

**St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
20TH Sunday after Pentecost
Service of Holy Communion for 10:30
Oct. 5th and 6th, 2024 (Thankoffering)
Welcome – Pastor Phil Gardner**

PRELUDE

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

~Silence for Reflection~

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

#693

1. **Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God’s own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.**
2. **All the world is God’s own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**
3. **For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.**
4. **Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!**

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 (p. 98)

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 well being 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, a-men.

HYMN OF PRAISE (p. 101)

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor glory and might
be to God and Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together. Sovereign God,

You have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****BLESSING OF THE QUILTS & KITS**

TEMPLE TALK - THANKOFFERING

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:18-24

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30)

PSALM (8:00)

Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour.

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

all sheep and oxen and also the beasts of the field,

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, 'What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet.' Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the

suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, 'I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 102)

Al-le-luia, all-le-luia.

Al-le-luia, all-le-luia.

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

Al-le-luia, all-le-luia.

Al-le-luia, all-le-luia.

GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.' Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.' People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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HYMN OF THE DAY

"God, When Human Bonds Are Broken"

#603

1. **God, when human bonds are broken and we lack the love or skill to restore the hope of healing, give us grace and make us still.**
2. **Through that stillness, with your Spirit come into our world of stress, for the sake of Christ forgiving all the failures we confess.**
3. **You in us are bruised and broken: hear us as we seek release from the pain of earlier living; set us free and grant us peace.**
4. **Send us, God of new beginnings, humbly hopeful into life. Use us as a means of blessing: make us stronger, give us faith.**

5. Give us faith to be more faithful, give us hope to be more true,
give us love to go on learning: God, encourage and renew!

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

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.
(*brief silence*)

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

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING SONG

"Seed That in Earth is Dying"
(Verses 1 & 3 only)

#330

1. **Seed that in earth is dying grows into ears of grain.
Grapes that are crushed in the vessel turn into golden wine.
God, through this mystery grant us faith in our deepest darkness,
life in our night and death.**
3. **Seed that in earth is dying rises to bear much fruit.
Christ, as we meet at your table, give us the bread of life.
Lord, we do thank and adore you! Unceasing praise of the ages
rises from night and death.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,
**source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve
 one another and all in need, 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of pow'r and might,
 heaven 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.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**COMMUNION HYMNS**

**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.**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

#840

- 1. Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
 who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
 who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
 with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**
- 2. Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,**

and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

"Praise the Lord! O Heavens"

#823

1. Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, adore him; praise him, angels in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him; praise him, gleaming stars and light.
Praise the Lord for he has spoken; worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws which never shall be broken for their guidance he has made.
2. Praise the Lord, for he is gracious; never shall his promise fail.
God has made his saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation; hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;
heav'n and earth, and all creation, laud and magnify his name!

TABLE BLESSING *At the conclusion: Amen.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *At the conclusion: Amen.*

SENDING

BENEDICTION *At the conclusion: Amen.*

SENDING SONG *"Oh, Worship the King"*

#842

1. Oh, worship the King, all glorious above.
Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
2. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
Established it fast by changeless decree,
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.
3. Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
it streams from the hills, it descend to the plain,
and sweetly, distills in the dew and the rain.
4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender redeemer and friend.
5. O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn you above,
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays.
with true adoration shall sing to your praise.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE