



May 25, 2025
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN

Welcome and Announcements

Armed Forces Medley

Veterans and active duty personnel, please stand for your song.

Air Force

Off we go, into the wild blue yonder climbing high into the sun!
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder, At 'em boys, give 'er the gun!
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under off with one terrible roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame. Hey! Nothing will stop the U.S Air Force!

Army

Over hill, over dale as we hit the dusty trail and those caissons go rolling along
"Counter march, and right about!" Hear those wagon soldiers shout,
While those caissons go rolling along
For its Hi! Hi! Hee! in the field artillery, Call off your numbers loud and strong!
And where'er you go, you will always know that those caissons are rolling along

Navy

Anchors aweigh my boys, anchors aweigh.
Farewell to college joys, we sail at break of day, day, day, day!
Through our last night on shore, anchors aweigh.
Until we meet once more, here's wishing you a happy voyage home.

Coast Guard

We're always ready for the call, We place our trust in Thee.
Through surf and storm and howling gale high shall our purpose be.
"Semper Paratus" is our guide, our fame and glory too.
To fight to save, to fight and die! Aye! Coast Guard, we are for you!

Marines

From the halls of Montezuma, to the shores of Tripoli;
we fight our country's battles in the air, on land and sea
first we fight for rights and freedom and to keep our honor clean;
we are proud to claim the title of the United States Marines!

The Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands,
one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

National Anthem

O say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation.
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."
And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

INVOCATION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by,
Celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things
that our country has achieved.
On this day we rejoice in the favor You have graciously given us.
We thank You for the blessings of liberty,
for this generation and for the generations to come.

**We thank You for our independence, peace and for all those who have bravely
given their lives in the defense of freedom and justice.**

We thank You that Your gracious and provident hand has given us so much.

Yet, as a nation and people we have not always chosen the right way.

We ask You to forgive us for these times.

On this day we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving You.

With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You.

**Make us a generous people, A holy nation,
A people set aside to love You forever,
For the sake of the land of the brave and free,
And the peoples and nations of this world.**

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.**

HYMN 965 (Maroon): God Bless Our Native Land

God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand, Through storm and night.

When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,

Do Thou our country save By Thy great might.

So shall our prayers arise, To God above the skies; On Him we wait.

Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye,

To Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!

Reader: Arlene Benshoof

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us. (ESV)

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

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

⁹ Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. (ESV)

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)

GOSPEL READING: John 5:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 5th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

² Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. ³ In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵ One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” ⁷ The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” ⁸ Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” ⁹ And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. (ESV)

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



SONG: America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties, Above thy fruited plain
America, America, God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat, Across the wilderness
America, America, God mend thine every flaw
Confirm thy soul in self control, Thy liberty in law

O beautiful for heroes proved, In liberating strife
Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life
America, America, May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness, And every gain divine

O beautiful for patriot dream, That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears
America, America, God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea

SERMON "Do You Want to Be Healed?" Pastor Weber

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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

HYMN, page 198 AGNUS DEI, Lamb of God

HYMN G614 (Green): Break Thou the Bread of Life

HYMN G604 (Green): God of Our Fathers

BENEDICTION

SONG: Battle Hymn of the Republic

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!

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 *Refrain: Glory....*

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 *Refrain: Glory....*

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 *Refrain: Glory....*

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 *Refrain: Glory....*



Have you signed up for VBS? June 9-13, 9:00am-11:30am.
Friday 11:00am program and pizza party. Students sing June 15th at 10:30am.
Online registration or in person. Bring a friend! Volunteer to help!
Peace continues to offer VBS free of charge, open to all children, ages 3- 4th grade.
5th grade and up serve as helpers, and should still register.