



Sent with God's Own Authority

Peace Lutheran Church

Houghton, Michigan

Sunday, July 14, 2024

Welcome to Worship

God's grace welcomes you, and so do we — the pastor and members of Peace! Jesus Christ is the only Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death and triumphant resurrection, Jesus saves all sinners. We learn these truths from the Bible — God's complete plan for our salvation and his guidebook for our lives. Peace greets you with a warm welcome. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

About Our Service

The gospel (or good news) is not just information about what Jesus did to save sinners. It is also the power God uses to work faith in our hearts, transform our lives, and give us lasting peace. Therefore, Lutheran Worship places the gospel in central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. In the message and meal (Holy Communion), in specially selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and creeds, the liturgy proclaims the good news about Jesus from start to finish. Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children). For your ease and convenience, the order of service is printed out on the following pages. If a song is not found in this service folder, it can be found in the red or blue hymnals located on the chair in front of you.

Series Explanation: Meaningful Ministry

“Ministry” is one of those churchy words that is often used, yet perhaps not fully understood. Ministry comes from the Latin word for “service.” Ministry involves serving others with love, compassion, and empathy. Helping someone with physical needs is sometimes called “compassion ministry.” Helping someone with their spiritual needs, sharing the good news of Christ, is generally called “gospel ministry.” We misunderstand ministry if we think of it as something only ministers do. While pastors are called to perform gospel ministry on behalf of others, ultimately every believer is called by God to reflect Christ-like love and share the message of salvation as God provides those opportunities.

In this worship series we will see our efforts to meet the needs of those God brings into our sphere of influence as meaningful ministry. In our service to them, those people see God's love and God sees our faith.

Current Worship Series: Meaningful Ministry

July 7: *Not Glee and Gratitude, but Rejection and Resentment*

July 14: *Sent with God's Own Authority*

July 21: *Jesus Models a Compassionate Shepherd's Heart*

July 28: *God Meets Our Needs to Meet Others' Needs*

August 4: *Fear Not, for the Lord Is with You*

Today's Focus: *Sent with God's Own Authority*

When a child asks a sibling to do something there isn't much certainty as to the results. The sibling might simply ignore the request. However, if that same child goes to a brother or sister with "Dad said so," it's a very different story! Now the father's authority is behind the child's request.

As believers carry out gospel ministry, encouraging others to turn to Christ in repentance, people might push back. "What gives you the right?" Maybe we ask that question ourselves. "I'm far from perfect. So, what gives me the right to talk about things like sin?" This week we are given the answer to that question. "Dad said so." When our God calls us to do ministry, he also gives us authority. In calling us to ministry, God isn't asking us to share our advice or our opinion or even our values. We are sharing God's own authoritative Word. Gospel ministry is conducted by believers but with God's own authority behind the effort.

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Pastor of Peace: Pastor Welch



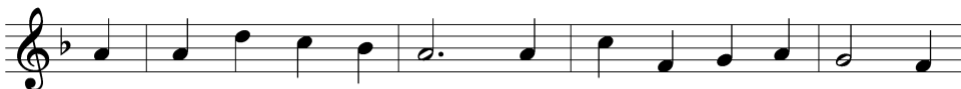
THE SERVICE

Hymn

Lord Jesus, You Have Come



1 Lord Je - sus, you have come a teach - er sent from heav - en
2 O bless - ed min - is - try of rec - on - cil - i - a - tion,
3 Pre - serve this min - is - try while har - vest days are keep - ing;
4 The ser - vants you have called and to your Church are giv - ing
5 Bring those in - to your fold who still to you are stran - gers;



and by both word and deed God's truth to us have giv - en.
that shows the way to God and brings to us sal - va - tion!
and since the fields are ripe and hands are few for reap - ing,
pre - serve in doc - trine pure and ho - li - ness of liv - ing.
guard those who are with - in a - gainst of - fense and dan - gers.



