



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Peace Lutheran Church  
Hutchinson, MN  
September 7, 2025

**HYMN G629 (Green): In Christ Alone**

**INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 1)**

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

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,

<sup>2</sup> but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.

<sup>3</sup> **That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.**

<sup>4</sup> Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> **For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction. (NIV)**

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

**CONFESSION**

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.**

**HYMN 806 (Maroon): Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart**  
**Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One**  
**Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (repeat)**  
**And now let the weak say, "I am strong." Let the poor say, "I am rich**  
**because of what the Lord has done for us" (repeat)**  
**Give thanks..... Give Thanks!**



*Readers: 6:30pm Lee Ulbjerg; 8:30am Weston Witte; 10:30am Cate Oberg*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

<sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them." (ESV)

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**EPISTLE READING: Philemon 1:1-21**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup> and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup> because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, <sup>6</sup> and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.

<sup>7</sup> For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

<sup>8</sup> Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup> yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup> I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup> (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup> I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup> I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup> but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in

order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. <sup>15</sup> For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup> no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup> If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup> Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

<sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. <sup>22</sup> At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that through your prayers I will be graciously given to you. (ESV)

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

### **6:30pm & 8:30am ▲ 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)**

**10:30am SONG: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks**

### **GOSPEL READING: Luke 14:25-35**

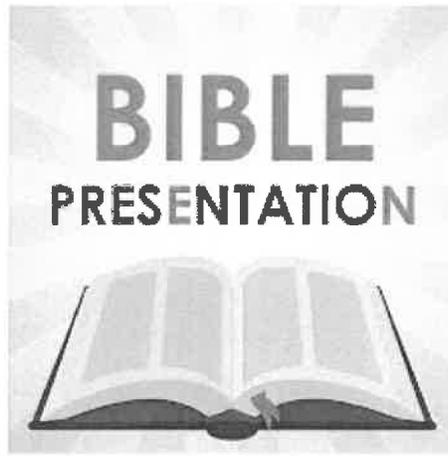
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup> Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

<sup>32</sup> And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

<sup>34</sup> “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup> It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” (ESV)

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



**PRESENTATION OF BIBLES to 3 year olds, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
and any new member or child who has not received a Bible in the past.**

**Children's Message**

**SONG: Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone**

- 1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found Was blind, but now I see**
- 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed**

*Chorus: My chains are gone, I've been set free My God, my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love, amazing grace*

- 3. The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures. *Chorus twice.***

**Sermon: "Freedom to Serve" 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**

*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 PRAYERS**

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

**HYMN, page 198 Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)**

**HYMN G611 (Green): O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee**

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

## **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 528 (Maroon): Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

**10:30am SONG: Love the Lord, Your God**

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**This week, these programs return to our schedule:**

**Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, Monday, Grief Share, 4:00pm**

**Weekly Adult Bible Study Groups (see the Messenger calendar)**

**Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 11:45am lunch and Pastor's Bible study**

**Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, Confirmation classes meet after school**

**Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm Teen Bible study**

**Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, Adult choir, Wednesday night at 5:30pm**

**September 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:40am Sunday School classes**

**Parents sign in students in the commons area beginning at 9:30am**