

**St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Service of Holy Communion & Thankoffering**  
**Sunday, October 2, 2022, 10:30 am**

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**PRELUDE**

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

God of mercy and forgiveness,

**we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

*"God is Here"*

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1. **God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**
2. **Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**
3. **Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.**
4. **Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, keep us faithful to the gospel help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**THANKOFFERING LITANY**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Today brings the gift of life.

**Creator, you make us in your image.**

Today brings all we need to live with purpose.

**Inviter, you call us to discipleship in Jesus Christ.**

Today brings the strength to live more fully.

**Inspiring One, you empower us by the Holy Spirit.**

Today brings women of many generations who grow together in faith and affirm and support one another.

**Companion, you embolden us with community.**

Today brings a world in need of healing and wholeness.

**Healer, you engage us in ministry and action.**

For the church, the society, and the world,

**God, we humbly enter this worship.**

Prepare our hearts.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together. Benevolent, merciful God,

**when we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of you Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD****CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****BLESSING OF QUILTS AND KITS****FIRST READING**

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watch post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will

surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM (10:30)**

*"Then Sings My Soul"*

**PSALM 37:1-9**

Do not fret because of the wicked;  
do not be envious of wrongdoers,  
**for they will soon fade like the grass,  
and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

**Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him, and he will act.

**He will make your vindication shine like the light,  
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.

**Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.  
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

For the wicked shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

**SECOND READING**

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are

in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
 You have the words of eternal life.  
 Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL**

Luke 17:5-10

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'" and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

This is the Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Ann Marshall

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Come Down O Love Divine"*

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1. **Come down, O love divine; seek thou this soul of mine  
 and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;  
 O comforter, draw near; within my heart appear  
 and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**
2. **Oh, let it freely burn, till worldly passions turn  
 to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
 and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,  
 and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**
3. **Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,  
 and lowliness become mine inner clothing  
 true lowliness or heart, which takes the humbler part,  
 and o'er its own shortcoming weeps with loathing.**
4. **And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,  
 shall far out pass the pow'r of human telling;  
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it become the place  
 wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church let us confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day, he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*(brief silence)*

*Petitions end:* Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEAL

## OFFERING

*"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"*

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**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seed that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray together. God of grace,

**you have showered us with gifts of grace and abundance, entrusting to us the ministries of Women of the ELCA. Help us to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world. Accept these gifts and our prayer that, nurtured by your Word, filled with your Spirit, and fed at your table, we may share with gladness all that you have shared with us, until all creation is satisfied. Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*At the conclusion: Amen*

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**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.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION****COMMUNION HYMN**

*"Lamb of God"*

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*"We Walk by Faith"*

#635

1. **We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "my peace be with you here."**
2. **We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod; but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "my Lord and God!"**

3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found:
4. For you, O resurrected Lord, are found in means divine: beneath the water and the word, beneath the bread and wine.
5. And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

*“O God of Light”*

#507

1. O God of light, your word, a lamp unfailing, shall pierce the darkness of our earthbound way and show your grace, you plan for us unveiling, and guide our footsteps to the perfect day.
2. From days of old, through blind and willful ages, though we rebelled, you gently sought again, and spoke through saints, apostles, prophets, sages, who wrote with eager or reluctant pen.
3. Undimmed by time, those words are still revealing to sinful hearts your justice and your grace; and questing spirits, longing for your healing, see your compassion in the Savior’s face.
4. To all the world your summons you are sending, through all the earth, to ev’ry land and race, that myriad tongues, in one great anthem blending, may praise and celebrate your gift of grace.

**TABLE BLESSING**                      *At the conclusion: Amen*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**      *At the conclusion: Amen*

### SENDING

**BENEDICTION**                      *At the conclusion: Amen*

**SENDING SONG**                      *“Baptized and Set Free”*

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1. We are people created, chosen by God.  
Then we’re washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
2. We are fed and we’re nourished, filled and refreshed.  
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need, God is greater in deed;  
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.
3. We are nourished by water, all living things,  
and by life that the Sprit abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:  
precious river, ever flowing, now carry us home.

4. Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**