PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 22, 2025, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Pastor Christian Magnell

WELCOME AND GREETING

HYMN

"Here I Am to Worship"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Lord God, we come before you to celebrate as well as to contemplate.

Help us to consider both the ways we've turned from you, and the depth of your grace. Father, teach us to be more like Christ, who suffered that we might have life.

Teach us to imitate his grace in suffering and his love in the face of hate.

Let's take some time to consider our place before God and how we've taken advantage of grace. (time for reflection)

Let's pray together:

Father, we confess that we are in bondage to sin. We try to do good and we do bad. We've forsaken your love and turned against those around us. We've failed to love you with our whole heart, and we've failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, forgive us, renew us, and lead us.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins!

Thanks be to God!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN "Cornerstone"

READING: Psalm 22

David prophesies exact details about the death of Christ; and the first verse was quoted by Jesus on the cross.

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? 2 O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. 3 Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. 4 In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. 5 To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. 6 But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. 7 All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; 8 "He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!" 9 Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts. 10 On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God. 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. 12 Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of

Bashan surround me; 13 they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; 15 my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. 16 For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet — 17 I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me; 18 they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots. 19 But you, O Lord, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid! 20 Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog! 21 Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen! 22 I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: 23 You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! 24 For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him. 25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. 26 The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever! 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. 28 For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. 29 All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. 30 Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; 31 they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

HYMN "The Old Rugged Cross"

SERMON – Summer in the Psalms – Psalm 22

PRAYER AT RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION "Marvelous Light"

PRAYER & BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

And now may the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace!

Amen!

CLOSING SONG

"Hold Us Together"

DISMISSAL

Let's go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Psalm 22 – Devotional Thought:

Back in 1991, the Minnesota Twins went from last place in 1990 to winning the division, winning the American League and winning the World Series. They faced off against the Atlanta Braves who had also gone from last place to first place – or, from worst to first. No one could have predicted that! I'm not a betting man, but I imagine that if someone had placed that wager at the beginning of the season, they'd have made quite a nice profit!

Predictions are not easy to make and that's what makes the prophecy in this Psalm all the more remarkable. Written 1,000 years before Christ, David poetically describes exact details about the death of Christ, including the piercing of his hands and feet and gambling for his clothes.

Jesus, knowing he was fulfilling this Psalm, quoted the beginning of it from the cross: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" There are two parts to this: first, he truly felt alone, forgotten, forsaken, even as God in the flesh. And the second part is to remind us that what was going on had been prophesied. This wasn't random; it was God's plan of salvation. Jesus suffered – God in the flesh suffered – that we might have life.

This week: meditate on that truth. And understand that before you were born, God knew you and has called you his own!