

September 22, 2024  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Peace Lutheran Church  
Hutchinson, Minnesota

**WELCOME and GREETING**

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 605 (Maroon): Father Welcomes  
10:30am SONG: Jesus, Firm Foundation

**INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 25:8-15)**

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

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

<sup>9</sup> **He guides the humble in what is right  
and teaches them his way.**

<sup>10</sup> All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful  
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

<sup>11</sup> **For the sake of your name, Lord,  
forgive my iniquity, though it is great.**

<sup>12</sup> Who, then, are those who fear the Lord?  
He will instruct them in the ways they should choose.

<sup>13</sup> **They will spend their days in prosperity,  
and their descendants will inherit the land.**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord confides in those who fear him;  
he makes his covenant known to them.

<sup>15</sup> **My eyes are ever on the Lord,  
for only he will release my feet from the snare.**

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

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**Who made heaven and earth.**  
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.  
**And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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.**

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**SONG: Purify My Heart (We will sing this twice.)**  
**Purify my heart, Touch me with Your cleansing fire**  
**Take me to the cross, Your holiness is my desire**  
**Breathe Your life in me, Kindle a love that flows from Your throne**  
**Oh purify my heart, Purify my heart**

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*Readers: 6:30pm Joanne Keilen; 8:30am Duane Hall; 10:30am Sara Peterson*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 49:1-6**

Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the Lord called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

<sup>2</sup> He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow

and concealed me in his quiver.

<sup>3</sup> He said to me, "You are my servant,

Israel, in whom I will display my splendor."

<sup>4</sup> But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing at all.

Yet what is due me is in the Lord's hand,

and my reward is with my God."

<sup>5</sup> And now the Lord says—

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant

to bring Jacob back to him

and gather Israel to himself,

for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord

and my God has been my strength—

<sup>6</sup> he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant  
to restore the tribes of Jacob  
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.  
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." (NIV)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING: James 3:13-18**

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. (NIV)

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

**▲ GOSPEL ALLELUIA: 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 9:30-37**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

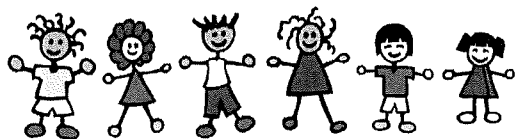
<sup>30</sup> They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, <sup>31</sup> because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

<sup>33</sup> They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" <sup>34</sup> But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

<sup>35</sup> Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

<sup>36</sup> He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." (NIV)

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



**Children's Message**

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 848 (Maroon): Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

10:30am SONG: His Mercy Is More

MESSAGE "Who is the Greatest? Answer: The Servant of all!" (Mark 9:30-37) Pastor Weber

*<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14-16*

#### 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 shall 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 "Be Thou My Vision" ...Irish melody, Peace Singers

*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: Here I Am, Lord

**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 922 (Maroon): Go My Children... verses 1 & 3

10:30am SONG: Go Light Your World

