



*Keep The Faith*

**PEACE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Houghton, Michigan  
Sunday, July 5, 2026

## **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: Say it Out Loud**

The Season after Pentecost features what Christ teaches, and Christians in every vocation are encouraged to say it out loud. The truths of God's word are good for the soul, useful for life, and more reliable than anything else in the world. Watch out for false teachers who come with wise sounding words and pious promises, but who do not base everything on the Word of God! Give thanks to the Lord for faithful servants in the ministry of the gospel and those who support them!

June 14: (Holy Trinity) God is Triune

June 21: God Loves Sinners

June 28: Jesus Leads Us

**July 5: Keep the Faith**

July 12: Love God Above All

### **Today's Focus: *Keep The Faith***

Believers in God and their ministers have always been persecuted. Religious leaders in Jerusalem tried to muzzle the truth, but they only succeeded in sending people to preach the Word throughout the land. The Roman Empire persecuted Christians with stakes and lions, but God's Church exploded with growth. In Martin Luther's day, both the pope and the emperor tried to limit the gospel movement that was spreading from Germany, but God led many people to speak his truth. God wants his people to keep the faith and preach the Word even in the face of opposition.

### **Service Participants:**

Computer Organ: Mary Ann Krug

Pastor of Peace: Tommy Welch



# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

## Hymn

*Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery*



- 1 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King,
- 2 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, he the per - fect Son of Man;
- 3 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the tree;
- 4 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, slain by death the God of life;



he the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu-man-i - ty.  
in his liv - ing, in his suf - f'ring nev - er trace nor stain of sin.  
in the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry.  
but no grave could e'er re - strain him; praise the Lord; he is a - live!



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come.  
See the true and bet - ter Ad - am, come to save the hell-bound man.  
See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold,  
What a fore - taste of de - liv - 'rance; how un - wa - ver - ing our hope.



Look to Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.  
Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in him we stand.  
bring - ing man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un - mea - sured, love un - told.  
Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed as will we be when he comes.

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Please stand

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

## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † 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.

1 John 1:8

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

1 John 1:9

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

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.

**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 † your sins are forgiven.

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

1 John 3:1

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

# Glory to God

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.”

1 Your Word a - lone is sol - id ground,  
4 By grace a - lone we have been saved;

the might - y rock on which we build.  
all that we are has come from you.

In ev - 'ry line the truth is found,  
Hearts that were once by sin en - slaved

and ev - 'ry page with glo - ry filled.  
now by your pow'r have been made new.

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

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

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## Prayer

O God, because your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in your eternal love; 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

*Jeremiah 20:7–13*

<sup>7</sup>You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived;  
you overpowered me and prevailed.  
I am ridiculed all day long;  
everyone mocks me.  
<sup>8</sup>Whenever I speak, I cry out  
proclaiming violence and destruction.  
So the word of the LORD has brought me  
insult and reproach all day long.  
<sup>9</sup>But if I say, “I will not mention his word  
or speak anymore in his name,”  
his word is in my heart like a fire,  
a fire shut up in my bones.  
I am weary of holding it in;  
indeed, I cannot.  
<sup>10</sup>I hear many whispering,  
“Terror on every side!  
Denounce him! Let’s denounce him!”  
All my friends  
are waiting for me to slip, saying,  
“Perhaps he will be deceived;  
then we will prevail over him  
and take our revenge on him.”  
<sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior;  
so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail.

Jeremiah  
refuses to  
abandon the  
faith even  
when beaten  
and put in  
stocks.

They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced;  
their dishonor will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup>LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous  
and probe the heart and mind,  
let me see your vengeance on them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD!  
Give praise to the LORD!  
He rescues the life of the needy  
from the hands of the wicked.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Lesson

### Second Reading

*2 Timothy 4:1–8*

Paul  
encourages us  
to keep the  
faith even in  
the face of  
difficulty.

<sup>1</sup>In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: <sup>2</sup>Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. <sup>3</sup>For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup>They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup>But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

<sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 12:9

Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia.

*Speak, O Lord st. 1*



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food  
of your ho - ly Word; take your truth, plant it  
deep in us, shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of  
love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
fill in us all your pur - pos-es for your glo - ry.

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

## Gospel

Matthew 10:5a,21–33

Jesus makes  
us brave to  
confess him in  
public.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

<sup>21</sup>“Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. <sup>22</sup>You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup>When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup>“The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup>It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

<sup>26</sup>“So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. <sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. <sup>28</sup>Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. <sup>30</sup>And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup>So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup>But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

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

## Hymn of the Day

*Fight the Good Fight*



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your  
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up your  
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; his bound-less  
4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chang - es



strength and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and  
eyes and seek his face. Life with its way be -  
mer - cy will pro - vide. Lean, and the trust - ing  
not, and you are dear. On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.  
fore us lies; Christ is the path and Christ the prize.  
soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.  
you will see that Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

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## Sermon

2 Timothy 4:1–8

*Please stand*

## Nicene Creed

Public  
confession is  
faith's  
response to  
God's saving  
Word.  
Christians  
composed the  
Nicene 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.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. 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. The pastor will speak the prayer of the church and the congregation will join to say 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.**

## The Sacrament

*We believe what God's Word says. God's Word clearly teaches that along with the bread and wine we receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins (Matt. 26:26,28; Mk. 14:22,24; Lk. 22:19-22). God's Word also tells us that those who take Communion together are to:*

- 1. Recognize that Christ's true body and blood are miraculously present in the Sacrament (1 Cor. 10:16; 11:29),*
- 2. Examine their hearts (1 Cor. 11:28), and*
- 3. Be united in faith with the congregation with which they commune (1 Cor. 10:17).*

*Therefore we ask that those who have not had the opportunity to understand our Scriptural confession would speak with the pastor before participating in the Lord's Supper this morning. If you would like to come forward to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms as the pastor approaches. It is our sincere desire to share in the blessings of the Lord's Supper with you according to the pattern Jesus himself has given in his Word.*



## Introduction to the Lord's Supper

1 Cor. 11:28

Everyone ought to examine their hearts before partaking of the Lord's Supper.

