

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 4, 2024

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service can be found in the blue hymnal beneath the chair in front of you. Projections are also provided 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: YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES ... UNDER MY CONTINUOUS PROTECTION

When Jesus ascended into heaven, he declared to his Church: You will be my witnesses. This is his plan for reaching the world with the gospel. It is not optional for us. It is our ultimate calling as believers. But Jesus has not abandoned us to fulfill this task on our own. He is present with us and equips us to witness for him. In today's Bible readings, Jesus equips us by his continuous protection. He is always present with us and is not fazed by weather or by military might. The Apostle Paul was not even afraid of dying a martyr's death because he was confident Jesus was with him and would carry him "safely into his heavenly kingdom."

CHRIST, HIGH ASCENDED

We began the series "You Will Be My Witnesses" with this hymn on July 7. Today, we conclude the series with this hymn.

O COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

This song in the service is a paraphrase of Psalm 95. It has been used in the morning service called *Matins* for many centuries. In Latin it was referred to as *the Venite*.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Prayer (Sunday) pg. 207 in the blue hymnal
Evening Prayer (Monday) pg. 215 in the blue hymnal

Hymns

Psalm of the Day	836	<i>I Walk in Danger All the Way</i>
Hymn of the Day	876	<i>Fight the Good Fight</i>
Closing Hymn	747	<i>Christ, High-Ascended</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	2 Kings 6:8-17
Second Lesson	1 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Gospel Lesson	Mark 6:45-56

Sermon

2 Timothy 4:6-8; 16-18

What God Has Done for Me; What He Is Doing for Me; What He Will Do for Me

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

During the 8:00 service Cody & Kendal Huggins, Tim & Debbie Wood, and Jeremy & Katelyn Scott will be publicly received into membership by the Rite of Confirmation. We heartily welcome them into the Peace Family and pray that God will enrich their faith by Word and Sacrament among us.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider Rev. Shaun Arndt
Keyboard Ms. Johanna Brauer
Projection Slides Brittany Kuehl

FIRST READING**2 Kings 6:8-17**

Now when the king of Aram was waging war against Israel, he would make plans with his officials, saying, “My camp will be at such and such a place.”

⁹But the man of God would send a message to the king of Israel, saying, “Be careful when you pass this place because the Arameans are going down there.” ¹⁰So the king of Israel would send scouts to the place that the man of God had pointed out. So the man of God warned him, and he was kept safe—and not just once or twice.

¹¹The king of Aram was enraged because of this. He summoned his officials and said to them, “Won’t you tell me who of us is for the king of Israel?”

¹²One of his officials said, “No, my lord the king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words which you speak in your bedroom.”

¹³Then he said, “Go and see where he is. Then I’ll send men and capture him.”

He was told, “Dothan is where he is.”

¹⁴So he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They came at night and surrounded the city. ¹⁵When the man of God’s servant got up early and went out, there were soldiers, horses, and chariots surrounding the city. So his attendant said to Elisha, “Oh no, my lord! What will we do?”

¹⁶He answered, “Don’t be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

¹⁷Then Elisha prayed and said, “O LORD, open his eyes so that he can see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he saw that the hills were full of horses and chariots of fire, all around Elisha.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

You see, I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on, there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness. The Lord, the righteous Judge, will give it to me on that day, and not only to me but also to everyone who loved his appearing.

¹⁶At my first hearing, no one came to my defense, but everyone deserted me. May it not be counted against them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message would be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles would hear it, and I was rescued from

the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil work and will bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Mark 6:45-56

Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he himself dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶After he had sent them off, he went up the mountain to pray.

⁴⁷When it was evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and Jesus was alone on the land. ⁴⁸He saw them straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night, he went to them, walking on the sea. He was ready to pass by them. ⁴⁹When they saw him walking on the sea, they thought he was a ghost, and they cried out. ⁵⁰They all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke with them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹Then he climbed up into the boat with them, and the wind stopped. They were completely amazed, ⁵²because they had not understood about the loaves. Instead, their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴As soon as they stepped out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. ⁵⁵They ran around that whole region and began to bring sick people on their stretchers to where they heard he was. ⁵⁶Wherever he entered villages, cities, or the countryside, they were laying sick people in the marketplaces and pleading with him that they might just touch the edge of his garment. And all who touched it were made well.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

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