

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

1007 Stonehaven Dr., Sun Prairie, WI 53590

August 9, 2026

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service is printed for you in this worship folder.

Restrooms are located to the left as you exit the gym, across from the school office. There are also individual restrooms in the main hall of the building.

THEME: 125 YEARS OF PEACE THROUGH CHRIST

Before Christ ascended into heaven He assured His disciples that He would remain with them and give them peace which the world cannot give. He brought us eternal peace by defeating our foes: sin, death, the devil and hell.

After Israel entered and settled the promised land of Canaan, Joshua reminded them that it was God who conquered their enemies and gave them peace so that they could settle down in the land.

The Apostle Paul reminded the Ephesians to “put on the full armor of God” – by which he meant that it is God who really does the fighting, conquering and defending for us. How? Through “the Gospel of peace” which is the good news that our sins are forgiven.

For 125 years this Gospel of peace has conquered our unbelief. It has gone before us, defended us, preserved us and blessed us in countless ways. Christ from heaven has been present among us the whole while in Word and Sacrament and has filled us with His saving peace.

It is only because of Him that we who are gathered today know his peace. It is only because of Him that so many with whom we worshiped in the past are now enjoying his peace in heaven. It is only because of Him that we can go forward confidently under God’s peace.

OFFERING PLATES

Offering plates are by the doors of the gym. There will not be an offering during the service. You may also use the QR code to make an offering.



SCHEDULE OF THE DAY

9:30 Worship Service (gym)

11:00 Picnic Lunch

- served in worship space
- indoor AND outdoor seating

Noon-1:30 Fellowship / Historical Displays / Games

- **Bean Bag Toss Tournaments** are at 12pm, 12:30pm and 1pm. Sign up to compete and win prizes!
- **Bingo** will be played in the first grade classroom by the school atrium. First game starts at 12pm. The first six winners will get a prize!
- Bounce house, volleyball, ladder golf, 9- Square in the Air and more will be held on the grassy area outside of the worship space.
- **Please see the historical displays stage room and the school hall.**

2:00 Koine concert (gym)

Koine is a WELS-affiliated Christian contemporary band that specializes in taking tried and true hymns of the Church and giving them a fresh sound.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider..... Rev. Luke C. Werre
Sermon Rev. Mark G. Schroeder, WELS President
Scripture Readings.....Rev. Shaun Arndt, Rev. Jordan Ertl
Processional CrossSteven Gustafson
WELS Wind EnsembleMary Kluetzman, director
Piano Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr

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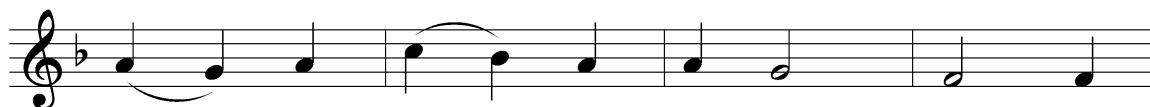
PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Your Name | CW 953

The congregation will stand for verse 5.



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your
 4 You are King of glo - ry, Christ, Son of
 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly



all, we bow be - fore you. All on
 choirs a - bove are rais - ing; cher - u -
 sa - cred name they hal - low; proph - ets
 God, yet born of Mar - y, for us
 Spir - it, three we name you, though in



earth your scep - ter claim; all in heav'n a -
 bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing
 swell the glad re - frain, and the white - robed
 sin - ners sac - ri - ficed, on the cross our
 es - sence on - ly one, un - di - vid - ed



bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your vast do -
 cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with sweet ac -
 mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to set of
 sins did car - ry; first to break the bars of
 God we claim you, and, a - dor - ing, bend the



main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 sun through the Church the song goes on.
 death, you have o - pened heav'n to faith.
 knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version, Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774, abr.; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900, alt.
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PSALM 115

Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory,

Because of your love and faithfulness.

Why do the nations say, “Where is their God?”

Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

But their idols are silver and gold, made by the hands of men.

**They have mouths, but cannot speak,
eyes, but they cannot see;
they have ears, but cannot hear,
noses, but they cannot smell;
they have hands, but cannot feel;
feet, but they cannot walk;
nor can they utter a sound with their throats.**

Those who make them will be like them,

and so will all who trust in them.

O house of Israel, trust in the LORD –

He is their help and shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD –

He is their help and shield.

You who fear him, trust in the LORD –

He is their help and shield.

