

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
Time After Pentecost
June 11, 2023
Service of Holy Communion

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin the presence of God and of our neighbors.

~silence~

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus forgive us and grant us your mercy.

~silence~

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

~silence~

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name † of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"We Are Called"

#720

1. **Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.
We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**
2. **Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So hatred and blindness will be no more.
We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**
3. **Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
As sisters and brothers united in love.
We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.**

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.

PSALM LITANY

Psalm 50:7-8, 14-15

“Hear, O my people, and I will speak,
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.

**Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and pay your vows to the Most High.

**Call on me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. O God,

you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE****FIRST READING**

Hosea 5:15-6:6

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor: “Come, let us return to the LORD; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.” What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his

disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Christ Your Heart, Compassionate"

#722

1. **O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme
to write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.**
2. **As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
so may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,
and help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.**
3. **O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
that, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.**
4. **O Love that made the distant stars, yet marks the sparrow's fall,
whose arms stretched wide upon a cross embrace and bear us all:
come, make your church a servant church that walks your servant ways,
those deeds of love rise up to you, a sacrifice of praise!**

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

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.
(brief silence)

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

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING SONG

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

#674

1. Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
 Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
 Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!
 Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!
2. Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,
 Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.
 Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!
 Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!
3. Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
 Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere!
 Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!
 Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. God of field and forest, sea and sky,
**you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
 and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

We praise you, all-holy God,

for the universe beyond our knowing, for lands and seas and all their animals, for friends and family, for strangers and neighbors.

We praise you for Israel, your chosen covenant people,

for Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam; and for centuries of faithful Christians who have carried forth the light of the gospel.

We praise you for your son Jesus Christ,

who showed us how to live and who saves us from sin and death.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

We pray for your Holy Spirit, your breath, your fire, your wisdom,

Nourish us with the body and blood of Christ. Inspire your people for service, and renew the world with your mercy, your healing, your justice, and your peace.

We praise you, all-holy God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, today, tomorrow, and forever.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

"Lamb of God"

#196

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us your peace. Amen.**

"I Am the Bread of Life"

#485

1. "I am the Bread of life, you who come to me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."
"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."
2. "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,
And if you eat of this bread,
You shall live forever, you shall live forever."
"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."
3. "Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you."
"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."
4. "I am the resurrection; I am the life.
If you believe in me, even though you die,
you shall live forever."
"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."
5. Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of God, who have come into the world.
"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."

"Morning Has Broken"

#556

1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

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

SENDING**BENEDICTION***At the conclusion: Amen.***SENDING SONG***"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

#733

1. **Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father:
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou has been, thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**
2. **Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**
3. **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide:
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**POSTLUDE**