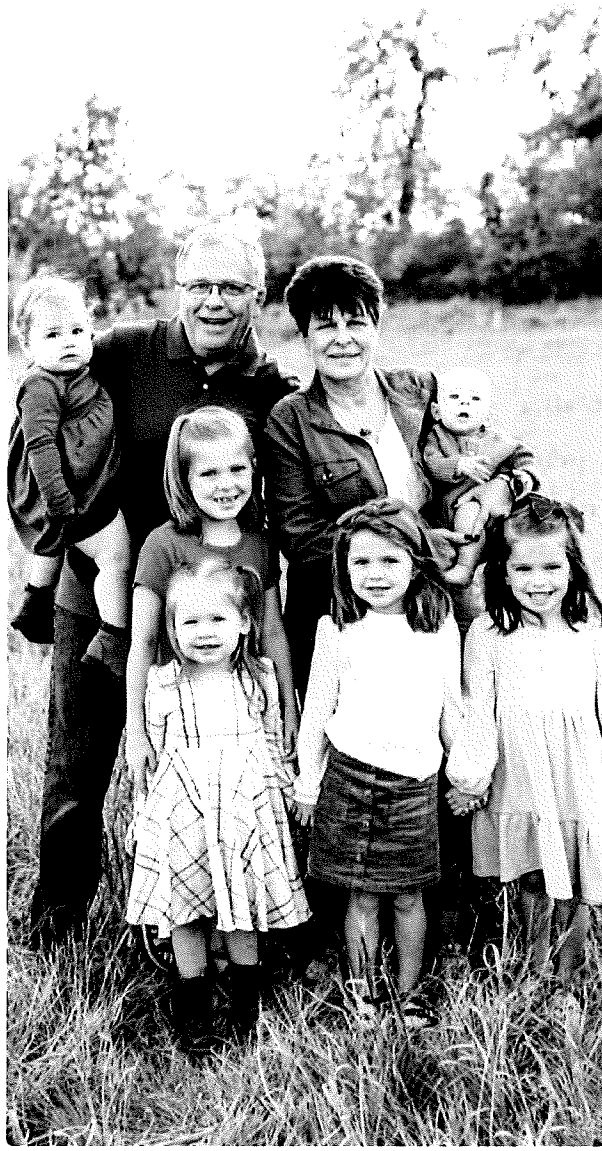


**Pastor Kurt Weber**

**September 8, 2024**



**Peace Lutheran Church**  
400 Franklin St SW • Hutchinson, MN



**TABLE PRAYER**

*Pastor Kurt Weber*

**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 895 (Maroon): Now Thank We All Our God**

**Now thank we all our God, With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms, Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.**

**Oh, may this bounteous God, Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts, And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in his grace, And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all harm, In this world and the next!**

**▲ All praise and thanks to God, The Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns, With them is highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore;  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore. AMEN.**

**POSTLUDE: Hallelujah Chorus...George Frederick Handel**

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Hello!

We are so excited to be part of the Peace Lutheran church family! My wife Laura and myself are looking forward to getting to know you and your family! Our Adventure as a family started back in Sheboygan Wisconsin where my wife Laura and I first met at Sheboygan Lutheran High School. Yup we were high school sweethearts!

Off to Concordia College Wisconsin we both went with Laura in Lutheran Education and myself in pre-seminary studies. We both graduated in 1986, got married, and started our new adventure in Indiana. Laura started a preschool in Kendallville IN and I began my seminary classes at Concordia Theological Seminary.

Our plans are not always God's plan's and we headed back to Wisconsin 2 years later. During our time back in Wisconsin we were blessed with our 3 children: Megan, Katlynn, and Curtis, Laura taught for 12 years at Trinity Lutheran, Freistadt, and I got some experience in the business world as a manager and district manager for Block Buster Video.

God came calling and in 2000 and back to the Seminary the Weber family went this time to Saint Louis MO. In 2004 we received our first call assignment to Messiah Lutheran Church Midland Michigan where I served as an assistant pastor for 12 years while Laura taught at St John Lutheran Midland and directed their preschool and before and after school care.

In 2016 we received a call from Golden Valley Lutheran in Minnesota where I have served as sole pastor and Laura the assistant director of LSELC Childcare for the past 8 years. During that time God blessed our kids with children. We have 6 grandchildren: Eleanor, Cora, Mila, Lydia, Clara, and our grandson Remi.

In these past 38 years God has blessed us immensely with many great opportunities to serve his church, community, and family.

We look forward with great joy to serve you and your family at Peace and reach out together as a church family with the light, love, and peace of Christ to our neighbors, the city of Hutchinson, and throughout the world!

God bless you today!

Pastor Kurt and Laura and family

**PRELUDE – HOSANNA HANDBELLS**

Joyous Spirit by Valerie Stephenson

I've Got Peace Like a River...arr. Sandra Eithun

Lift High the Cross...Sydney Nicholson, arr. Cathy Moglebust

**RINGING THE BELLS**

**WELCOME** Melissa Weckwerth, Congregational President

**▲ PROCESSIONAL HYMN G629 (Green): In Christ Alone (Please stand.)**

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones he came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied -  
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine - Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

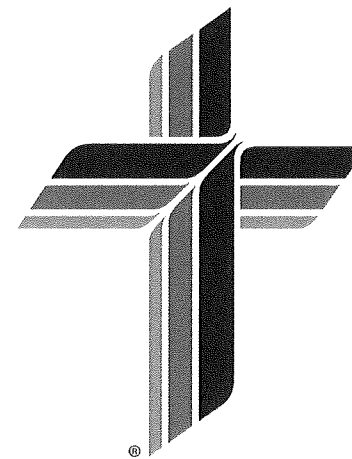
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God 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.

**WE WORSHIP GOD WITH OUR OFFERINGS**

**SONG: 10,000 Reasons**

*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.*



**The Service of Installation** *Pastor Mark Loder*

<sup>21</sup> Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, <sup>22</sup> and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. (NIV)

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

**SONG: Find Us Faithful**, Renae McKimm, soloist

We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road  
And those who've gone before us line the way  
Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary  
Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace

Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses  
Let us run the race not only for the prize  
But as those who've gone before us  
Let us leave to those behind us  
The heritage of faithfulness passed on through Godly lives

*Chorus:* Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful  
May the fire of our devotion light their way  
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe  
And the lives we live inspire them to obey  
Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful

After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone  
And our children sift through all we've left behind  
May the clues that they discover and the memories they uncover  
Become the light that leads them to the road we each must find. *Chorus.*

**SERMON "A Gift from God" (Ephesians 4:11-12) Pastor Bode**

*"It was He who gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. (Ephesians 4:11-12, NIV)*

## **INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)**

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

<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.

<sup>3</sup> **Know that the LORD is God.**

**It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.

<sup>5</sup> **For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations. (NIV)**

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

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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.**

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.**



**SONG: Jesus Loves Me** *Children and youth sing*

**Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**Children's Message "What God Blesses" Pastor Jeff Miller**



**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 6:1-7** *Reader: Catherine Oberg*

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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another:

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

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

<sup>5</sup> "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."

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

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

**EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23** *Reader: Weston Witte*

<sup>19</sup> Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. <sup>23</sup> I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. (NIV)

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



**▲ 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)**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 4:18-22**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>18</sup> As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup> "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." <sup>20</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.