The LORD remembers us and will bless us: He will bless the house of Israel, he will bless the house of Aaron,

He will bless those who fear the LORD – small and great alike.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever;
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have promised to be with your church forever. We thank you for those who founded this community of believers 125 years ago and for the signs of your favor over the many years. Increase our faith, preserve us in your peace and knit us together in the bonds of love as an example to all people; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

Joshua 23:1–11, 14

¹After many days, when the LORD had given Israel rest from all its enemies all around, when Joshua had grown old and advanced in years, ²Joshua summoned all Israel—its elders, its heads, its judges, and its officers, and he said to them:

I have grown old and advanced in years. ³You yourselves have seen everything that the LORD your God has done for you against all these nations. Yes, the LORD your God was fighting for you! ⁴See now, I have allotted to your tribes an inheritance from these nations that remain unconquered, as well as from the nations that I have destroyed. It extends from the Jordan to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. ⁵The LORD your God himself will push them away from you and drive them out of your presence, until they perish. He will send wild animals among them until he completely destroys them and their kings from your presence, and you will take possession of their land, just as the LORD your God promised you. ⁶You must be very resolute in carrying out all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses by not turning from it to the right or to the left, ⁷by not intermingling with these nations that remain with you. Do not ever call on or swear by the names of their gods. Never serve them and never bow down to them. ⁸But hold fast to the LORD your God, just as you have been doing to this day.

⁹The LORD has driven out great and powerful nations from among you. As for you, no one has stood up against you to this day. ¹⁰One of you would put a thousand to flight because the LORD your God himself was fighting for you, just as he promised you. ¹¹Therefore, for your own sakes be very careful to love the LORD your God.

¹⁴See now, I am about to go the way of all the earth, and you know with all your heart and with all your soul that not one promise out of all the good promises that the LORD your God promised you has failed. All of them have come true for you. Not one promise from him has failed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM CHOIR

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

The called workers of Peace

*1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:*

*4 A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.*

*2 Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.*

*5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.*

*3 Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.*

*6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!*

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 6:10–18

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand against the schemes of the Devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³For this reason, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to take a stand on the evil day and, after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand, then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness fastened in place, ¹⁵and with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace tied to your feet like sandals. ¹⁶At all times hold up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One. ¹⁷Also take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸At every opportunity, pray in the Spirit with every kind of prayer and petition. Stay alert for the same reason, always persevering in your intercession for all the saints.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Alleluia. Lord, you establish peace for us:

All that we have accomplished you have done for us. Alleluia. (Is 26:12)

GOSPEL

John 14:18–20, 25–27

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will see me no longer, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

²⁵“I have told you these things while staying with you. ²⁶But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I told you.

²⁷“Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not let it be afraid.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

God the Father, Son, and Spirit | CW93 623

**1 God the Father, Son, and Spirit, Ever-blessed Trinity,
Humbly now our thanks we offer, All unworthy though we be.
Freely you have showered blessings Countless as the ocean’s sands,
Blessings rich and overflowing On the labors of our hands.**

**2 Once you brought our fathers’ footsteps To this land we hold so dear,
Lengthening the cords and curtains Of their habitation here,
Strengthening your temple’s pillars As you have from age to age,
Giving us, their sons and daughters, An abiding heritage.**

**3 Grant that we your Word may cherish And its purity retain.
Lord, unless you are the builder, All our labor is in vain.
Keep us from all pride and boasting, Vanity and foolish trust,
Knowing that our work without you Soon will crumble into dust.**

**4 God of grace and love and blessing, Yours alone shall be the praise.
Give us hearts to trust you truly, Hands to serve you all our days.
Lord, bestow your future blessing Till we join the heav'nly host,
There to praise and serve you ever, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Text: W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.

SERMON

Psalm 115:1

*Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.*

Theme: Give God All the Glory

Please stand

CREED

**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.**

What does this mean?

