



Sunday, August 2, 2026
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 802 (Maroon): Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
10:30am SONG: Mighty to Save

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 136)

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

- ¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. **His love endures forever.**
² Give thanks to the God of gods. **His love endures forever.**
³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords. **His love endures forever.**
⁴ to him who alone does great wonders. **His love endures forever.**
⁵ who by his understanding made the heavens. **His love endures forever.**
⁶ who spread out the earth upon the waters. **His love endures forever.**
⁷ who made the great lights—**His love endures forever.**
⁸ the sun to govern the day. **His love endures forever.**
⁹ the moon and stars to govern the night. **His love endures forever.**
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.**

HYMN G694 (Green): I Love You, Lord *(We will sing this twice.)*

I love You, Lord And I lift my voice
To worship You, Oh my soul rejoice
Take joy my King, In what You hear
May it be a sweet, sweet sound In Your ear



Readers: 6:30pm John Lietz; 8:30am Darlyn Egge; 10:30am Kevin Pfau

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ecclesiastes 8:1-9

Who is like the wise?

And who knows the interpretation of a thing?

A man's wisdom makes his face shine,
and the hardness of his face is changed.

² I say: Keep the king's command, because of God's oath to him. ³ Be not hasty to go from his presence. Do not take your stand in an evil cause, for he does whatever he pleases. ⁴ For the word of the king is supreme, and who may say to him, "What are you doing?" ⁵ Whoever keeps a command will know no evil thing, and the wise heart will know the proper time and the just way. ⁶ For there is a time and a way for everything, although man's trouble lies heavy on him. ⁷ For he does not know what is to be, for who can tell him how it will be? ⁸ No man has power to retain the spirit, or power over the day of death. There is no discharge from war, nor will wickedness deliver those who are given to it. ⁹ All this I observed while applying my heart to all that is done under the sun, when man had power over man to his hurt. (ESV)

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

EPISTLE READING: Romans 13:1-7

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴ for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. (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 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 Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. (ESV)

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

▲ 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.

▲ Pledge to the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for whose Kingdom it stands; one Savior, crucified, risen, and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.

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!**

SERMON "One Nation, Under God" 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.

OFFERING PRAYER

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

6:30pm & 830am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

HYMN 537 (Maroon): Beautiful Savior

HYMN 770 (Maroon): What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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: God Bless America

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

God bless America, Land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her Thru the night with a light from above;
From the mountains, to the prairies, To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America, My home, sweet home.
God bless America, My home, sweet home. *(repeat chorus)*

