

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
 9TH Sunday after Pentecost
 July 25, 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

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#631

1. **Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
 Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
 Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art:
 visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**
2. **Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
 let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.
 Take away the love of sinning; alpha and omega be;
 end of faith, as thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**
3. **Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
 suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
 pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**
4. **Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
 let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!
 Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
 till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

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.

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, “Give it to the people and let them eat.” But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” So he repeated, “Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, ‘They shall eat and have some left.’” He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:10-18

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,**

to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

**The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.**

The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.**

You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.

**The LORD is just in all his ways,
and kind in all his doings.**

The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

John 6:1-21

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this

to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

#479

1. **We come to the hungry feast hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.**
2. **We come to the hungry feast hungry for a world released
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind, the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.**
3. **We come to the hungry feast hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill, the hunger will stay with us: still
we come, we come to the hungry feast.**

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,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

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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.

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

#798

1. **"Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"**
2. **"Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?"**
3. **"Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?"**
4. **"Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"**

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
 In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

"Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn"

#242

1. Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn, for angels herald its dawning.
 Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, behold! the Child of our longing.
 Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,
 he opens wide the heav'nly door and lives now inside us forever.
2. To us, to all in sorrow and fear, Emmanuel comes a singing,
 his humble song is quiet and near, yet fills the earth with its ringing;
 music to heal the broken soul and hymns of loving kindness,
 the thunder of his anthems roll to shatter all hatred and blindness.
3. In darkest night his coming shall be, when all the world is despairing,
 as morning light so quiet and free, so warm and gentle and caring.
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in wonder,
 the weak be raised above the strong, and weapons be broken asunder.
4. Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night, though dark the winter and cheerless,
 the rising sun shall crown you with light, be strong and loving and fearless.
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our endless story;
 may God fill ev'ry day we share and bring us at last into glory.

TABLE BLESSING

At the conclusion: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

At the conclusion: Amen

SENDING

BENEDICTION

At the conclusion: Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Christ, Be Our Light"

#715

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
 Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
 Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.
2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
 Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
 Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.
3. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
 Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
 Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

5. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE