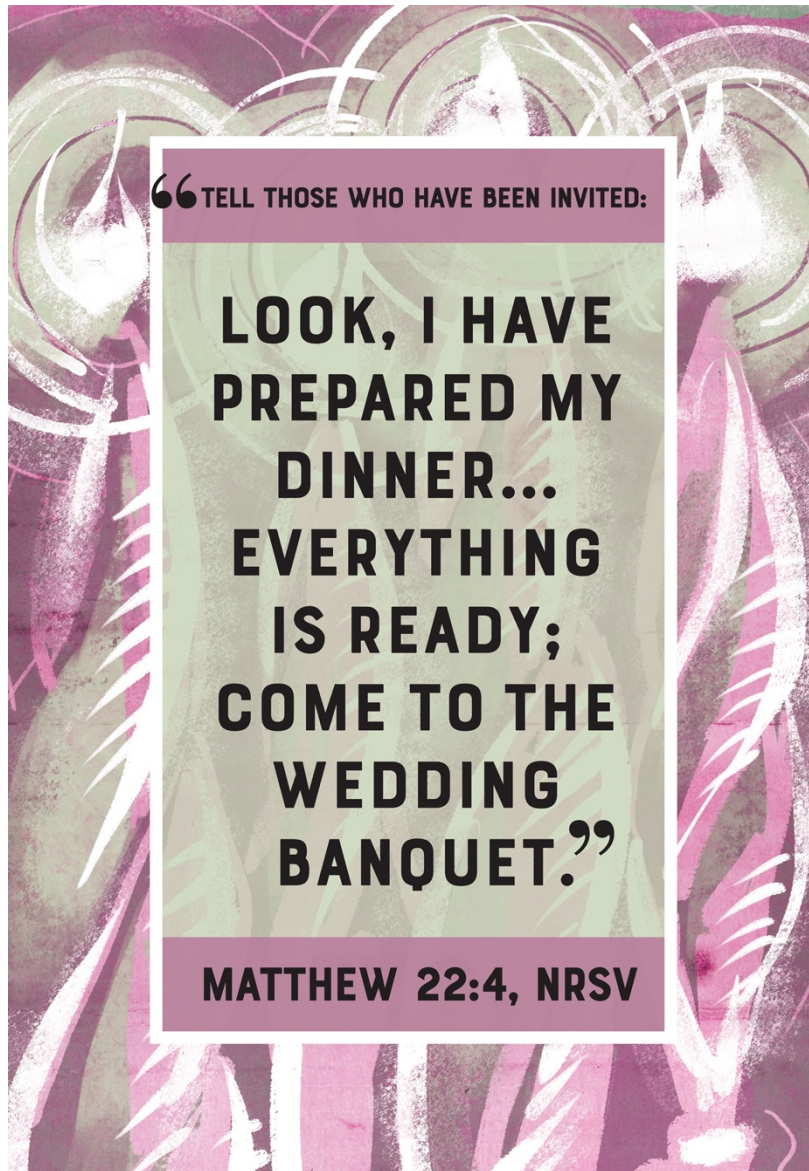




Saint Peter's Lutheran Church

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

***C: Amen.**

*P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

***C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✙ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

***C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome v.1-3

ELW 641

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. Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*C: Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

First Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

L: A reading from Isaiah the 25th chapter.

¹ O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save

us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

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

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall
fear no evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading

Philippians 4:1-9

L: A reading from Philippians the 4th chapter

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they
have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement
and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

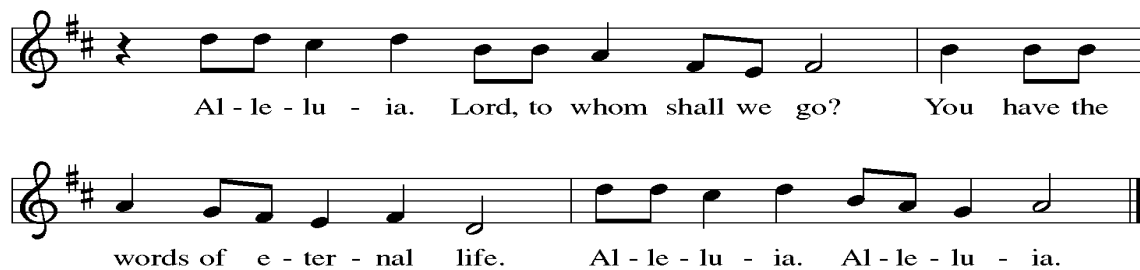
⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your
gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious
about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of
God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your
minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is
commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of
praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned

and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

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

*The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless.

¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw

him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.

***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**

Here I Am, Lord

ELW 574

***APOSTLES' CREED**

***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:** Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

***A:** Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain. Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love. Hear us, O God.

***C: Your mercy is great.**

***A:** We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land. Hear us, O God.

***C: Your mercy is great.**

*A: We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster. Renew all communities facing disasters (*Haiti, Hawaii, areas here in North Carolina facing more flooding*) and give your courage to those leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God.