Psalms 32:5

**I confessed my transgressions to the Lord and he forgave the guilt of my sin.**

1 Cor. 11:29

Everyone ought to recognize the true body and blood of the Lord in this Supper.

1 Cor. 10:16

**The bread that we break and the cup that we bless are a participation in the body and blood of Christ.**

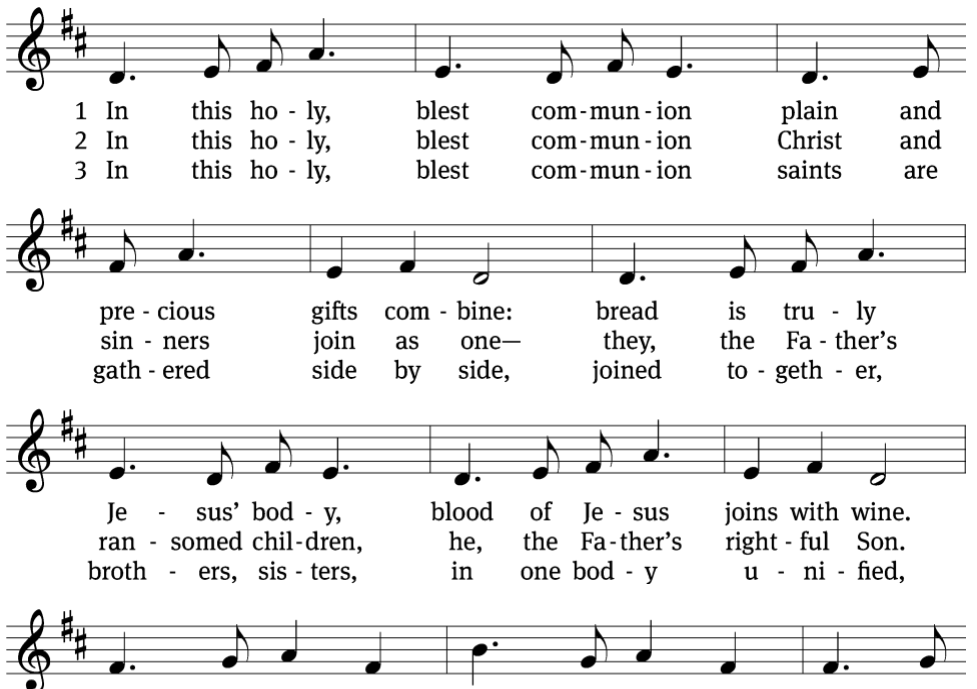
Those partaking of the Lord's Supper are to be united in fellowship as one body.

1 Cor. 10:17

**Because there is one loaf, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.**

## Hymn

*In This Holy, Blest Communion*



1 In this ho - ly, blest com - mun - ion plain and  
2 In this ho - ly, blest com - mun - ion Christ and  
3 In this ho - ly, blest com - mun - ion saints are

pre - cious gifts com - bine: bread is tru - ly  
sin - ners join as one— they, the Fa - ther's  
gath - ered side by side, joined to - geth - er,

Je - sus' bod - y, blood of Je - sus joins with wine.  
ran - somed chil - dren, he, the Fa - ther's right - ful Son.  
broth - ers, sis - ters, in one bod - y u - ni - fied,

What a bless - ing Christ is giv - ing; what a  
Here the loft - y feeds the low - ly, each his  
faith in Je - sus, hope of heav - en, love for



lov - ing, gra - cious host, in his sup - per  
high - ly cher - ished guest; here the guilt - y  
oth - ers all in - creased by the full - ness



well pro - vid - ing what his peo - ple need the most!  
taste for - give - ness, here the wea - ry find their rest.  
of the ban - quet, by the rich - ness of the feast.

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## Words of Institution

*The pastor speaks the words of institution according to the words of 1 Corinthians 11.*

## Lamb of God



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,



ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.



All sin you car - ried for us, else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

John the Baptist declared Jesus to be God's Lamb, who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.

## Distribution

*Please be seated after the song. Communicants will come forward at the usher's direction after the song.*

## Closing Prayer

*Psalms 118:1*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**His mercy endures forever.**

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Blessing

*Numbers 6:22-27*

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.**

# Hymn

800 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow,  
my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to its foes;



What more can he say than to you he has said,  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,  
the flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

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# Announcements

## Foundations of Faith Class

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](mailto:pastor@peacehoughton.org)) or scan the QR code. 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.

## Volunteer Schedule

Date	Usher	Counter	Computer	Snacks
July 5	Steve	Craig	Mary Ann	Sarah
July 12	Cody	Steve	Mary Ann	Lesley/Janet
July 19	Steve	Cody	Mary Ann	Mary Ann
July 26	Cody	Scott	Mary Ann	Amy Hughes

## Now Hiring: Administrative Assistant

At the congregational meeting on June 14, we decided to hire an administrative assistant. This person will be responsible for many of the day-to-day tasks that help our church run effectively. If you are interested in learning more, there are two documents on the blue table in the entryway. One document is an overview of the position. The second is an application. The deadline to apply is July 6. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Welch.





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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.