



Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN
September 6, 2026

Hymn for Labor Day by Thurlow Weed and Michael Morgan
Tune: Beach Spring

**All our work and all our being come from you, most gracious Lord.
Ev'ry task which lies before us is Creator's will outpoured.
Help us as we build your kingdom know we labor not in vain;
give us sure and deep conviction for the tasks that you ordain.**

**Some may nurture those who hunger, tend and heal the broken heart;
set our flagging spirits dancing, spark our vision through their art.
Others teach and offer counsel, bear life's burdens, ease its care;
strive for justice, peace, and freedom for all people ev'rywhere.**

**Let us labor in the knowledge that no task can be too small;
that the God who stretched the heavens no less shaped the least of all.
Give us strength, Lord, to accomplish what you set our hands to do,
that by serving those around us, we return the gift to you.**

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP, Psalm 100

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

¹ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

² Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

³ **Know that the LORD is God.**

**It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁵ **For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations. (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.**

SONG G679 (Green): Open Our Eyes, Lord (we will sing this twice)

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

Reader: Sandra Hall

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:8-11

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. (NIV)

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

EPISTLE READING: Colossians 3:22-4:1

²² Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. ²⁵ Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism.

Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven. (NIV)

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

▲ Gospel Alleluia 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,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to His name.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:28-30

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (ESV)

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

Children’s Message

HYMN G707 (Green): They’ll Know We Are Christians

SERMON “R.I.P.” Pastor Bode

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 PRAYER

Service of the Sacrament

HYMN G621 (Green): America, the Beautiful

HYMN G604 (Green): God of Our Fathers

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.**

▲ SONG: God Bless the USA

If tomorrow all the things were gone I worked for all my life
And I had to start again With just my family and my life
I'd thank my lucky stars To be living here today
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom And they can't take that away
And I'm proud to be an American Where at least I know I'm free
And I won't forget the men who died Who gave that right to me
And I gladly stand up next to you And defend her still today
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land God Bless the USA

From the lakes of Minnesota To the hills of Tennessee
Across the plains of Texas From sea to shining sea
From Detroit down to Houston And New York to LA
Where's pride in every American heart And it's time we stand and say
That I'm proud to be an American Where at least I know I'm free
And I won't forget the men who died Who gave that right to me
And I gladly stand up next to you And defend her still today
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land, God Bless the USA

And I'm proud to be an American Where at least I know I'm free
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