

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 23, 2026

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service is printed for you in this worship folder. Or you can follow the projections on the front wall.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

THEME: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Education is foundational for life. Education in the truths of God's word is essential for life on earth and for eternity. God gives to parents, especially fathers, the high calling of "bringing up their children in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Eph 6:4). To assist in this high calling, God has also blessed his church in times and places, including here at Peace, with Christian schools whose mission it is to assist parents in fulfilling this calling. Christian schools are a rich blessing from God!

Today, we hear from God's word about the importance of teaching the next generation about the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, especially about the salvation from sin and death we have in Jesus Christ. To build upon that foundation is to be equipped for life on earth, and prepared for eternity.

PEACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER EMPLOYEES

Kayla Arndt	Kim Neuberger
Lisa Beauclaire	Jordan Paustian
Sarah Bilitz	Stephanie Porter
Michelle Chesterman	Kevin Proeber
Ivy Durkee	Lynn Proeber
Mandy Edwards	Karen Riley
Patti England	Lisa Schoenherr
Gene Freund	Michelle Schoenherr
Holly Gawel	Amanda Thiede
Meghan Gawel	Jocelyn Trujillo
Kiernan Handy	Hannah Vasatko
Rebekah Hodkiewicz	Liz Weisensel
Audra Kopfer	Steve White
Candice Learman	Justin Wintrone
Jennifer Lindloff	Cassandra Witten
Amanda McCrary	Allison Xing
Markie Moore-Young	Kourtney Zech
Lisa Myhre	

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider	Rev. Jordan Ertl
Accompanist	Mrs. Monica Wintrone
Peace Faculty Choir	Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr, director
	Mrs. Lynn Proeber, accompanist
Projection Slides	Amy Larson

OPENING HYMN

Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds | CW 758

Please stand

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

Amen.

OPENING RESPONSES

Great are the works of the Lord;

They are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,

And his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered;

The Lord is gracious and compassionate.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

To him belongs eternal praise.

Almighty God, you give wisdom and knowledge. Help us to study diligently and to grow in all that is good. Support all who teach and all who learn, that together we may know and follow your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

RITE OF INSTALLATION (9:30 Service)

Mrs. Mandy Edwards – Interim ECC Director

Mrs. Lisa Myhre – Teacher

PEACE FACULTY CHOIR (9:30 Service)

Take My Life and Let It Be
music composed by Thomas Keesecker

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 11:1–7, 16–21

¹Love the LORD your God and always carry out his requirements, his statutes, his ordinances, and his commandments.

²Know this today! I am not addressing your children, who have not known and seen all these things:

the discipline of the LORD your God;

his greatness, his strong hand, and his outstretched arm;

³his signs and his deeds that he performed in Egypt against Pharaoh king of Egypt and against all his land;

⁴what he did to the army of Egypt and its horses and chariots; how he caused the water of the Red Sea to flow over their heads when they pursued you;

how the LORD has destroyed them to this day;

⁵what he did for you in the wilderness until you came to this place;

⁶what he did to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab son of Reuben; how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them with their households, their tents, and every living thing that was at their feet, in the middle of all Israel.

⁷Know today it is your own eyes that have seen every deed that the LORD your God performed.

¹⁶Be careful, or your heart will be deceived and you will turn away and serve other gods and bow down to them. ¹⁷Then the anger of the LORD will burn against you, and he will close up the heavens. There will be no rain, the ground will not produce crops, and you will perish quickly from the good land that the LORD is giving you.

¹⁸Put these words of mine in your hearts and in your soul, and tie them on your wrists as signs and as symbols on your forehead. ¹⁹Teach them to your children by talking about them when you sit in your house and when you travel on the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ²⁰Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, ²¹so that your days and the days of your children may be many on the land that the LORD promised to your fathers with an oath, as many as the days that the heavens remain over the earth.

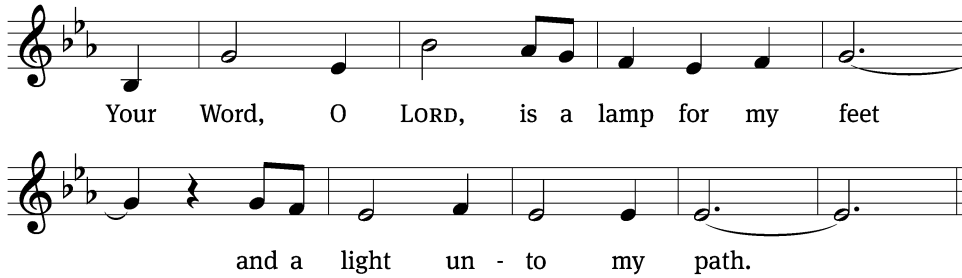
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 78C

Refrain



Tone



My people, hear my / teaching;
listen to the words / of my mouth.
I will utter hidden things, things / from of old—
things our ancestors have / told us.

We will not hide them from their de- / scendants;
we will tell the next gener- / ation
the praiseworthy deeds / of the LORD,
his power, and the wonders / he has done. *Refrain*

He decreed statutes for / Jacob
and established the law in / Israel,
which he commanded our / ancestors
to teach their / children,

so the next generation would know them, even the children yet / to be born,
and they in turn would tell their / children.
Then they would put their / trust in God
and would not forget his deeds but would keep / his commands.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1–10

¹As for me, brothers, when I came to you, I did not come with superior speech or wisdom in order to proclaim to you the testimony of God. ²For I had no intention of knowing anything among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³I came to you in weakness, in fear, and with much trembling. ⁴My message and my preaching were not marked by persuasive words of human wisdom, but by a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith would not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

⁶Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature, but it is not a wisdom of this world or of the rulers of this world, who are being reduced to nothing. ⁷Instead we speak God's wisdom that has been hidden in mystery—before the ages, God foreordained that this wisdom would result in our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this world knew it. (If they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.) ⁹But as it is written:

What no eye has seen and no ear has heard
and no human mind has conceived—
that is what God has prepared for those who love him.

¹⁰But God revealed it to us through his Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Matthew 7:24–27

²⁴Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on bedrock. ²⁵The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house. But it did not fall, because it was founded on bedrock. ²⁶Everyone who hears these words of mine but does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—it was completely destroyed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less | **CW 563**

SERMON

Matthew 7:24-27

Build on the Rock

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

A musical offering follows—for meditating on the sermon and signing Connection Cards.

Offering plates are by the doors. You may use the QR code to give an electronic offering.



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HYMN (9:30 & 6:30 Services)

Lord Jesus Christ, the Children’s Friend | CW 910

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH¹

Eternal Lord, you are the source of all wisdom and knowledge. Hear us as we pray:

For all students as they begin this new school year, that the Spirit of God may give them the gifts of wisdom and understanding. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For teachers, that they may share their knowledge with gentleness, patience, and concern for their students. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who seek knowledge of the things of this world, that they may always pursue God's wisdom. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For parents, the first teachers of their children, that their faith and love may be an example to us always. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord our God, in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. In the past you sent your prophets to teach your Word and to bear witness to your undying love. During this school year send your Spirit on our students and teachers and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Give them devotion to their studies. Lead them to share with others what they have learned about your great love to our world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

¹ We will pray today for all our Lutheran schools, including Lakeside Lutheran High School, Luther Preparatory School, Martin Luther College, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Next week we will pray for our public schools.

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.

We begin this *school year* in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN

With the Lord Begin Your Task | **CW 776**

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

At the Beginning of a School Year from Christian Worship

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