

# St Peter Lutheran Church

## Order of Worship

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, June 9, 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 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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.

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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  $\text{†}$  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** Eternal God, Your Son Jesus Christ is our true Sabbath rest. Help us to keep each day holy by receiving His Word of comfort that we may find our rest in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

*(Please be seated)*

### **Old Testament Reading, Genesis 3:8–15**

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>And he said, "I

heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”<sup>11</sup> He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”<sup>12</sup> The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”<sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The Lord God said to the serpent,  
“Because you have done this,  
cursed are you above all livestock  
and above all beasts of the field;  
on your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and her offspring;  
he shall bruise your head,  
and you shall bruise his heel.”

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

### **Epistle Reading, 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1**

Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak,<sup>14</sup> knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.<sup>15</sup> For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.<sup>17</sup> For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,<sup>18</sup> as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

<sup>1</sup>For 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.

**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 3:20-35

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

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

Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

<sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

<sup>28</sup>"Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— <sup>30</sup>for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup>And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." <sup>33</sup>And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

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

*(Please be seated)*

### **Sermon**

#### **Sermon Song: LSB 653 In Christ There Is No East or West**

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| 1 In Christ there is no east or west,<br>In Him no south or north,<br>But one great fellowship of love<br>Throughout the whole wide earth. | 2 With God there is no tribe or race;<br>In Him we all are one.<br>He loves us as His children through<br>Our faith in His dear Son. |
| 3 So, brothers, sisters, praise His name<br>Who died to set us free<br>From sin, division, hate, and shame,<br>From spite and enmity!      | 4 Join hands, disciples of the faith,<br>Whate'er your race may be;<br>Who serves my Father as His child<br>Is surely kin to me.     |

5 In Christ now meet both east and west; In Him meet south and north.  
All Christian souls are one in Him Throughout the whole wide earth.

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## **Apostles' Creed**

**C** 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.**

**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.)

## **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  $\text{†}$  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.**

## 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.

## ***Be Strong and Courageous” Linda Noble Lemond***

1) Be strong and courageous!  
Don't be terrified.  
Don't be discouraged  
For God's on our side.  
He never will forsake us.  
Whatever we do.  
In each endeavor  
He will carry us through.

2) Be strong and courageous!  
Whatever the task  
Jesus will help us  
Whenever we ask,  
Our arms He strengthens,  
Our bodies He feeds.  
Before we ask Him,  
He knows all our needs.

3) Be strong and courageous! Wherever we dwell  
Jesus is with us Immanuel.  
No foe can harm us We're safe in His hand,  
And He will lead us To the blest Promised Land.  
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## **720 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight**

1 We walk by faith and not by sight,  
No gracious words we hear  
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
But we believe Him near.

2 We may not touch His hands and side,  
Nor follow where He trod;  
But in His promise we rejoice  
And cry "My Lord and God!"

3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
And may our faith abound  
To call on You when You are near  
And seek where You are found.

4 For You, O resurrected Lord,  
Are found in means divine:  
Beneath the water and the Word,  
Beneath the bread and wine.

5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light  
We may behold You as You are, With full and endless sight.

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## **By Faith**

Verse 1  
By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 2  
By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus

**We will stand as children of the promise**

**We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward**

**Till the race is finished and the work is done**

**We'll walk by faith and not by sight**

Verse 3

By faith the prophets saw a day

When the longed-for Messiah would appear

With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and

death And rise triumphant from the grave

Verse 4

By faith the church was called to go

In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost

To deliver captives and to preach good news

In ev'ry corner of the earth

Verse 5

By faith the mountain shall be moved

And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail

For we know in Christ all things are possible

For all who call upon His name

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**"I Love You, Lord"** (Laurie Klein)

I Love You, Lord, and I lift my voice,

to worship You, O my soul rejoice.

Take joy my King, In what You hear,

Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

**(Sing 2 more times)**

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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**

## **Closing Song    Resurrection Power**

1. You called me from the grave by name  
You called me out of all my shame  
I see the old has passed away  
The new has come

### **Chorus:**

**Now I have resurrection power living on the inside  
Jesus You have given us freedom  
No longer bound by sin and darkness  
Living in the light of Your goodness  
You have given us freedom**

2. I'm dressed in Your royalty  
Your Holy Spirit lives in me  
I see my past has been redeemed  
The new has come

### **Chorus**

### **Bridge (2X)**

Freedom You have given us freedom  
You have given us freedom  
My chains are gone  
Freedom You have given us freedom  
You have given us freedom  
Hallelujah

### **Chorus**

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