

*Lord, Teach Us to Pray*

**PEACE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Houghton, Michigan  
Sunday, August 17, 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.

## **Today's Focus: *Lord, Teach Us to Pray***

The purpose of prayer is really not to tell God what we want, but to claim that which God wants for us. Prayer provides the opportunity to bring our will into conformity with God's will, not the other way around. This week, along with Jesus' disciples, we say, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1).

## **Service Participants:**

Computer Organ: Mary Ann Krug

Guest Pastor: Rob Raasch

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR

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## Hymn

*Reformation Song sts. 1-2, Ref, 3*



1 Your Word a - lone is sol - id ground,  
2 Thro' faith a - lone we come to you;  
3 In Christ a - lone we're jus - ti - fied;



the might - y rock on which we build.  
we have no mer - it we can claim.  
his right - eous - ness is all our plea.



In ev - 'ry line the truth is found,  
Sure that your prom - is - es are true,  
Your law's de - mands are sat - is - fied;



and ev - 'ry page with glo - ry filled. v. 2 name.  
we place our hope in Je - sus' free.  
his per - fect work has set us

### *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.

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**

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.**

1 John 1:9

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.**

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.

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

## **Absolution**

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.

By Jesus' command and authority, I say to you what God says. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the T Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Glory to God

Reformation Song sts. Ref, 4

4 By grace a - lone we have been saved;  
all that we are has come from you.  
Hearts that were once by sin en - slaved  
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.

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score includes a four-measure introduction, a main body of the song, and a two-measure refrain. The final measure of the refrain is marked with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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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.”

## Prayer of the Day

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants who come to you in Jesus’ name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; 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

*Psalm 138*

King David  
praises God  
for answering  
his prayers  
and making  
his ways great  
among the  
nations.

- <sup>1</sup> I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart;  
before the “gods” I will sing your praise.
- <sup>2</sup> I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and will praise your name  
for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,  
for you have so exalted your solemn decree  
that it surpasses your fame.
- <sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me;  
you greatly emboldened me.
- <sup>4</sup> May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD,  
when they hear what you have decreed.
- <sup>5</sup> May they sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for the glory of the LORD is great.
- <sup>6</sup> Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;  
though lofty, he sees them from afar.
- <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life.  
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;  
with your right hand you save me.
- <sup>8</sup> The LORD will vindicate me;  
your love, LORD, endures forever—  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1–7

<sup>1</sup>I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— <sup>2</sup>for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

Paul teaches us that the ultimate purpose for everything we ask is that God's will would be done.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## Verse of the Day: Luke 11:9

Alleluia. Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Alleluia.

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 7

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



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Jesus teaches us how to pray and how our Father will answer.

## Gospel

Luke 11:1–13

<sup>1</sup>One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

<sup>2</sup>He said to them, “When you pray, say:

“ ‘Father,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come.  
<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>Forgive us our sins,  
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.  
And lead us not into temptation.’ ”

<sup>5</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ <sup>7</sup>And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

<sup>9</sup>“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.



<sup>11</sup>“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup>Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## Hymn of the Day

*Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray*



- 1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; from your sleep a -
- 2 Watch a - gainst the dev - il's snares lest a - sleep he
- 3 Watch! Let not the wick - ed world with its lies de -
- 4 Watch a - gainst your - self, my soul, lest with grace you
- 5 But while watch - ing al - so pray to the Lord un -



wak - en! Be not by the e - vil day un - a -  
 find you; for in - deed no pains he spares to de -  
 feat you lest with bold de - cep - tions hurled it be -  
 tri - fle; let not self your thoughts con - trol nor God's  
 ceas - ing. God pro - tects you day by day, strength and



wares o'er - tak - en; for the foe, well we know, is a  
 ceive and blind you. Sa - tan's prey oft are they who se -  
 tray and cheat you. Watch and see lest there be faith - less  
 mer - cy sti - fle. Pride and sin lurk with - in, all your  
 faith in - creas - ing, so that still mind and will shall u -



har - vest reap - ing while the saints are sleep - ing.  
 cure are sleep - ing and no watch are keep - ing.  
 friends to charm you who but seek to harm you.  
 hopes to shat - ter; heed not when they flat - ter.  
 nite to serve him and for - ev - er love him.

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.

## **Confession of Faith**

Nicene Creed

**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.**

## 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 speaks the Prayer of the Church and the congregation will join together 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.**

## 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.*



These opening words mark the beginning of the Sacrament and are among the oldest words in the liturgy.

## Introduction to the Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

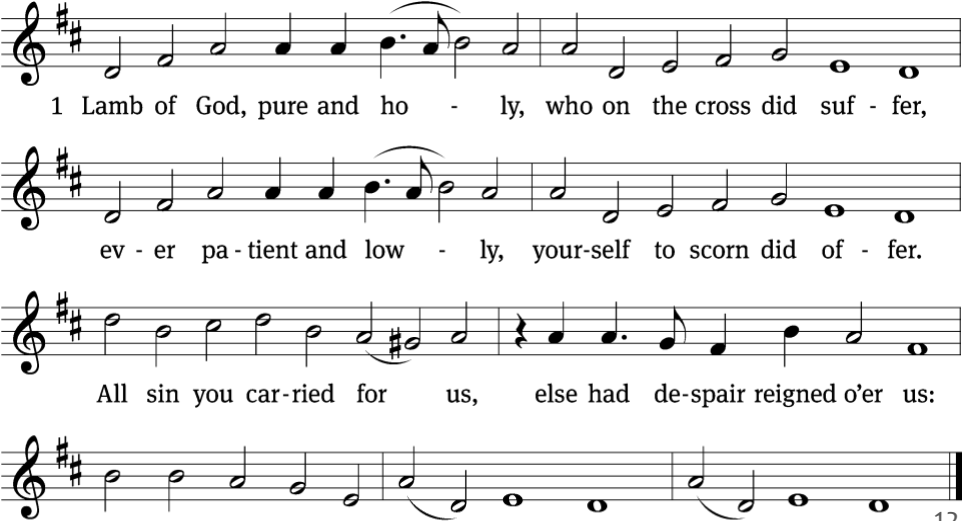
It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name.

## Words of Institution

*The pastor speaks the words of institution according to 1 Corinthians 11. Afterward, the congregation will sing the song below.*

## Lamb of God

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



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!

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## Distribution

*After the song, please be seated. Communicants will come forward at the usher's direction.*

## Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

*Psalm 136:1*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

*1 Cor. 11:26*

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.

*Numbers 6:22*

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

**Amen.**

# Hymn

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for the gos - pel's  
 3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en us from earth to

joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
 call a - way, borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,  
 glad the sum - mons to o - bey, may we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
 may we ev - er reign with Christ in end - less day.

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# 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.



## Guest Pastor

When Pastor Raasch graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1988, he was assigned to Peace. He served here for 8 years, and then accepted a call to serve at Mount Olive in Appleton, WI where he has served ever since. Thank you for coming back to Houghton to share God's word with us this morning!

## Pastor Welch is Traveling for WELS Campus Ministry Work

Pastor Welch serves on the WELS Campus Ministry Committee. This group provides funding and resources for WELS campus Ministries around the country, and as part of his duties, he is in Bozeman, MT, working on projects for this committee.



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