



CHRIST  
has set us  
FREE

Galatians 5:1, NRSV

**Saint Peter's Lutheran Church**

**June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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## 3rd Sunday After Pentecost: June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

\* 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

20  
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    Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death    ELW 452**

**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.**

**KYRIE** **pp. 138-139**  
**CANTICLE OF PRAISE    This is the Feast** **pp. 140-141**

**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.....1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

L: A reading from 1 Kings the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter.....(Lector: )

<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.”

<sup>19</sup> So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup> He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” <sup>21</sup> He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

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

## Psalm 16

- <sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- <sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- <sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- <sup>4</sup> **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**
- <sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- <sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- <sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.
- <sup>8</sup> **I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- <sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- <sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- <sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are  
pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading.....Galatians 5:1, 13-25

L: A reading from Galatians the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.....()

<sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious:

fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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,

45  
through their long - ing for re - demp - tion and for res - cue from de - spair.

50  
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 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

\*The Holy Gospel.....Luke 9:51-62

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his

head.”<sup>59</sup> To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”<sup>60</sup> But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”<sup>61</sup> Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.”<sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

\*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      Be Thou My Vision      ELW 793**

**\*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.

We ask your prayers for the church universal; for true revival to bring us new ways to reach those who are wary of faith and to embrace those who find their way to us. God of grace,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

We ask your prayers for those who lead this nation and all nations, for those who lead in towns and communities around the world that

compassion and service will overcome fear and hatred and that we might have peace and relationships among all people. God of grace,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

We ask your prayers for this assembly, that we might experience the living Christ and know, in our deepest selves, that we are loved and were created with purpose. God of grace,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

We ask your prayers for the natural world and all who labor to preserve and protect it for all future generations. God of grace,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

We ask your prayers for those who need healing of heart, healing. Of mind, and healing of body. Bless those we offer to you now especially 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.**

We ask your prayers for those who die alone and afraid; for those who die unexpectedly and tragically; for those who die surrounded by their families and full of faith. Bring all those beloved into your light perpetual. God of grace,

**\*C: Hear our prayer.**

\*P: We offer all these prayers, spoken and unspoken, through Jesus Christ our Lord, our comforter, guide, and mediator. And all God's children say,

**\*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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The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of ten staves of music. 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.**

# HEALING & ANOINTING; COMMUNION 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.

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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

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

<sup>60</sup>  
God is call - ing through the mu - sic of sub - lime and hu - man arts,  
<sup>65</sup>  
through the hymns of earth and an - gels, and the car - ols of our hearts.  
<sup>70</sup>  
Lift of joy and gift of sing - ing; days and nights our prais - es bring - ing:  
<sup>75</sup>  
God is call - ing... and we hear! God is call - ing... and we hear!

## **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**

**Here I Am, Lord**

**ELW 574**

### **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*