You wise - ly have or - dained the ho - ly min - is - try
Lord, by your gos - pel pure you bless and keep your fold,
send work - ers forth, O Lord, the sheaves to gath - er in
Your Spir - it fill their hearts and charge their words with pow'r;
Press on - ward with your Word till pas - tor and his fold



that we, your flock, may know the truth that sets us free.
you call, en - light - en, keep, you com - fort and up - hold.
that not a soul be lost which you have come to win.
what they should bold - ly speak, O give them in that hour!
through faith in you, O Christ, your glo - ry shall be - hold.

Text: tr. composite; Eberhard L. Fischer, 1695–1773, abr.

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Please stand

Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.

Therefore, it is by Christ's command and with his authority that I say to you what God says to you: In the name of Jesus T your sins are forgiven.

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called the children of God.

And that is what we are! Thanks be to God!

The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.

1 John 1:8

1 John 1:9

The use of the keys of absolution is that special right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to proclaim the forgiveness of sins through Jesus. See John 20:21-23.

1 John 3:1

Glory to God

Reformation Song sts. Ref, 3-4

Jesus said that the angels in heaven rejoice over one sinner who repents. In response to the repentance expressed through confession and absolution, the church sings as the angels sang on Christmas night: "glory be to God on high."

3 In Christ a - lone we're jus - ti - fied;
4 By grace a - lone we have been saved;

his right - eous - ness is all our plea.
all that we are has come from you.

Your law's de - mands are sat - is - fied;
Hearts that were once by sin en - slaved

his per - fect work has set us free.
now by your pow'r have been made new.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ry to God a - lone.

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Prayer

O Lord, you granted your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Word

First Reading

Amos 7:10–15

¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: “Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. ¹¹For this is what Amos is saying:

“ ‘Jeroboam will die by the sword,
and Israel will surely go into exile,
away from their native land.’ ”

¹²Then Amaziah said to Amos, “Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. ¹³Don’t prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king’s sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Wicked Amaziah questions the prophet’s right to rebuke the king. Amos explains that he has authority only because the LORD told him to speak on God’s behalf.

Second Reading

Titus 1:5-9

St. Paul knew that serving Christ might result in death. But he also knew the one who raised Jesus from the dead will also raise us.

⁵The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. ⁶An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. ⁷Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. ⁸Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. ⁹He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Lesson

Please stand

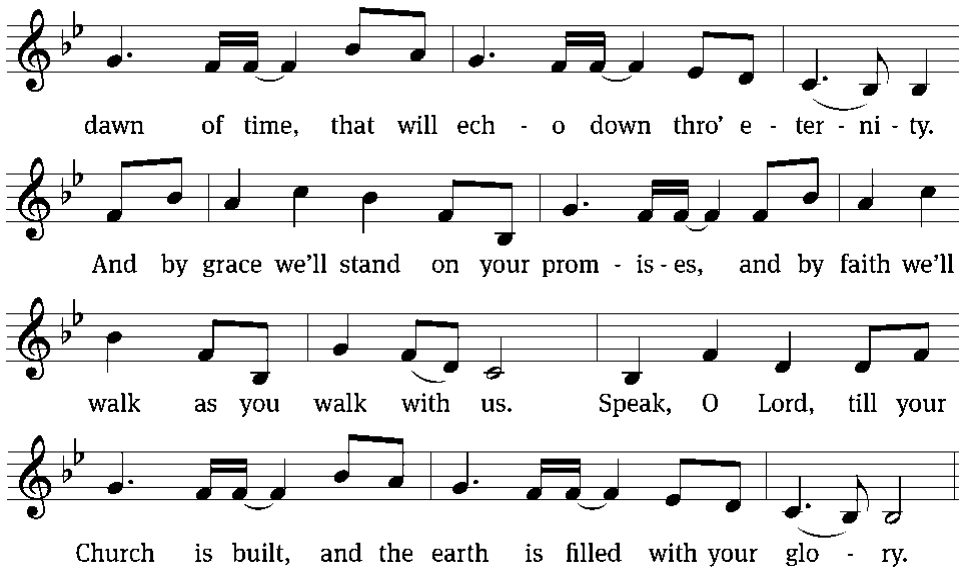
Gospel Acclamation

For centuries in preparation for hearing the Gospel, Christians have sung or spoken "Alleluia!" and a Scripture verse reinforcing the theme of the day.

