



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, who makes a way in the wilderness, who walks with us on the road, who welcomes us home.

***C: Amen.**

*P: On the road of life, we often carry burdens too heavy to bear. We stumble, we wander, we lose our way. But God meets us with mercy and grace. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

***C: we confess that we have lost our way. We have traveled paths of selfishness and fear. We have carried baggage of anger and regret. We have failed to see the signs of your love along the way. Forgive us. Lighten our load. Guide our steps back to you, so that we may walk in hope, peace, joy, and love.**

Amen.

*P: Hear the good news: God does not leave us wandering. Christ comes to meet us on the road and bring us home. In the name of Jesus, ☩ you are forgiven, freed, and welcomed.

***C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

My Lord, What A Morning

ELW 438

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

pp. 140-141

*P: The Lord be with you.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*P: Let us pray. Gracious God, you are the beginning and the end of every journey. As we walk this Advent road, teach us to travel lightly, leaving behind the burdens that weigh us down, and carrying instead the hope you have promised. Guide our steps toward the home you are preparing, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

***C: Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: THE ROAD HOME

Reader: *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light"* (Isaiah 9:2). On this road of Advent, we light the candle of hope, trusting God's promise that the darkness will not last forever.

Reader: We are travelers on the road of faith.

***C: We carry hope as our guide.**

Reader: Today we light the candle of hope, trusting God to lead us.

***C: Christ is our light and our home.**

(Light the first candle.)

GOD SPEAKS TO US

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

L: A reading from Isaiah the 2nd chapter

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

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

Psalm 122

¹ I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

² **Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

³ Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity with itself;

⁴ **to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May they prosper who love you.**

⁷ Peace be within your walls
and quietness within your towers.

⁸ **For the sake of my kindred and companions,
I pray for your prosperity.**

⁹ Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good.”

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

L: A reading from Romans the 13th chapter

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and

licitiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.

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

*The Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

*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**

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

*P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these people*, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as *new members* into the life and ministry of this congregation.

*A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

***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.**

Please be seated.

P: Don and Kathy would you please come forward.

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sister and brother in Christ,
do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism
among God's people in this place? If so, please respond, I do, and I ask
God to help and guide me.

NM: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray
for *these new members* in *their* life in Christ?

***C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Welcome

*P: Please face the congregation.

Let us welcome *these sisters and brothers* in Christ to this community of faith.

***C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*A: As we begin traveling the Road Home, let us now open our hearts and offer to God our deepest prayers. (*Silence for reflection*)

Heavenly father, inspire the universal church to be most concerned with living lives inspired by your son and give us hearts that beat to serve you.
God of grace,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

Bless those in authority, in this nation and in all the nations, with an urgency to care for all people and to undo systems of injustice. God of grace, ***C: Hear our prayer.**

Give us opportunities to live into your faith and identity as followers of Jesus. Open our eyes to see those around us, in our neighborhoods, schools, and places of work, who need our loving support and care. God of grace, ***C: Hear our prayer.**

Give us wisdom and persistence for the care of creation. God of grace, ***C: Hear our prayer.**

Grant wisdom and persistence to those who seek cures and relief of pain and heal and comfort those who suffer from illness. 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, Amy Cozart, Jaxon Webster, the Puckett family, 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 give you thanks for *our new members Don and Kathy*, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. God of grace,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

Grant rest eternal to those who have died and comfort to those who mourn. Grant us daily and awareness that life is precious and fleeting, that we might use our hours to your glory. God of grace,

***C: Hear our prayer.**

*P: Almighty God, you lovingly created and care for us, here now these prayers and answer them as may be best for us and for the furtherance of your redemptive grace.

***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

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 music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are also triplets indicated by a '3' over a group of notes.

OFFERING PRAYER

***A:** Let us pray. Gracious God, you provide signs of hope along our journey.

***C:** **We bring our gifts with hope.**

***A:** Receive these offerings, O God, and use them to guide all people home to you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

