



# **Saint Peter's Lutheran Church**

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### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### *Prelude*

### OPENING RESPONSES

\*P: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day to the rising of this life itself. The purpose of God be between us and each purpose,

**\*C: the hand of God between us and each hand;**

\*P: the pain of Christ between us and each pain,

**\*C: the love of Christ between us and each love.**

\*P: O God, you brought us to the light of this new day;

**\*C: bring us to the guiding light of eternity.**

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

### CALL TO PRAYER

\*P: We gather in God's name;

**\*C: We claim Christ's promised presence.**

\*P: My sisters and brothers, not out of dread and fear, but believing in the understanding and forgiveness of God, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND RESTORATION

\*P: Let us pray. Eternal Maker of the endless heavens, lowly Christ, befriender of the changing earth, Holy Spirit, wind over the flowing waters, in earth, sea and sky you are ever present.

**\*C: O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul within all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet you are there, and we give you thanks.**

\*P: But where we have not touched but trampled you in creation, where we have not honoured but avoided you in one another, where we have not received but rejected your goodness, forgive us, and hear our plea for your pardon. Holy God,

**\*C: holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

\*P: Know that God is good, and that to those who are truly sorry God forgives what is past and enables us to begin again. Once we were no people, now we are God's people. Once we were beyond God's mercy; now that mercy has been given to us. So let us live as those who treasure God's costly generosity, by safeguarding God's earth, delighting in its people, and loving our Maker + to whom be glory forever.

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

## **GOD SPEAKS TO US**

L: First Reading

Exodus 19:2-8a

L: Listen for God's word coming to us in Holy Scripture

**C: Our hearts and minds are open.**

<sup>2</sup> [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.<sup>3</sup> Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: <sup>4</sup> 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup> but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

<sup>7</sup> So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8a</sup> The people all answered as one, "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

L: God be in our listening, God in our understanding **C: Amen.**

## **Psalm 100**

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

<sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

<sup>3</sup> **Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

<sup>4</sup> Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;

give thanks and bless God's holy name.

<sup>5</sup> **Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-8

L: And again, listen for God's word coming to us in Holy Scripture

**C: Our hearts and minds are open.**

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.  
L: God be in our listening, God in our understanding **C: Amen.**

\*P: We greet the Gospel of Jesus the Christ by standing to sing Alleluia.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-23]

\*P: <sup>35</sup> Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

<sup>10:1</sup> Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every

sickness. <sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

<sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ <sup>8</sup> Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [<sup>9</sup> Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. <sup>11</sup> Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. <sup>12</sup> As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup> If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup> If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

<sup>16</sup> “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. <sup>19</sup> When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, <sup>20</sup> for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. <sup>21</sup> Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in this town,

flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

**\*P:** This is the Gospel of Christ. **\*C: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Sermon

The Sermon

Pastor Sue Lynn White

**HYMN OF THE DAY When I Survey the Wondrous Cross ELW 804**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**\*C: We believe in God, Who conceived all that is created, God, who fathers and mothers all people.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ God’s firstborn and only Lord of the earth. He came from both heaven and the womb of the virgin Mary; he lived in solidarity with humankind, befriending, teaching, healing and restoring; he was denied and betrayed by his friends; and was done to death by the state. He descended to the place of oblivion, rose to life again on the third day, and ascended to heaven where he sits at God’s right hand. This same Jesus will come again in glory to judge the living and dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, whose dynamic presence can make all things new. And we believe in the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF CONCERN**

**\*A:** Let us pray. Holy God, who, in Jesus, touched the earth, admiring its beauty and blessing its people, we honour you for the gift of life and all the gifts that life brings us: food, shelter, company, the experiences that make us think, the people that bring out the best in us. Hear our prayers for the places in this world where beauty has turned to ugliness, food has been replaced with famine, friendship has been forgotten and fear, hostility and hopelessness have the upper hand. (*pause*) God, in your mercy,

**\*C: bring healing, bring peace,**

**\*A:** Hear our prayers for people who cannot pray because of pain, loss or worry; and for those who will. not love themselves. and so cannot love their

neighbor. We especially pray 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, Buddy Waller, Ronnie Pierce, Bobby Lambirth, Mary Miller, Barbara & Frank King, friends of St. Peter's, and those we hold in our hearts or speak aloud now... (*pause*). God, in your mercy,

**\*C: bring healing, bring peace.**

\*A: Hear our prayers for ourselves – our private yearnings, our secret hopes and any doubt, jealousy or anger to which we hold too tightly. God, in your mercy,

**\*C: bring healing, bring peace.**

\*P: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

**\*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**

**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

**ELW 182**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

\*A: Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

**\*C: Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

\*P: The Lord be with you.

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

\*P: Lift up your hearts.

**\*C: We lift them up to God.**

\*P: Let us give thanks to God.

**\*C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

\*P: For you, Creator God, the valleys laugh and sing and the trees of the field clap their hands. Your earth summons us to break silence and be one with the song of creation.

**\*C: We give you thanks and praise.**

\*P: For you, God of all, the church in its myriad forms and countless languages honours its Savior. Millions upon millions invite us to be one with them in the drama of worship.

**\*C: We give you thanks and praise.**

\*P: In heaven, beyond our seeing, the angels and saints are caught up in song. And those we have loved and lost are part of that great company. They call us to be one with the harmony of heaven.

**\*C: We give you thanks and praise.**

\*P: So, gladly, we join our voices to those of earth, sea and sky, in the universal hymn of praise which echoes through time and eternity:

### **\*C: SANCTUS**

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.

### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

\*P: Come now, O Christ, bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh, forever bound to us in promise and mystery; breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine. Let them become, for us, the seal and sign of your love healing, redeeming, making us whole. And through them let us together become, for

you, your body, loving the world as God loves, serving its people as God wills and always being transformed until we and all humanity resemble the One whose food we now share. As Jesus broke bread, we break this bread. (*bread is broken*) As Jesus shared wine we share this cup. (*cup is raised*)

## 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: As those who have been invited to his table, feed on this holy food through which God comes to us so that we can come to God.

### 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.

## 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. O Brother Jesus, we have been guests at your table; come with us wherever we go and be present in all we share.

**\*C: Summon out in us, whom you have fed, generosity of spirit to ensure that all the hungry are nourished and earth's barren places are fertile with food, faith, hope and love. Amen.**

### **SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

#### **BLESSING**

\*P: Now go in peace, do what God wills, follow where Christ calls, pray for the gifts of the Spirit; and may the blessing of God the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer + rest on and remain with you now and always.

**\*C: Amen.**

#### **\*SENDING HYMN**

**O Zion, Haste**

**ELW 668**

#### **THE DISMISSAL**

\*A: Rooted in the love of Christ;

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

\*P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

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