Alleluia. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. Alleluia.

2 Timothy 1:7

3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, help us grasp the heights
of your plans for us, truths un - changed from the



dawn of time, that will ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty.

And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll

walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your

Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

Gospel

Mark 6:7-13

⁷Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

⁸These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. ¹⁰Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

¹²They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

Before Jesus sends the Twelve out to do ministry, he gives them his authority.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit



1 Send, O Lord, your Ho - ly Spir - it on your ser - vants
2 You, O Lord, your - self have called them for your pre - cious
3 Help, Lord Je - sus, help them nour - ish our dear chil - dren



now, we pray; let them all be faith - ful shep - herds
lamb - s to care; but to pros - per in their call - ing,
with your Word, that in con - stant love they serve you



that no lamb is led a - stray. Your pure teach - ing to pro -
they the Spir - it's gifts must share. Grant them wis - dom from a -
till in heav'n their song is heard. Bound - less bless - ings, Lord, be -



claim, to a - dore your ho - ly name, and to feed your
bove, fill their hearts with ho - ly love; in their weak - ness,
stow on your ser - vants' work be - low till by grace to



lamb - s, dear Sav - ior, make their aim and sole en - deav - or.
Lord, be near them, in their prayers, Good Shep - herd, hear them.
them is giv - en their re - ward, the crown of heav - en.

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Sermon

Titus 1:5–9

Please stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.**

Please be seated

Offering

The members of Peace have joined together in the grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7) to do the Lord's work of sharing the message of Jesus. Visitors need not feel obligated. You are our guests!

Members and visitors, kindly fill out one of our Connection Cards. You may place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.

Prayer of the Church

Please stand.

Eternal God and Father, we thank you for the blessings we share as

Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Apostle's Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, and for fellowship with believers in our congregation and our synod.

Help us rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and use them faithfully.

Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, Lord Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.

Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer

Keep in your care those who are enduring chronic pain and incessant unhappiness, those enduring rejection and struggling with poverty, those mourning the loss of someone they loved. Bring healing and help and comfort and calm to everyone in distress.

Move us to act alone or join with others to provide help and support.

Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.

Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

**hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread;

**and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

Amen.

Please be seated

Hymn

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

God's Word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for -
ev - er; to spread its light from age to age shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Thro' life it guides our way, in death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, we keep its
teach - ings pure through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The final note of the fifth staff is a whole note with a double bar line.

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Announcements

Foundations of Faith

Foundations is a class for everyone: people interested in becoming members, those looking to build their faith, or the curious observer who wants to study the Bible without feeling obligated to join a church. This study is Bible-based and discussion-centered. Classes can be arranged to fit personal schedules.

To get plugged in or to request more information, contact Pastor Welch (pastor@peacehoughton.org). Childcare is available upon request.

Online Offering Option

If you would like to give an online offering today, please scan the QR code. All online donations are safe and go directly to Peace.



Voter's Meeting on July 28

In two weeks, the voters will vote to approve the new budget as well as receive a ministry update.

Mom Swap on August 17

In about a month, peace will host a mom swap event. The event is for moms to exchange clothes, gently used toys, books, baby gear, art supplies, or other items with other families. For more details, talk to Grace Welch or see the display poster in the fellowship hall.

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Our mission is to spread the gospel of Christ, to gather college students and the local community into a family of believers, and to share the message of hope and the promise of salvation through grace.