***C:** **Amen.**

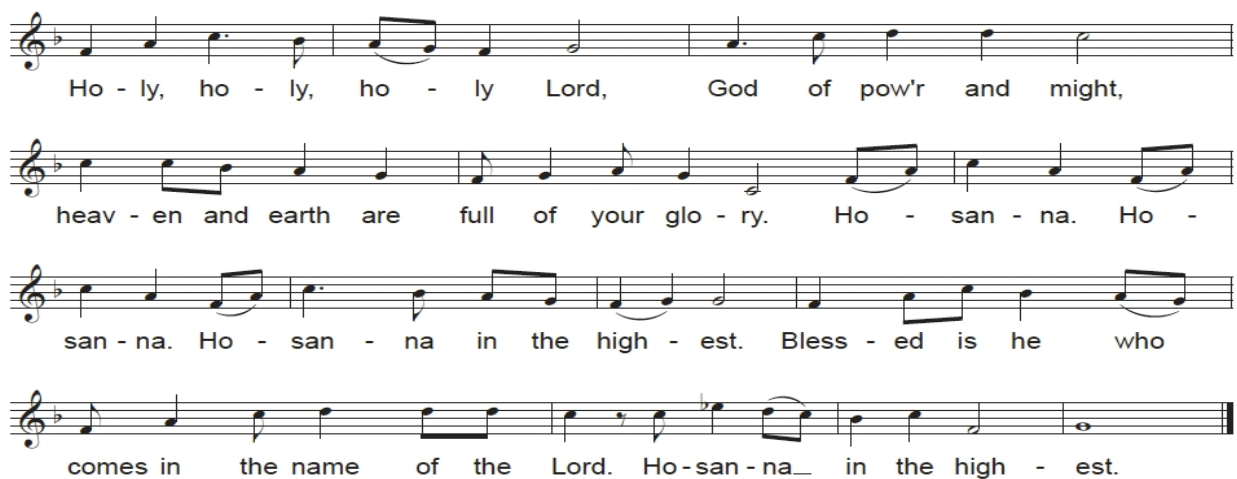
MEAL

PREFACE DIALOGUE



*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. Long ago you set your people on a journey, guiding them through wilderness and exile, promising a home where justice and mercy would dwell. Through prophets and messengers you gave signs along the way, stirring hope, peace, joy, and love in waiting hearts. In these last days you have made your home with us in Jesus, the Word made flesh, the light that shines in our darkness, the road that leads us safely home to you. And so, with all travelers on the way, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name 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.

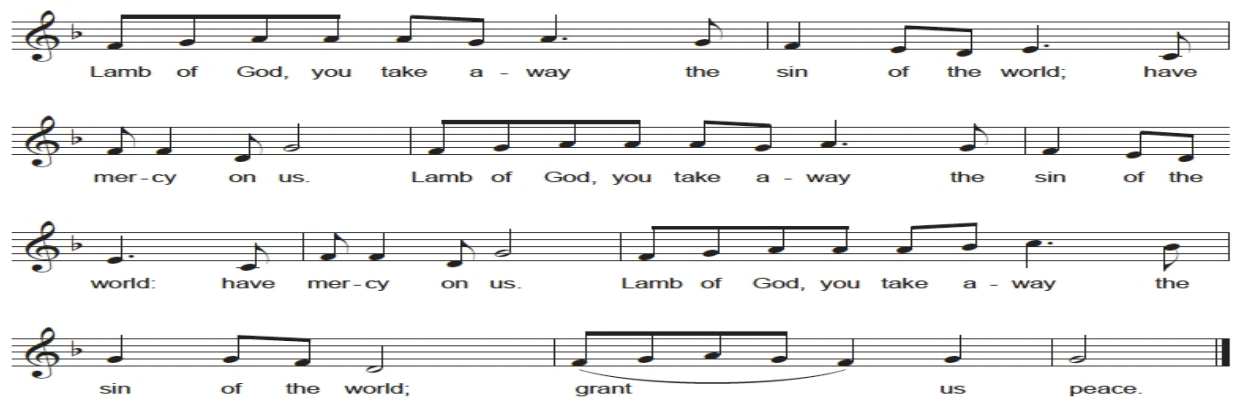
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

***P:** Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

***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 together. **God of the journey, we give you thanks for this
holy meal, where Christ meets us on the road and strengthens us for
the way ahead. Send us now with hope, peace, joy, and love, that we
may be signs of your welcome and witnesses of your light, until all
your children find their home in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior
and Lord.**

***C:** Amen.

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BLESSING

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you on the road of faith.
The Lord's face shine upon you and guide your steps with hope.
The Lord turn toward you in peace, and surprise you with joy.
And the blessing of God — Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit —
go with you now and always, as you find your home in Christ.
***C: Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN**

Soon and Very Soon

ELW 439

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. God is with you.

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

**Silent Prayer and Chiming of the Trinity Postlude*