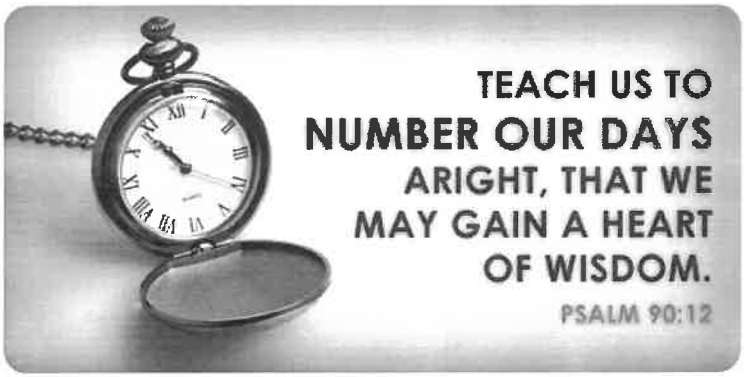

Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, MN
November 15, 2026
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

6:30pm & 8:30am HYMN 733 (Maroon): O God, Our Help in Ages Past
10:30am SONG: Cornerstone

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 90:1-12)

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

[1] Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
[2] **Before the mountains were born**
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
[3] You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."
[4] **A thousand years in your sight**
are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.
[5] Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—
they are like the new grass of the morning:
[6] **In the morning it springs up new,**
but by evening it is dry and withered.
[7] We are consumed by your anger
and terrified by your indignation.
[8] **You have set our iniquities before you,**
our secret sins in the light of your presence.
[9] All our days pass away under your wrath;
we finish our years with a moan.
[10] **Our days may come to seventy years,**
or eighty, if our strength endures;
yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow,
for they quickly pass, and we fly away.
[11] If only we knew the power of your anger!
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.
[12] **Teach us to number our days,**
that we may gain a heart of wisdom. (NIV)

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

CONFESSION

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Christ, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
And for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Christ, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Christ is coming again and coming soon. Although we know this, although we have heard His words and warning, we have not always acted as though Christ were coming soon. At times we have grown complacent and lazy, focused on the things of this world rather than on Christ, His Word, and His salvation. As we gather together in the Lord's house, let us consider our failure to live according to His holiness.

Heavenly Father, we have not always lived according to Your Word. We have fallen asleep in the comfort of our sins. We have not stayed awake and remained prepared for the return of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and stir us up so that we might prepare ourselves and others for Christ's return.

Because of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, you are presented blameless before the presence of God. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I 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 Dick Higgins; 8:30am Mary Haag; 10:30am Kevin Pfau

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Zephaniah 1:7-16

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.
8 And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
9 On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.
10 "On that day," declares the LORD, "a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills.
11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men
who are complacent, those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.'
13 Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them."
14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.
15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. (ESV)

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

EPISTLE READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. (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)
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption That sets Your people free!
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. (repeat)

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

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:14-30

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15 To
one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went
away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents
more. 17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent
went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 Now after a long time the master of those servants
came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five
talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' 21 His
master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over
much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master,
you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done,
good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your
master.' 24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard
man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went
and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' 26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked
and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then
you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my
own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone
who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has
will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth.' (ESV)

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



HYMN G703 (Green): Days of Elijah

MESSAGE "Parable of the Talents" Pastor Miller

The final three weeks of the Church Year are traditionally concerned with "the last things." The lessons of the Church bring a special opportunity to reflect on the end of time and on the end of our earthly lives.

In the Apostles' Creed, we affirm our belief in the resurrection of the body, which is God's good but temporary gift to us while we are living on earth. With all who have died in the faith before us, we await the coming of the Lord.

In these, the final three weeks of the church year, we will be reading one article of the creed each week, along with a portion of Luther's Small Catechism. We encourage you to read the rest of Luther's explanation as a part of your Bible study this week.

The Apostles' Creed: The Second Article

In the Second Article, we confess the work of our Savior Jesus Christ, who takes away our sin and rescues us from the snares of the devil. We confess:
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.

What does this mean?
I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from all eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,
who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,
that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,
just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.
This is most certainly true.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS



8:30am WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

6:30pm & 8:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT
Agnus Dei, page 198
HYMN 893 (Maroon): Sing to the Lord of Harvest
HYMN 894 (Maroon): For the Fruits of His Creations

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 805 (Maroon): Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
10:30am SONG: On Eagles' Wings



Thanksgiving Worship Services
Wednesday, November 25, 11:30am (no lunch) and 6:30pm.
No service on Thanksgiving Day.