

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

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 583

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. God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

***C: Amen.**

GOD SPEAKS TO US

First Reading.....Amos 8:4-7

L: A reading from Amos the 8th chapter.....(Lector:)

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

⁵ saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain,
and the Sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier
and practice deceit with false balances,

⁶ buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

Psalm 113

¹ Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.

² **Let the name of the LORD be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.**

³ From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the LORD be praised.

⁴ **The LORD is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**

⁵ Who is like the LORD our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

⁶ **but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**

⁷ The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

⁸ **enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**

⁹ The LORD makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

Second Reading.....1 Timothy 2:1-7

L: A reading from 1 Timothy the 2nd chapter.....()

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time.⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

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

*The Holy Gospel.....Luke 16:1-13

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' ³ Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He answered, 'A

hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷ Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰ "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

Children's Sermon

The Sermon.....Pastor Eddie Pless

***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: God of justice, let your mercy flow over us that we might experience your grace as we lift our prayers to you.

That your church might be known for its love and generosity we pray.
God of grace,

***C: receive our prayer.**

That Our nation may know peace and justice, we pray. God of grace,

***C: receive our prayer.**

That the environment and climate that sustains us may be protected and restored, we pray. God of grace,

***C: receive our prayer.**

That our parish might be a refuge for weary souls, and a place to re-energize our faith and compel our participation in Christ mission, we pray.
God of grace,

***C: receive our prayer.**

That all who suffer might know your healing love we pray especially for Marlene Shue, 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, the family and friends of Lana 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: receive our prayer.**

That the dead might experience your light and love for all eternity and that we may someday join them in your embrace comma we pray God of grace,

***C: receive our prayer.**

*P: Almighty God, your way is the way of justice and mercy, of peace and reconciliation, of hope and generosity; hear and respond to the longings of our hearts offered in our prayers this day through the merits and love of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns.

***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 for a single voice part in 4/4 time. It 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.' The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, time signatures, and dynamic markings.

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.**

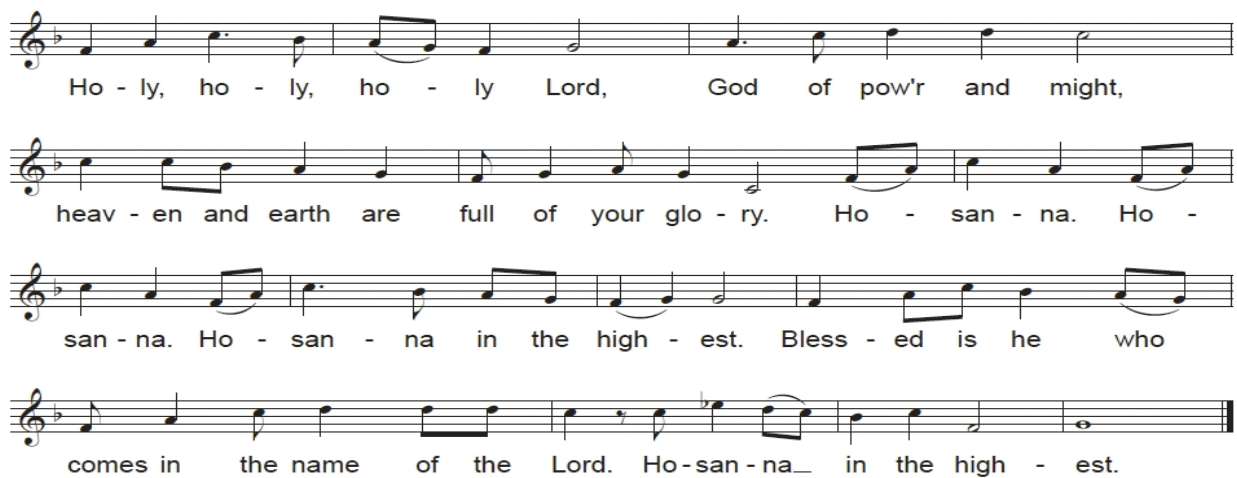
MEAL

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.**

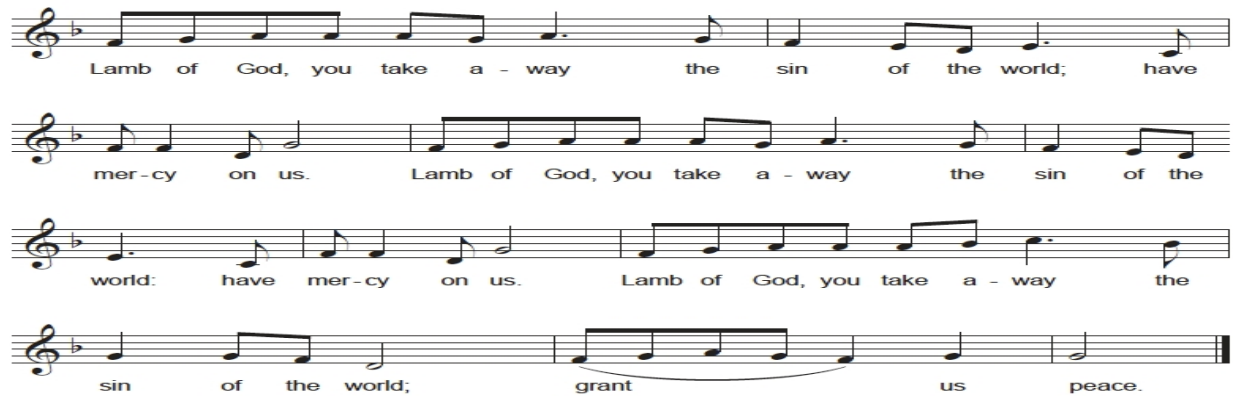
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

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

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LAMB OF GOD



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**

Rise Up, O Saints of God

ELW 669

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*