



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

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

***C: Amen.**

*P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Silence for reflection)*

Merciful and loving God,

***C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

*P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

***C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 504

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. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

***C: Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US

First Reading.....Jeremiah 31:31-34

L: A reading from Jeremiah the 31st chapter.....(Lector:)

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields
with fire.

¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;**

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading.....Romans 3:19-28

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

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

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

***The Holy Gospel.....John 8:31-36**

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

***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 My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less ELW 596**

***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: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.**

Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all

creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel. God of grace,

***C: receive our prayer.**

Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world. God of grace,

***C: receive our prayer.**

Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose. God of grace,

***C: receive our prayer.**

Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another. God of grace,

***C: receive our prayer.**

Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing or employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill. We pray especially for 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, Ethan DeBerry, Buddy Waller, Amy Cozart, 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)*. Be our stronghold at all times. God of grace,

***C: receive our prayer.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints. Give us hope in your son's victory through the cross. God of grace,

***C: receive our prayer.**

***P:** We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***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

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. Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*C: **Amen.**

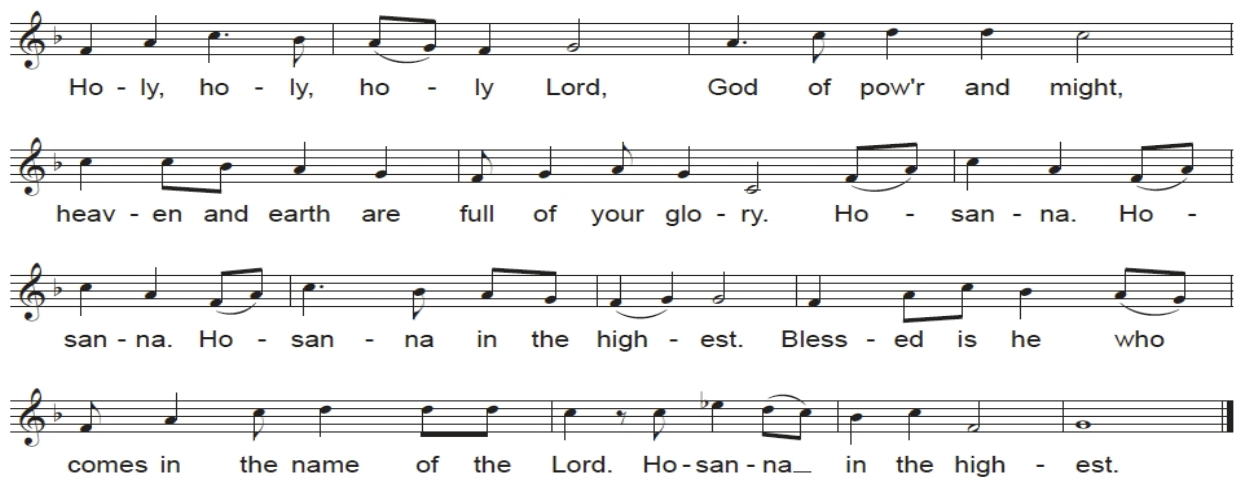
MEAL

PREFACE DIALOGUE



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

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



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.**

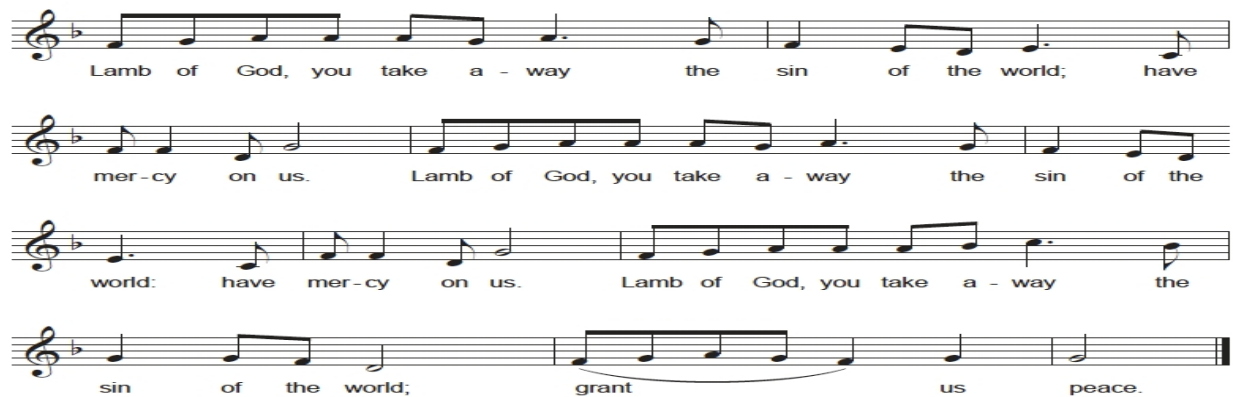
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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

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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. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

*C: Amen.

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BLESSING

*P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.

*C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN All People That On Earth Do Dwell ELW 883**

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. Do not lose heart.

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

**Silent Prayer and Chiming of the Trinity Postlude*