

# Peace Lutheran Church - Rogers City, MI

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*Our mission as a caring family is to reach out to all, share Christ's love, and teach God's Word.*

## Informal/Contemporary Service

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024 - 11:15 a.m.

## Welcome

Opening Songs "My Jesus" by Anne Wilson

"In the House" by Crowder

## Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

## Confession

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

## Psalm Response

P Lord, You were favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

C **You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin.**

P You withdrew all Your wrath; You turned from Your hot anger.

C **Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away Your indignation toward us!**

P Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?

C **Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?**

P Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation.

The Lord gives  
STRENGTH to his  
people: the Lord  
blesses his people  
with PEACE.

Psalm 29:11  
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*Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4; Luke 18:13*

## Absolution

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

## Psalm Response

*Psalm 85:8-13*

P Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

C **Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.**

P Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

C **Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

P Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

C **Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.**

## Creedal Song

"We Believe" by Newsboys

## Old Testament

**Amos 7:7-15**

*7This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. 8And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; 9the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." 10Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. 11For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" 12And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, 13but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." 14Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. 15But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'*

## Epistle

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

*3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 9making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 13In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.*

## Holy Gospel

**Mark 6:14-29**

14King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." 15But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." 16But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." 17For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. 18For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, 20for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. 21But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. 22For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." 23And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." 24And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." 25And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." 26And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. 27And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison 28and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. 29When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

**Song of the Day**      "Chain Breaker" by Zach Williams

**Sermon**

Guest Pastor: Tim LeClair

**Offering**

*An offering basket is available at the entrance*

Our tithes and offerings are brought forward and placed on the altar.

*For all things come from You, and of Your own have we given You. - 1 Chronicles 29:14*

**Prayers**

P Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Lord, we are citizens of the nations and places in which You have put us, with our citizenship in heaven assured. In our land, guide and direct the governing authorities over us that they may serve according to Your will. Impart in them Your truth and wisdom that life be treasured and protected, justice enacted, and order kept secure. Grant Your protection over those who serve in the military both here and abroad, and safety to all who keep roads and communities safe in their law enforcement vocation. Amid the conflicts and tribulations in any land, instill in us responsible citizenship as we await the eternal kingdom not of this world. Thy kingdom come,

**C Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

P In these summer months grant favorable weather and safe travel for all who give thanks for Your creation. In each and every season, continue to pour out Your mercy and grace that we as Your people remain faithful and trusting in Your promises made, fulfilled, and yet to come. Thy kingdom come,

**C Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

P For all who face troubles and trials in life, in mind, body, or soul, give Your peace and comfort in times of affliction. For those who have gone before us in the faith, we give You thanks for their witness of truth and hope. Comfort those who grieve, including the family of Jeff Kristola, husband of Gail, who passed away and entered his heavenly home last week. In all things, grant us Your Spirit to sustain us in our earthly pilgrimage. Thy kingdom come,

**C Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

P We lift up to You the authorities over us in our Synod, districts, and congregations. Grant wisdom and confidence for all who lead. Bless all churches and people of all ages that You gather together as Your own, that we may be courageous witnesses of Your grace and truth to our neighbors, communities, and beyond. Thy kingdom come,

**C Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**     *Matthew 6:9–13*

**C 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.**

### **Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**Sending Song**     "Nobody" by Casting Crowns

**✠ Our worship is over; our service begins. ✠**

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