

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
September 7, 2025, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Christian Magnell

WELCOME AND GREETING

HYMN

*“Sweet Hour of Prayer”*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Lord God, you are the first and the last,

**You are the Alpha and Omega!**

God gives us grace and peace,

**And yet, so often, we run to grudges and anxiety.**

And because of this, let's reflect on the changes God wants to make in our lives. (time for reflection) Let's pray together:

**Father, we confess that we fall short. We've sinned by what we've done, and we've sinned by what we've left undone. We've treated people poorly, and we've failed to pursue you in our lives. We desire to do different but go back to our old ways. Forgive us of our sins, send Your Spirit to renew us, and teach us what it looks like to follow you.**

Remember this Good [News](#): Jesus died and rose for you. He loves you, has a plan for your life, and guides you by the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God!**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S SERMON

BAPTISM (10:30)

*Mabel Irene Kahler*

HYMN

*“Way Maker”*

READING: Revelation 1:1-16

*In the beginning of this letter, John lays out this vision as Jesus came to speak with him.*

<sup>1</sup>The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, <sup>2</sup>who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. <sup>3</sup>Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near. <sup>4</sup>John to the seven

churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, he is

coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. <sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” <sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup>saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.” <sup>12</sup>Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lamp stands, <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the lamp stands one like a son of man, clothed

with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup>his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. <sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup>and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. <sup>19</sup>Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. <sup>20</sup>As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lamp stands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lamp stands are the seven churches.

HYMN

*“Raise a Hallelujah”*

GOSPEL – Matthew 24:32-36

<sup>32</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>33</sup>So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>34</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>35</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>36</sup>“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.

SERMON – Churches of Revelation – Intro

PRAYER AT RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

*“The Table”*

PRAYER AND 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

*“Shine, Jesus, Shine”*

DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God!**

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