



*On Heavenly Treasure*

**PEACE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Houghton, Michigan  
Sunday, August 10, 2025

## **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.

## **Current Worship Series: Undivided Attention**

June 15: (Holy Trinity) On the Majesty and Mystery of Our God

June 22: On the Mission Right Before Us

June 29: On the Rock-Solid Foundation

July 6: On Christ's Call for Commitment

July 13: On a Neighbor In Need

July 20: On the One Thing Needed

July 27: On the Privilege and Purpose of Prayer

August 3: On Useful Resources

**August 10: On Heavenly Treasure**

## **Series Theme: *Undivided Attention***

We live in a world where a thousand things are competing for our attention. There is the real danger that we focus on the frivolous and ignore the indispensable. As a result, we often talk about the importance of being “free from distraction.” But the stakes are higher than that. We need to be freed from distraction. We need the spiritual power to give our undivided attention to that which truly makes a difference, not only here and now, but also in eternity. A life focused on all the right things is only possible because of a Savior who is always focused on us. On the Day of Pentecost, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to give his followers power and focus. Still today, through his Word, Jesus grants those gifts to his disciples.

We have come to the second half of the Church Year. In the first half, we focused on the life of Christ. In this second half, we turn our attention to all the teachings of Christ. May we give them our undivided attention.

## **Today’s Focus: *On Heavenly Treasure***

Last week Jesus warned us against overvaluing earthly wealth. This week Jesus warns against undervaluing heavenly treasure. Last week, Jesus exposed the folly of greed. This week, Jesus exposes the folly of worry, even when faced with the prospect of having a seeming shortage of resources. This week might be the bigger challenge! When it seems we lack providence or protection for our daily lives, it can be hard to avoid worry. So, Jesus asks us to give our undivided attention to him, that he might take our worries away. Jesus points to creatures that do not labor or toil yet eat every day. Even more, Jesus points to our Father who promises to give us the heavenly treasures of his kingdom. Jesus assures us that our Father will throw in any needed earthly possessions as well. We can rest from our worries, confident that our loving Father knows all we need.

## **Service Participants:**

Computer Organ: Mary Ann Krug

Pastor of Peace: Tommy Welch



# THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR

*Sunday, August 10, 2025*

## Hymn

*I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus sts. 1-4*



1 I am trust - ing you, Lord Je - sus, trust - ing on - ly you;  
2 I am trust - ing you for par - don; at your feet I bow,  
3 I am trust - ing you for cleans - ing in the crim - son flood;  
4 I am trust - ing you to guide me; you a - lone shall lead,



trust - ing you for full sal - va - tion, free and true.  
for your grace and ten - der mer - cy trust - ing now.  
trust - ing you to make me ho - ly by your blood.  
ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing all my need.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

Tune: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

Text and tune: Public domain

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

*Please stand*

## Invocation

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

**Amen.**

## Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Psalm 32:1-2

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

**according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## Absolution

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I say to you what God says. All your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.

## Glory to God

*Glory Be to God the Father sts. 1-2*



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to  
2 Glo - ry be to him who loved us, washed us from each



God the Son, glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:  
spot and stain; glo - ry be to him who bought us,

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."

great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,  
made us kings with him to reign! Glo - ry,

glo - ry while e - ter - nal a - ges run!  
glo - ry to the Lamb that once was slain!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889  
Tune: Walter G. Whinfield, 1865–1919  
Text and tune: Public domain

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of 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

*Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16*

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup>This is what the ancients were commended for.

<sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger

The gift of faith allows us to see the treasure that is found in the city whose architect and builder is God.



in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. <sup>12</sup>And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.

<sup>14</sup>People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn of the Day

*Amazing Grace*



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures. 7  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## Gospel Reading

Luke 12:22–34

Jesus assures us that we have a Father in heaven who knows what we need better than we do.

<sup>22</sup>Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! <sup>25</sup>Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? <sup>26</sup>Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

<sup>27</sup>“Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. <sup>30</sup>For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## Sermon

Luke 12:22-34

## 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!*

*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. The pastor will speak the prayer of the church and the congregation will join to pray the Lord's Prayer.*

### 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

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever!

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

**Amen.**

*Numbers 6:22*

# Hymn

*My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone*



1 My soul finds rest in God a-lone, my rock and my sal - va - tion;  
2 Find rest, my soul, in God a-lone a - mid the world's temp - ta - tions;  
3 I'll set my gaze on God a-lone and trust in him com - plete - ly;



a for - tress strong a - gainst my foes, and I will not be  
when e - vil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my sal -  
with ev - 'ry day pour out my soul, and he will prove his



shak - en. Though lips may bless and hearts may curse, and  
va - tion. Though rich - es come and rich - es go, don't  
mer - cy. Though life is but a fleet - ing breath, a



lies like ar - rows pierce me, I'll fix my heart on  
set your heart up - on them; the fields of hope in  
sigh too brief to mea - sure, my king has crushed the



right - eous - ness, I'll look to him who hears me.  
which I sow are har - vest - ed in heav - en.  
curse of death and I am his for - ev - er.

## *Refrain*



O praise him, hal - le - lu - jah, my de - light and my re - ward;



ev - er - last - ing, nev - er fail - ing, my Re - deem - er, my God.

# Announcements

## Foundations of Faith

Foundations is 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.

## Building Project Open Forum Starts at 11:00 am

As you may know, our church council assembled a building committee in May to explore the possibility of a building project at Peace. The building committee began meeting three months ago and would like to provide the congregation with an update on their progress.

Therefore, there will be a shortened service today to give the building committee time to present and gather feedback from the congregation in an open forum. **This is a congregational matter**, and we value your input throughout this process. This open forum is a crucial first step toward reaching a consensus on the path forward at Peace.

The open forum will begin at **11:00 a.m.** with a brief presentation on what the building committee has accomplished in its first three meetings, as well as its suggestions for moving forward. We hope you can attend to provide your input!

## No Bible Study Next Week – August 17

I will be traveling to Bozeman, MT, next week and will be out of town on Sunday for WELS Campus Ministry Committee work. I will leave on Thursday, August 14, and return on August 18. You can still reach me by phone or email, although I may have limited service.



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