***C: Your mercy is great.**

*A: We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering. We especially pray for Guy & Betty Puckett, Jim & Phyllis Cornelison, Jerry & Carolyn Sides, Ernie & Linda Cooper, Phil & Carol Boyette, Brenda H. Trexler, Judy Peeler, Lynn DeBerry, Marcia Ritchie, Jean Holshouser, Sue Misenheimer, Thelma Barger, Buddy Waller, Ronnie Pierce, Bobby Lambirth, Mary Miller, Barbara King, friends of St. Peter's, and those we hold in our hearts or speak aloud now... (*pause*). Hear us, O God. ***C: Your mercy is great.**

*A: We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table. Hear us, O God.

***C: Your mercy is great.**

*A: We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

***C: Your mercy is great.**

*P: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; 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

Now the Feast and Celebration

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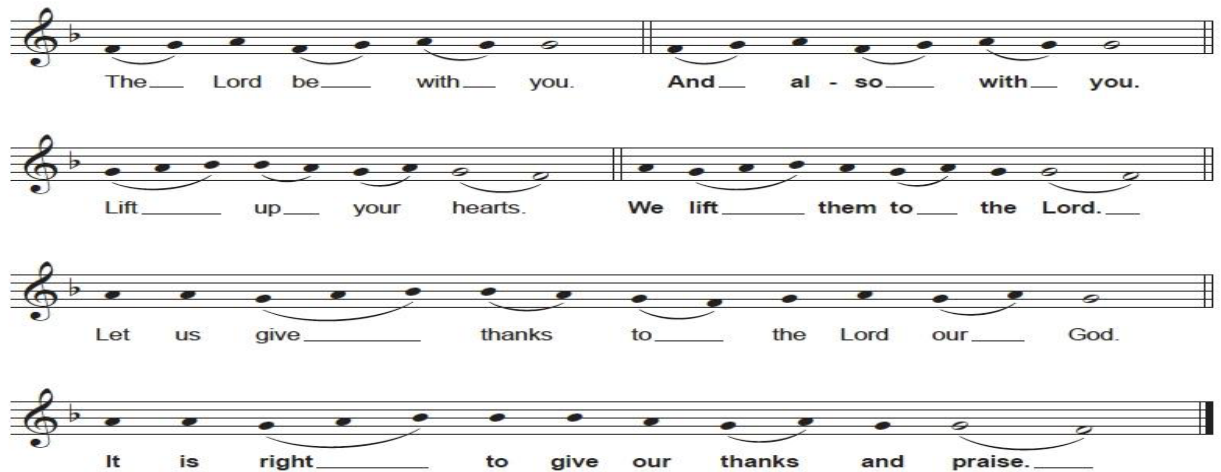
OFFERING PRAYER

*A: Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

***C: Amen.**

MEAL

PREFACE DIALOGUE



The___ Lord be___ with___ you. And___ al - so___ 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 right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name 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.

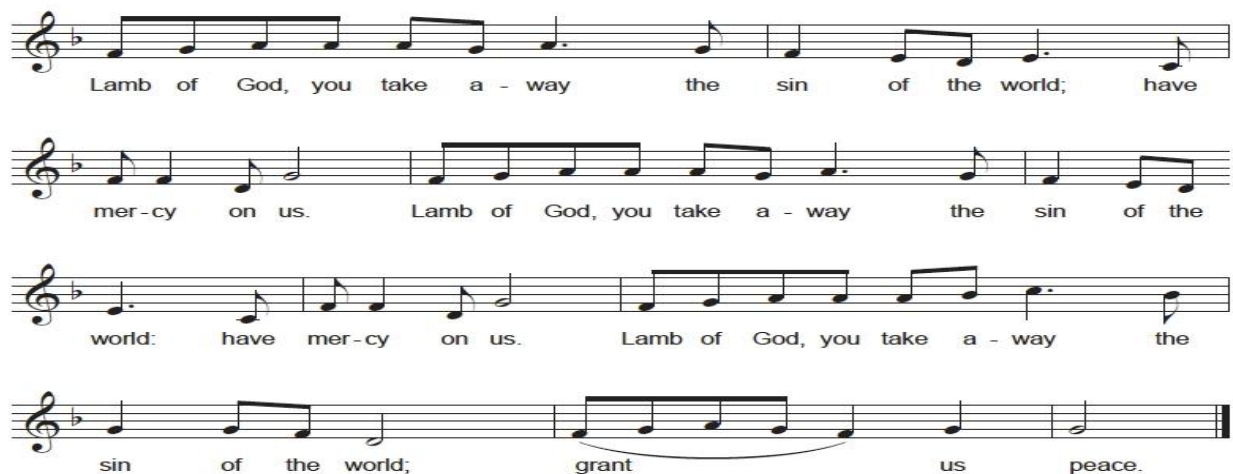
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

***P:** Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry,
come!

LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION

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. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

***C: Amen.**

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BLESSING

*P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

***C: Amen.**

*P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

***C: Amen.**

*P: The God of grace ✝ bless you now and forever.

***C: Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

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THE DISMISSAL

*A: Rooted in the love of Christ;

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

*P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

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