**I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing
believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord,
or come to him.**

**But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel,
enlightened me with his gifts,
sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth,
and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead
and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

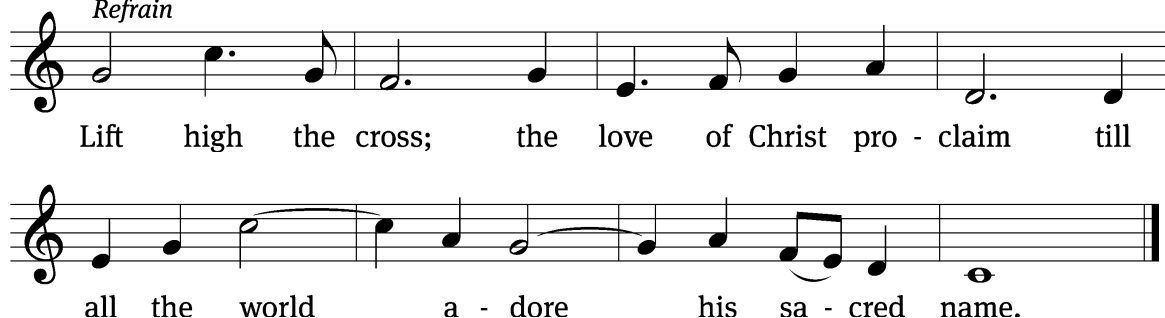
This is most certainly true.

Please be seated

HYMN

Lift High the Cross | CW 900

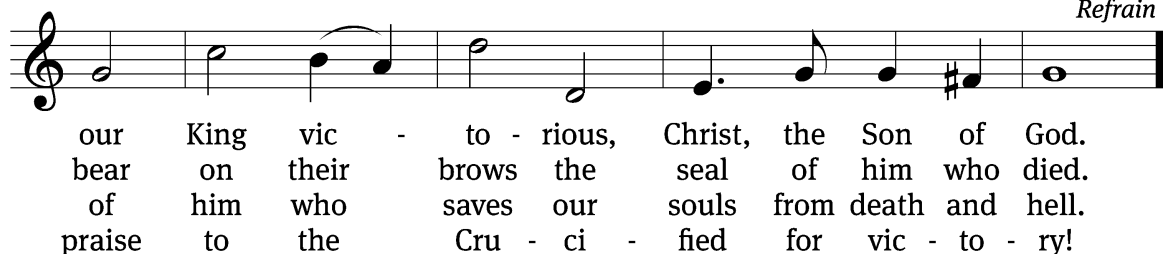
Refrain



Lift high the cross; the love of Christ pro-claim till
all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
3 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
of him who saves our souls from death and hell.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of the Church and Prince of Peace, we thank you. We praise you. We offer you the sincere gratitude of our hearts for 125 years of peace to your congregation of believers.

We thank you for...

**the peace of reconciliation with the Father,
the peace of conscience that comes from your forgiveness,
the peace of grace administered through Word and Sacrament,
the peace of the Spirit among believers,
the comforting peace of a church home,
the peace of mind that comes from your promise to preserve us,
the peace of soul with which we can leave this world,
the news of peace we may offer to those who do not know you.**

This peace makes us richer than anything this world can offer. We are grateful to you because only you could give us this peace by offering yourself to sufferings and death on a cross, and by rising victoriously from the grave.

We thank you for 125 years of rich blessings to this congregation.

**For faithful ministers,
for your Word of truth,
for buildings and hymnals,
for technology and willing volunteers,
for gatherings and activities,
for planning and Christian friendships,
for years of offerings given in joy,
for musical talents and support staff,
for teachers and Bible studies,
for old and young, side by side in worship,
for infants welcomed in baptism,
for confirmands faithfully instructed,
for couples united in marriage,
for loved ones buried in grace,
for the weak and helpless visited and sustained,
for the sinner who repents and is restored by your forgiveness,**

**for staunch confessions of faith and tender gospel moments,
for the legacy of our spiritual ancestors handed down to us,
for fresh, joyful expressions of faith,
for all these things and more
we thank you, O Triune God.**

Now we pray, Lord Jesus, give us hearts filled with peaceful confidence. Enable us by your Spirit to build on these last 125 years knowing that as you have been with us in the past, so you will also be with us in the future. Bless all our efforts so that believers will be preserved in the true faith and unbelievers will be converted to their salvation. Make Peace congregation in Sun Prairie

a beacon of light to the lost,
a fortress of your Word to defend the truth,
an unyielding pillar to those who need to repent,
a refreshing spring of good news to those who thirst for forgiveness,
an oasis of honesty to the questioning or doubting,
a hospital of mercy to those who are hurting,
a family of love to those who wish to belong,
a school of discipleship for us to follow you,
and above all, a place of peace for all who are weary and burdened.

You have come that we may have peace. Continue to grant us that peace, and bless us as we pray...

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

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.

Please remain standing for the closing hymn on the next page.

CLOSING HYMN

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage | CW 640

The pianist will give all four notes to sing in harmony a capella.

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. Through 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.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861-1925
Tune: Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863-1924

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