



St. PETER  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome  
WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

## Order of Worship

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

### Confession and Absolution

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence*

**P** Gracious God,

**C** **Have mercy on us.**

**We have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

**We are truly sorry and humbly repent.**

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things we have done and have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,  
so that we may live and serve you as your children  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**P** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C** **Amen**

**Opening Song: 686 "Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing"** Text: Public domain Used by

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1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
May I still Thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,  
I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,  
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;  
Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry  
Me to realms of endless day.

## **Apostolic Greeting**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**G And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **First Reading, James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup>Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

**G Thanks be to God**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## The Holy Gospel, Mark 9:14-29

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

### **G** Glory to You, O Lord

When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup>And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. <sup>16</sup>And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" <sup>17</sup>And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup>And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." <sup>19</sup>And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." <sup>20</sup>And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup>And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. <sup>22</sup>And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." <sup>23</sup>And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." <sup>24</sup>Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" <sup>25</sup>And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." <sup>26</sup>And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." <sup>27</sup>But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. <sup>28</sup>And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" <sup>29</sup>And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**G** Praise to You, O Christ!

## Apostles' Creed

**G** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**Hymn of the Day: 849 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”** Text: © 1987 Hope

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| 1 | Praise the One who breaks the darkness<br>With a liberating light;<br>Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,<br>Turning blindness into sight.<br>Praise the One who preached the Gospel,<br>Healing ev'ry dread disease,<br>Calming storms, and feeding thousands<br>With the very Bread of peace. | 2 | Praise the One who blessed the children<br>With a strong, yet gentle, word;<br>Praise the One who drove out demons<br>With the piercing, two-edged sword.<br>Praise the One who brings cool water<br>To the desert's burning sand;<br>From this Well comes living water,<br>Quenching thirst in ev'ry land. |
| 3 | Let us praise the Word Incarnate,<br>Christ, who suffered in our place.<br>Jesus died and rose victorious<br>That we may know God by grace.<br>Let us sing for joy and gladness,<br>Seeing what our God has done;<br>Let us praise the true Redeemer,<br>Praise the One who makes us one.           |   |   |

## **Sermon**

*(As you are able, please stand)*

## **Prayers**

## **Peace of the Lord**

(Please greet the people in your family group with God's peace, and extend to those near to you the peace with a wave.)

## **Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In these last days, You have poured out Your Holy Spirit on Your Church that Your sons and daughters might proclaim the wonders of Your salvation in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your gathered people that, faithfully eating and drinking the body and blood of Your Son, we may go forth to proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross

## **Lord's Prayer**

**P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.**

## **The Word of Our Lord**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## **Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

*(Please be seated)*

## **Lamb of God by Marty Haugen**

- 1 Lamb of God  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.
- 2 Lamb of God  
you break the chains of hatred and  
fear:  
have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.
- 3 Lamb of God  
you are the way of justice and  
peace:  
have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.
- 4 Lamb of God  
you are the way of mercy and love:  
have mercy on us,  
mercy on us, mercy on us.
- 5 Lamb of God  
you take away the sin of the world:  
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper: "I Heard the Lord Call My Name"** CCLI Song # 319965

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- 1 I heard the Lord call my name, Listen  
close, you'll hear the same.  
I heard the Lord call my name,  
Listen close, you'll hear the same.  
I heard the Lord call my name,  
Listen close, you'll hear the same.  
Take His hand; we are glory bound.
- 2 His word is love; Love's His word: that's  
the message that I heard.  
His word is love; Love's His word: that's the  
message that I heard.  
His word is love; Love's His word: that's the  
message that I heard.  
Take His hand; we are glory bound.  
Place your hand in His and you will know; He  
will show you where to go.
- 3 I felt His love, from above, settle on me  
like a dove.  
I felt His love, from above, settle on me like a  
dove.  
I felt His love, from above, settle on me like a  
dove.  
Take His hand; we are glory bound.
- △4 And to the Father all your days with the  
Son and Spirit praise.  
And to the Father all your days with the Son  
and Spirit praise.  
And to the Father all your days with the Son  
and Spirit praise.  
Take His hand; we are glory bound.  
Take His hand; we are glory bound.  
Take His hand; we are glory bound.

Above all powers, above all kings,  
Above all nature and all created things;  
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,  
You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,  
Above all wonders the world has ever  
known;  
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,  
There’s no way to measure what You’re  
worth.

Crucified, laid behind the stone;  
You lived to die, rejected and alone.  
Like a rose trampled on the ground,  
You took the fall, and thought of me,  
Above all.

*(Please Stand, as you are able)*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C Amen**

## **Post-Communion Collect**

Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken. May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

## **Benedicamus and Benediction**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **Announcements**

*(Please stand as you are able.)*

**Closing Song: "Cry of My Heart"** CCLI Song # 1097451 Matt Redman © 1995 Thankyou Music (Admin. by  
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**Chorus:** It is the cry of my heart to follow  
You. It is the cry of my heart to be close to  
You. It is the cry of my heart to follow all of  
the days of my life.

Open my eyes so I can see  
The wonderful things that You do.  
Open my heart up more and more,  
And make me wholly devoted to You.

**Chorus**

All of the days of my life. All of the days...of my life

**P** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Teach me Your holy ways, oh Lord.  
So I can walk in Your truth.  
Teach me Your holy ways, Oh Lord.  
And make me wholly devoted to You.

**Chorus**