



Saint Peter's Lutheran Church

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* Indicates to stand as you are able. P=Pastor, C=Congregation, A=Assisting Minister, L=Lector

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: 'God is Calling Through the Whisper' v. 1

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God is call - ing through the whis - per of the Spir - it's deep - est sighs,

25
through the thrill of sud - den beau - ties that can catch us by sur - prise.

30
Flash of light - ning, crash of thun - der; hush of still - ness, rush of won - der.

35
God is call - ing... can you hear? God is call - ing... can you hear?

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*C: Amen.

*P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. (*Silence for reflection*)
Merciful God,

*C: **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.**
Amen.

*P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

***C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN To God Be the Glory

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ***C: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*P: Let us pray. O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

***C: Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US

First Reading.....Isaiah 65:1-9

L: A reading from Isaiah 65th chapter.....(Lector:)

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, “Here I am, here I am,”
to a nation that did not call on my name.

² I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³ a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

⁴ who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine’s flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵ who say, “Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”

These are a smoke in my nostrils,

a fire that burns all day long.

⁶ See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,
says the LORD;

because they offered incense on the mountains
and reviled me on the hills,

I will measure into their laps
full payment for their actions.

⁸ Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"

so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.

⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:19-28

¹⁹ But you, O LORD, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰ **Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.**

²¹ Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²² **I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

²³ You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory.
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴ **For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither is the LORD's face hidden from them;
but when they cry out, the LORD hears them.**

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶ **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live**

forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸ **For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

Second Reading.....Galatians 3:23-29

L: A reading from Galatians the 3rd chapter.....()

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

L: The word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 'God is Calling Through the Whisper' v. 2

40
God is call - ing through the voic - es of our neigh - bors' ur - gent prayers,
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through their long - ing for re - demp - tion and for res - cue from de - spair.
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Place of hurt or face of need - ing; stri - dent cry or si - lent plead - ing:
55
God is call - ing... can you hear? God is call - ing... can you hear?

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 8th chapter.

*C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Holy Gospel.....Luke 8:26-39

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city

who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

*P: The Gospel of our Lord. *C: Praise to you, O Christ

Children’s Sermon

The Sermon.....Pastor Sue Lynn White

*Hymn of the Day Will You Come and Follow Me ELW 798

*APOSTLES’ CREED.....(Assistant Minister:)

*A: Let us profess our faith using the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

*C: 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

***A:** Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

God there are no places your love cannot penetrate; give us eyes to see you in darkness, ears to hear you in silence, and minds that rest in your stillness. God of grace,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

Grant to those who love you, and those who long to love you more, the deep desire to do your will and seek you in all times and circumstances. God of grace,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

Inspire our hearts to carry your message to all those who long for your good news and send us to be your hands at work in this world and in the world to come. God of grace,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

Give to those who have authority over us the desire to serve your people with mercy and justice. God of grace,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

Comfort the afflicted, the wounded, the sick, and the dying with the certain promise of your constant love in this life and the next. We especially pray for Marlene Shue, John Trexler, Guy & Betty Puckett, Jim & Phyllis Cornelison, Jerry Sides, Ernie & Linda Cooper, Phil & Carol Boyette, Brenda H. Trexler, Judy Peeler, Lynn DeBerry, Marcia Ritchie, Jean Holshouser, Phyllis Trexler, Sue Misenheimer, Thelma Barger, Friends of

St. Peter's, and those we hold in our hearts or lift before you now... (*Pause so names can be said out loud*). God of grace,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

Bless us with a great unease in the face of hunger, poverty, injustice, and persecution that we might find peace only in the way of Love as demonstrated by your son Jesus, our Lord. God of grace,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

Welcome the dying and comfort the grieving; let their entrance into the land of light and life give us comfort and hope for our future. God of grace,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*P: Glory and honor to you O Lord, for you are the one who seeks us out, provide for our needs, and direct our path. Bless us and keep us this day and always through the grace of your Son and the power of your Holy Spirit.

***C: Amen.**

PEACE

*P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

***C: And also with you.**

*P: Let us share the peace with one another.

THE OFFERING

Anthem

Offering Hymn

We Are an Offering

ELW 692

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ELW 692

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of nine staves. The lyrics are: 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

*A: Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*C: Amen.

MEAL

PREFACE DIALOGUE

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.

*P: It is indeed our duty and our joy... and join their unending hymn:

***C: Holy, Holy, Holy**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

*P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught.

***C: 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 COMMUNION

*P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

***C: Thanks be to God.**

DISTRIBUTION

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

POST COMMUNION SONG: 'God is Calling Through the Whisper' v. 3

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God is call - ing through the mu - sic of sub - lime and hu - man arts,
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through the hymns of earth and an - gels, and the car - ols of our hearts.
⁷⁰
Lift of joy and gift of sing - ing; days and nights our prais - es bring - ing:
⁷⁵
God is call - ing... and we hear! God is call - ing... and we hear!

COMMUNION BLESSING

*P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*A: Let us pray. Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

***C: Amen.**

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BLESSING

*P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

***C: Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN Sent Forth By God's Blessing ELW 547**

THE DISMISSAL

*A: Rooted in the love of Christ

***C: We grow in grace and joyfully branch into a broken World!**

*P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

***C: Thanks be to God.**

**Silent Prayer and Chiming of the Trinity Postlude*