



Peace Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, MN. November 24, 2024

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 525 (Maroon): Crown Him with Many Crowns  
10:30am SONG: Mighty to Save

**INVOCATION and PSALM 93**

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

<sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;  
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength;  
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

<sup>2</sup>**Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity.**

<sup>3</sup>The seas have lifted up, LORD,  
the seas have lifted up their voice;  
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

<sup>4</sup>Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea—the LORD on high is mighty.

<sup>5</sup>**Your statutes, LORD, stand firm;  
holiness adorns your house for endless days. (NIV)**  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
And for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ is coming again and coming soon. Although we know this, although we have heard His words and warning, we have not always acted as though Christ were coming soon. At times we have grown complacent and lazy, focused on the things of this world rather than on Christ, His Word, and His salvation. As we gather together in the Lord's house, let us consider our failure to live according to His holiness.

*Silence for reflection.*

**Heavenly Father, we have not always lived according to Your Word. We have fallen asleep in the comfort of our sins. We have not stayed awake and remained prepared for the return of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and stir us, so that we might prepare ourselves and others for Christ's return.**

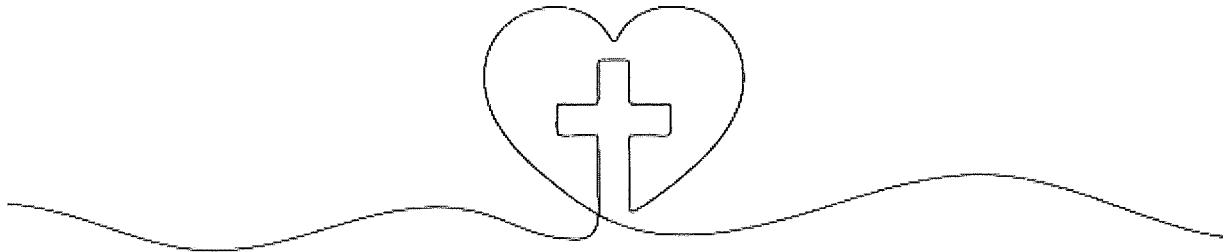
Because of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, you are presented blameless before the presence of God. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**HYMN G699 (Green): Soon and Very Soon**

**1. Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're to see the King!**

**2. No more crying there, we are going to see the King! . . .**

**3. No more dying there, we are going to see the King! . . .**



*Readers: 6:30pm Annette Koehler; 8:30am Marie Maki; 10:30am Sara Peterson*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 51:4-6**

<sup>4</sup> "Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me,  
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me,  
and for my arm they wait.

<sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;

for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be dismayed. (ESV)  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING: Jude 1:20-25**

<sup>20</sup> But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup> And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup> save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

<sup>24</sup> Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup> to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. (ESV)

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

**▲ GOSPEL ALLELUIA**

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. (repeat)

With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see

The day of earth's redemption That sets Your people free!

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. (repeat)

**▲ 10:30am SONG: King of Kings**

**GOSPEL READING: Mark 13:24-37**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

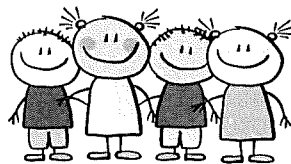
<sup>24</sup> "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup> "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup> "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup> Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning -

<sup>36</sup> lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake. (ESV)

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



## Children's Message

### HYMN: Battle Hymn of the Republic

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord  
He is trampling out the vintage Where the grapes of wrath are stored  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning Of His terrible swift sword  
His truth is marching on

*Refrain:* Glory glory hallelujah, Glory glory hallelujah  
Glory glory hallelujah, His truth is marching on

2. He has sounded forth the trumpet That shall never call retreat  
He is sifting out the hearts of men Before His judgment seat  
O be swift my soul to answer Him Be jubilant my feet  
Our God is marching on                      Glory, glory....

3. Mine eyes have seen the glory Of the coming of the Lord  
It is flowing through the cities And the waste will be restored  
By the leading of the Spirit And their trusting in His Word  
His army marches on                      Glory, glory...

**MESSAGE "Come, Jesus Come!" (We are ready and waiting for Your return) Pastor Kurt Weber**

*The final three weeks of the Church Year are traditionally concerned with "the last things." The lessons of the Church bring a special opportunity to reflect on the end of time and on the end of our earthly lives.*

*In the Apostles' Creed, we affirm our belief in the resurrection of the body, which is God's good but temporary gift to us while we are living on earth. With all who have died in the faith before us, we await the coming of the Lord.*

*In these, the final three weeks of the church year, we will be reading one article of the creed each week, along with a portion of Luther's Small Catechism. We encourage you to read the rest of Luther's explanation as a part of your Bible study this week.*

## **The Apostles' Creed: The Third Article**

In the Third Article, we affirm our confession of the last things and add our "Amen" to all we have professed that we believe.

**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.**

What does this mean?

**I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

**In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.**

**On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

### **PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS**

*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**

**10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT. SONG: Shine, Jesus, Shine**

**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: Battle Hymn of the Republic**

**4. Arise and shine my people See the glory of the Lord  
As the church with signs and wonders Marches on in one accord  
His soldiers do not falter As for Him they wield the sword  
His army marches on Glory, glory...**

**5. O join this mighty army There's a battle to be won  
Let us now put in sickle For the harvest time has come  
Countless multitudes are waiting Just to hear of God's own Son  
His army marches on Glory, glory...**

**6. We can almost hear the trumpet sound The Lord's return is near  
There are still so many people lost His message they must hear  
Father give us one more moment, One more day, Just one more year  
With God we're marching on Glory, glory...**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Thanksgiving Worship Services

Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am and 6:30pm  
No noon meal. Note: No service on Thanksgiving Day.

## Midweek Advent Worship Services

Wednesdays, December 4, 11 and 18; 11:30am followed by lunch  
4:30pm (Peace Center) and 6:30pm (Sanctuary)

## Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Cookie Sale

## Children's Christmas Pageant

Saturday, Dec. 14 – 10:00-11:30am Christmas rehearsal + 11:30 Family Christmas party  
Sunday, Dec. 15 – Meet at 10:00am, 10:30am Children's Christmas pageant (Sanctuary)

## Sundays, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

ONE worship service each weekend.  
Sunday at 10:00am. No Saturday night worship.

## December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00am

Service of Lessons, Carols and Bells  
11:30am Lunch, Congregational Christmas Gathering

## December 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

3:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm

## December 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day Worship

9:00am, with communion

## Advent Candles

We will once again be asking families to light the Advent wreath at each worship service.  
If you are interested, please contact Dr. Joan.