

## PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 13, 2025, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Christian Magnell

### WELCOME AND GREETING

#### HYMN

*"Give Me Jesus"*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Father God, we come before you this morning knowing each of us here is called by you.

**Lead us to worship and praise you with all we are.**

God is our refuge and strength,

**a very present help in trouble.**

And this God calls us to be still and know that He is God.

**Yet so often we're too busy to take time to reflect.**

This morning let's let the quiet of our hearts lead us as we consider God's grace.

*(time for reflection)*

Let's pray together:

**Lord God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We've gone astray and sinned. We haven't loved you with everything we are, and**

**we haven't loved our neighbors as ourselves. Only in you can we be forgiven and**

**renewed for our daily living. Forgive us of our sins and lead us on a new path.**

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

*"The Wonderful Cross"*

#### READING: Psalm 46

*We are called to be still before the Lord.*

1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. 2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, 3 though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. 6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah 8 Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. 10 "Be still and know that I am God. I

will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” 11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

HYMN

*“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”*

SERMON – Summer in the Psalms – Psalm 46

PRAYER AT RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION *“Graves into Gardens”*

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

*“Shout to the Lord”*

DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God!**

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### **Psalm 46 – Devotional Thought:**

There is a Christian Retreat Center for pastors and their spouses called “Be Still.” It is about 20 minutes south of Steven’s Point, and they have cabins for pastors and their spouses. Allie and I have been there a few times to recharge.

The name “Be Still” is very telling. Most of us have a tough time doing that. The fact that this is a retreat for clergy tells you that this same problem affects ALL of us. Try this for example: set aside quiet time. How long can you make it? We’re going to try it during the sermon but try it at home. Turn everything off, except have a stopwatch handy. Start the stopwatch, close your eyes and be quiet. Try not to think too much. (is that even possible?!) How long can you make it?

While this is just a fun little test, it speaks to the challenge of slowing down and being quiet. That’s your takeaway today – go home this week and challenge yourself to be quiet before God.

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