

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
7TH Sunday after Pentecost
July 11, 2021, 10:30 am
Service of Holy Communion

PRELUDE

GATHERING

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: In Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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1. **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!**
2. **Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining.**
3. **Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.**
4. **Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!**

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.

KYRIE

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE*“Glory to God”*

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

Amos 7:7-15

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.” Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and

Israel must go into exile away from his land.” And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 85:8-13

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

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.**

GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON**HYMN OF THE DAY***"Faith of Our Fathers"*

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1. Faith of our fathers, living still in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy when'er we hear that glorious word.
Faith of our fathers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.
2. Faith of our mothers, daring faith, your work for Christ is love revealed,
spreading God's word from pole to pole, making love known and freedom real.
Faith of our mothers, holy faith, we will be true to you till death.
3. Faith of our sisters, brothers too, who still must bear oppression's might,
raising on high, in prisons dark, the cross of Christ still burning bright.
Faith for today, O living faith, we will be true to you till death.
4. Faith born of God, oh, call us yet, bind us with all who follow you,
sharing the struggle of your cross until the world is made anew.
Faith born of God, O living faith, we will be true to you till death.

APOSTLE'S 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

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

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

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.
Amen.

PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING SONG

"We Are an Offering"

#692

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours:
we are an offering.**

**All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.**

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering, we are an offering.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life,
**you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.
 Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to
 be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

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Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**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 HYMNS (Sunday only)** *"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, grant us peace.

"Baptized and Set Free"

#453

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!

“Rejoice, for Christ is King”

#430

1. Rejoice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king adore;
rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
2. Our Savior Jesus reigns the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
3. His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o’er earth and heav’n;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
4. He sits at God’s right hand till all his foes submit
and bow to his command and fall beneath his feet;
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

TABLE BLESSING

At the conclusion: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

At the conclusion: Amen

SENDING

BENEDICTION

At the conclusion: Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart”

#873

1. Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
2. With voices as full and strong as ocean’s surging praise,
send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
3. With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, no blest mirth.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

4. **Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array,
as pilgrims through the darkness wend till dawns the golden day.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!**
5. **At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!**
6. **Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore;
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest, one God forevermore.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks and sing!**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE