

St Peter Lutheran Church

Order of Worship

4th Sunday after Pentecost, June 16, 2024

Welcome

(Please stand, as you are able)

Call to Worship

P May the Fruit of the Spirit shine in our lives!

C Come Holy Spirit!

P Filled with the Holy Spirit, our lives bear fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control.

C Come Holy Spirit!

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C And to the Holy Spirit;

P as it was in the beginning,

C is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Opening Song: LSB 868 Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun
Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

2 In conversation be sincere,
Thy conscience as the noonday clear;
Think how the_all-seeing God thy ways
And all thy secret thoughts surveys.

5 Direct, control, suggest this day
All I design or do or say
That all my pow'rs with all their might
In Thy sole glory may unite.

△ 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of

Christ, and saying:

C God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

(Please be seated)

Old Testament Reading, Ezekiel 17:22–24

Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it."

L This is the Word of the Lord **C Thanks be to God**

Epistle Reading, 2 Corinthians 5:1–10

We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

L This is the Word of the Lord **G** **Thanks be to God**

(Please stand as you are able)

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel, Mark 4:26–34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

G **Glory to You, O Lord**

[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord **G** **Praise to You, O Christ!**

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Sermon Song: LSB 577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

1 Almighty God, Your Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend
And righteous fruits abound.

2 Let not the sly satanic foe
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.

3 Let not the world's deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold
The fruits of peace and joy.

4 So when the precious seed is sown,
Life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive
Its saving pow'r may know.

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(Please stand, as you are able)

"Glory Be" (the Glori Patri) (Michael A Schmid)

Father, your praise we sing
Maker of everything
Giver of life
Author of love
Answering when we pray
Providing for each new day
Blessing in every way with gifts from above

Chorus: Glory be, Glory be to the Father
Glory be, Glory be to the Son our Lord
Glory be to the Spirit
As it was and is and ever shall be
Glory be, Glory be to our God. Amen.

Jesus, your praise we sing
Savior and Lord and King
Laid down Your life
No greater love.
Taking away our sin
Eternal life to win
Giving us peace within our hearts where You reign

Chorus

Spirit, your praise we sing
Faith in Christ you bring
Fruitful life

Gifts of Your love
Teaching our hearts to share
Moving us to declare
With everyone everywhere our Savior and His love

Chorus

Glory be, Glory be to our God. Amen.

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Peace of the Lord (Please greet the people around you with God's peace.)

Offering

Prayers of the Church

After each petition respond: **P** Lord in your mercy **C** **Hear our prayer**

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.

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.**

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 ✠ 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 ☩ 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.

Agnus Dei

**1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

Holy Communion is integral to the worship life of the baptized at St. Peter. In accordance with Scripture and Lutheran Confessions, we keep the sacrament by our Lord’s command, “Take and eat . . . Take and drink . . . for the remembrance of me” and by his promise “my body given for you” and “my blood shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” As we, by bread and cup, eat the body and drink the blood of Christ for our sins, we share also his resurrection for our new life.

This Holy Meal is not a private matter. It gathers and affirms us as “the communion of the Holy Spirit in our time and place. Those who commune with us at our family table belong to us and us to them. We delight in their gifts as in our own and seek to overcome any barrier that might divide us from any of them.

Baptized guests who regularly commune at their home congregation and share this understanding are invited to commune with us at our Lord’s table. Guests, including children of guests, who have never received Communion are invited to receive a blessing until you have spoken to the pastor about proper preparation for receiving Christ’s body and blood.

Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available for those with allergies. Please inform an usher if you wish to receive either or both of these at Communion.

O Come To The Altar

1. Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus: O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

2. Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Chorus 2X

Bridge

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!

Chorus 2X

3. Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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The Reconciliation Song

Verse 1

Oh let us be the generation
Of reconciliation and peace
And let us be a holy nation
Where pride and prejudice shall cease
Let us speak the truth in love
To the lost and least of these
Let us serve the Lord in unity
So others will believe
Let us be the generation
Of reconciliation and peace

Bridge

Have we not one Father
Have we not one faith
Have we not one calling
To become one holy race
Oh let us be the generation
Of reconciliation and peace

Verse 2

Oh let us be the generation
Of reconciliation and peace
And let us build on one foundation
'Til He comes and the wars of men shall cease
Let us share the love of Jesus
Without hypocrisy
Let mercy and forgiveness
Begin with you and me
Let us be the generation
Of reconciliation and peace

Verse 3

And let us pray for restoration
And seek the Lord together
On our knees
Let us keep our hearts from evil
And cling to what is good
Let us honor one another
And love the brotherhood
Let us be the generation
Of reconciliation and peace

762 There Is a Time for Everything

1 There is a time for ev'rything,
A time for all that life may bring:
 A time to plant, a time to reap,
 A time to laugh, a time to weep,
A time to heal, a time to slay,
A time to build where rubble lay,
 A time to die, a time to mourn,
 A time for joy and to be born,

2 A time to hold, then be alone,
A time to gather scattered stone,
 A time to break, a time to mend,
 A time to search and then to end,
A time to keep, then throw away,
A time to speak, then nothing say,
 A time for war till hatreds cease,
 A time for love, a time for peace.

3 Eternal Lord, Your wisdom sees
And fathoms all life's tragedies;
 You know our grief, You hear our sighs—
 In mercy, dry our tear-stained eyes.
From evil times, You bring great good;
Beneath the cross, we've safely stood.
 Though dimly now life's path we trace,
 One day we shall see face to face.

△ 4 Before all time had yet begun,
You, Father, planned to give Your Son;
 Lord Jesus Christ, with timeless grace,
 You have redeemed our time-bound race;
O Holy Spirit, Paraclete,
Your timely work in us complete;
 Blest Trinity, Your praise we sing—
 There is a time for ev'rything!

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490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
 Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
 From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne
 High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
 Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

3 Jesus lives! For me He died,
 Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
 Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well
 Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
 Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!

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Post Communion Collect

Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.

P Go in peace!

C Serve the Lord

P Let us bless the Lord

C Thanks be to God

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1. Ev'ryone needs compassion

Love that's never failing

Let mercy fall on me

Ev'ryone needs forgiveness

The kindness of a Savior

The hope of nations

Chorus Savior. He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

2. So take me as You find me All my fears and failures

Fill my life again I give my life to follow

Ev'rything I believe in

Now I surrender

Chorus

Bridge

Shine your light and let the whole world see

We're singing

For the glory of the risen King

Jesus, Shine your light and let the whole world see

We're singing

For the glory of the risen King

Chorus**Announcements**