

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
 17TH Sunday after Pentecost
 September 19, 2021, 10:30
 Service of Holy Communion & Rite of Holy Baptism

PRELUDE

GATHERING

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart. God our comforter:

Like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

#588

1. **There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, like the wideness of the sea:
 there’s a kindness in God’s justice which is more than liberty.
 There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heav’n.
 There is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgment giv’n.**
2. **There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good;
 there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.
 There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;
 there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.**
3. **For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;
 and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
 But we make this love too narrow by false limits of our own;
 and we magnify its strictness with a zeal God will not own.**
4. **‘Tis not all we owe to Jesus; it is something more than all:
 greater good because of evil, larger mercy through the fall.
 Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word,
 and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.**

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*"This is the Feast"*

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This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. **Worthy is Christ, the lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
2. **Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF****FIRST READING**

Jeremiah 11:18-20

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30 only) “O Come, Sing to the Lord”

arr. John Carter

SECOND READING

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY*“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

#781

1. Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
2. God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish,
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.
3. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever,
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
4. Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM (10:30 only)**Invocation****Charge to Parents****Renunciations & Creed**

Together with the whole church, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the Church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism of Madelyn Jane Sherman**Invocation and Chrismation****Presentation of Candle**

Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized:

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Presentation of Gifts**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**MEAL****OFFERING SONG**

"Accept O Lord the Gifts We Bring"

#691

1. **Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place upon your table.
We do not worship as we ought but only as we're able.**
2. **The vines were planted, seeds were sown. They grew in your good pleasure.
What once was common, daily food becomes a holy treasure.**
3. **Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer before you.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as humbly we adore you.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance,

**you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to
nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(sung)*

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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, p. 130
 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

"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.

"In the Singing"

#466

- 1. In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open,
 in the blessing, in the breaking, in your presence at this table,
 Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
 Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.**
- 2. In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,
 In the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people,
 Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;
 Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.**

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

#659

- 1. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
 Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**
- 2. We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road;
 we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**
- 3. I will hold the Christ light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
 I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**
- 4. I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
 I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**
- 5. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
 Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

TABLE BLESSING

At the conclusion: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *At the conclusion: Amen*

SENDING

BENEDICTION *At the conclusion: Amen.*

SENDING SONG *"On Our Way Rejoicing"*

#537

1. On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.
 Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.
 Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;
 who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?
 On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,
 hearken to our praises, O blest God of love.
2. Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;
 unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;
 unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,
 on our way rejoicing now and evermore.
 On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,
 hearken to our praises, O blest God of love.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE