

*Exceedingly, Abundantly
more than we could
ask or imagine.*



Ephesians 3:20

August 16, 2026
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota

HYMN: This is My Father's World

**This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--His hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.**

**This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!**

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 67)

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

- ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—
- ² so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.
- ³ **May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.**
- ⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.
- ⁵ **May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.**
- ⁶ The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.

**⁷ May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him. (NIV)
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

CONFESSION (Based on Ephesians 3:20)

Our God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us. Yet, we often live out of our own scarcity, relying on our own strength and harboring small expectations. Let us confess our sins together, trusting in His limitless grace.

Lord God Almighty,
**We confess that we are people of small vision and weak faith.
You promise to do far more than we can ask or think,
but we often live as though everything depends on us.
We rely on our own strength,
we let our worries drown out your promises,
and we fail to love others with your abundant love.
Forgive the poverty of our expectations.
Forgive our doubts and our self-reliance.
Awaken us by your Holy Spirit to the power at work within us,
that we might trust you deeply and serve you boldly.
In Jesus' 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 712 (Maroon): Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, And his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, Alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!

Man does not live by bread alone, But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. Allelu, Alleluia!

Readers: 6:30pm Joanne Keilen; 8:30am Heidi Sickman; 10:30am Jennifer Plath

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my righteousness be revealed.

⁶ “And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

⁸ The Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.” (ESV)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: Galatians 4:4-7

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. (ESV)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

6:30pm, 8:30am GOSPEL ALLELUIA, Hymn 584

**Faith and truth and life bestowing, Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing, Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving, Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving, Shallow earth or stony ground.**

**▲ May the Spirit's power unceasing Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing, Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story, Savior, may Your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold Your glory Give us ears to hear Your Word.**

10:30am Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:25-38

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

²⁹ “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;

³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation

³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴ And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵ (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

³⁶ And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷ and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. (ESV)

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN: He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands

**He’s got the whole world in His hands, He’s got the whole world in His hands,
He’s got the whole world in His hands, He’s got the whole world in His hands.**

**He’s got the wind and the rain in His hands, He’s got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He’s got the wind and the rain in His hands, He’s got the whole world in His hands.**

**He’s got the sun and the moon in His hands, He’s got the sun and the moon in His hands,
He’s got the sun and the moon in His hands, He’s got the whole world in His hands.**

**He’s got everybody here in His hands, He’s got everybody here in His hands,
He’s got everybody here in His hands, He’s got the whole world in His hands.**

MESSAGE “It’s About Time” Pastor Miller

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 & 8:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

HYMN 738 (Maroon): Lord of All Hopefulness

HYMN 739 (Maroon): Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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 FAVORITE HYMN REQUEST: Because He Lives

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives
Chorus: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives

And then one day, I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives
Chorus: Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives

10:30am SONG: Jesus, Strong and Kind