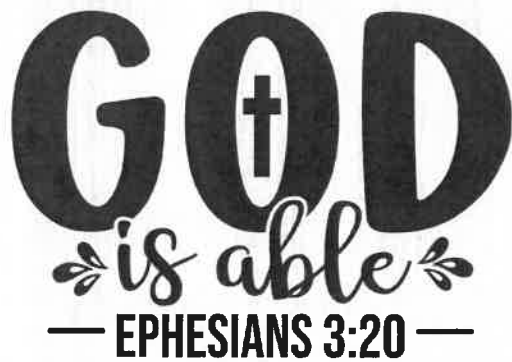




Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN
September 13, 2026

HYMN G629 (Green): In Christ Alone

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 103)

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

King of all the earth, Creator of the universe,
Holy Triune God, From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.

You are merciful and gracious, O Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

You forgive all our iniquities and heal all our diseases;

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

You redeem our lives from the pit
and crown us with steadfast love and mercy;

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

You satisfy us with good and renew our youth like the eagles;

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

This is our God, the Holy One.

Come before him with thanksgiving
and offer him the sacrifice of praise. (NIV)

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

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.**

SONG: 10,000 REASONS (Adapted from PSALM 103)

Chorus: **Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name**
Sing like never before, O my soul, worship Your holy name

1. The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes. Chorus

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. Chorus, Chorus



Readers: 6:30pm Dick Higgins; 8:30am Mary Haag; 10:30am Kim Kruse

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:26-31

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?
He who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name;
by the greatness of his might
and because he is strong in power,
not one is missing.

²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.
³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
³¹ but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint. (ESV)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (ESV)

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

▲ Gospel Alleluia: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks
Alleluia, Alleluia. Give thanks to the Risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to His name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Give thanks to the Risen Lord,
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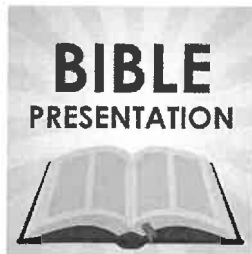
GOSPEL READING: Matthew 19:13-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 19th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹³ Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them.

¹⁴ Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” ¹⁵ When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there. (NIV)

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



10:30am PRESENTATION OF BIBLES to 3 year olds, 1st grade, 6th grade and any new member or child who has not received a Bible in the past.



10:30am Commissioning the Christian Education Leaders

HYMN: God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

God, who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place,
Flung the suns in burning radiance, through the silent fields of space,
We, your children, in your likeness, share inventive powers with you;
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may be.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of, since the childhood of our race,
Known the ecstasy of winging through untraveled realms of space,
Probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power
Facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.

Sermon "God IS ABLE"
 Able
 Boundless
 Limitless
 Everlasting

Pastor Miller

HYMN: God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew,
Children of creative purpose, serving man and honoring you
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun.
Great Creator, give us guidance, till our goals and yours are one.

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

10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SONG: Jesus, Strong and Kind

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 924 (Maroon): Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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

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