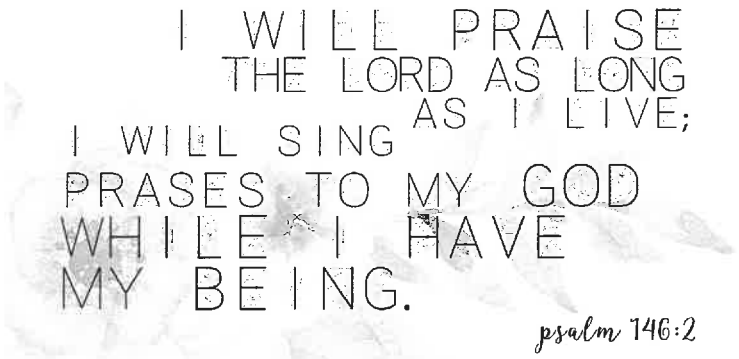


November 8, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Peace Lutheran Church
Hutchinson, Minnesota

HYMN 803 (Maroon): Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 70

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

[1] Hasten, O God, to save me;
come quickly, LORD, to help me.
[2] May those who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion;
may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.
[3] May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!"
turn back because of their shame.
[4] But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who long for your saving help always say,
"The LORD is great!"
[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come quickly to me, O God.
You are my help and my deliverer;
LORD, do not delay. (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.
Lord, have mercy.

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 John Mons; 8:30am Bennett Oberg; 10:30am Sadie Jenkins

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. (ESV)
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

[13] But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. [15] For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. [16] For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words. (ESV)

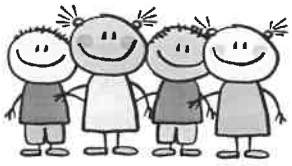
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▲ **Gospel Acclamation:** **Alleluia, Alleluia. Give thanks to the Risen Lord,**
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to His name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Give thanks to the Risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to His name.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:15-22

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[15] Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. [16] And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. [17] Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" [18] But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? [19] Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. [20] And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" [21] They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." [22] When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away. (ESV) This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**



8:30am Children Sing and Youth Handbells Play
Jesus, Strong and Kind

Children's Message

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)*

SERMON Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

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 First Article
In the First Article, we confess that our bodies are a gift of God. It is the gracious action of our Creator that continues to preserve us during our earthly life. That care continues beyond death as we look forward to everlasting life. We confess:
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?
I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.
He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.
He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.
This is most certainly true.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS 8:30am Youth Bells: God of the Ages
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

10:30am SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT
SONG: 10,000 Reasons

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 HYMN 621 (Maroon): America, the Beautiful
8:30am HYMN 588 (Maroon): Jesus Loves Me
10:30am SONG: The Blessing