

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
 8TH Sunday after Pentecost
 July 18, 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

"When Morning Gilds the Skies!"

#853

1. **When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
 When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!**
2. **When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
 God's holy house of prayer has none that can compare
 with Jesus Christ be praised.**
3. **No lovelier antiphon in all high heav'n is known
 than "Jesus Christ be praised!"
 Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!**
4. **Let all of humankind in this their concord find:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
 Let all the earth around ring joyous with the sound:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!**
5. **Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,
 sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"
 God's whole creation o'er, today and evermore
 shall Jesus Christ be praised!**

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, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and

you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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 6:30-34, 53-56

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON**HYMN OF THE DAY***"In Christ there is no East or West!"*

#650

- 1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one community of love throughout the whole wide earth.**
- 2. In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.**
- 3. Join hands, disciples of the faith, what e'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.**
- 4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.**

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

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

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

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

"Taste and See"

#493

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

- 1. I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me.***

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

- 2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.***

I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free.

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

- 3. Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.***

Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust.

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" (sing twice) #512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word.
 Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.
 When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
 When my heart is cold warm it with the day.
 When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
 Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

TABLE BLESSING *At the conclusion: Amen*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *At the conclusion: Amen*

SENDING

BENEDICTION *At the conclusion: Amen.*

SENDING SONG *"Drawn to the Light" #593*

1. People who walk in darkness have sought a light in the heart of the darkest night.
 Just when we thought all would be lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
 Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night drawn to the light and the morning.
 Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight to be drawn to the light of God.
2. How can we tell a heaven from hell if ev'ryone dwells in the dark of night?
 Morning dispels, gently compels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
 Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night drawn to the light and the morning.
 Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight to be drawn to the light of God.
3. Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the one who is shining
 bright,
 bids us to come! Life has begun when we're drawn to the light of God.
 Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night drawn to the light and the morning.
 Glorious and bright, oh, what a sight to be drawn to the light of God.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
 Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE