

# St Peter Lutheran Church

## Order of Worship

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, July 14, 2024

### Welcome

### Opening Song: LSB 765 God Moves in a Mysterious Way

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| 1 God moves in a mysterious way<br>His wonders to perform;<br>He plants His footsteps in the sea<br>And rides upon the storm. | 2 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,<br>But trust Him for His grace;<br>Behind a frowning providence<br>Faith sees a smiling face. |
| 3 His purposes will ripen fast,<br>Unfolding ev'ry hour;<br>The bud may have a bitter taste,<br>But sweet will be the flow'r. | 4 Blind unbelief is sure to err<br>And scan His work in vain;<br>God is His own interpreter,<br>And He will make it plain.          |
- 5 You fearful saints, fresh courage take; The clouds you so much dread  
Are big with mercy and will break In blessings on your head.

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*(Please stand, as you are able)*

### Call to Worship

**P** Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

**C** For God has done wondrous things for us.

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

**C** Come Holy Spirit!

### Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\cdot\ddagger\cdot$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

(a moment of silence for personal confession)

**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.**

## **This Is the Feast LSB 155**

**C This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Salutation and Collect**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**P** O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen** *(Please be seated)*

## **Old Testament Reading, Amos 7:7–15**

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?"

And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line

in the midst of my people Israel;

I will never again pass by them;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,

and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,

and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

“Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.”

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. <sup>15</sup>But the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

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

**C** Thanks be to God

### **Epistle Reading, Ephesians 1:3–14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

**C** Thanks be to God

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### **Alleluia and Verse**

**C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

## The Holy Gospel, Mark 6:14–29

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark      **G** **Glory to You, O Lord**

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup>For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

<sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup>And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup>And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup>and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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

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

*(Please be seated)*

### Sermon

#### Sermon Hymn, LSB 518 By All Your Saints in Warfare

1 By all Your saints in warfare,

For all Your saints at rest,  
Your holy name, O Jesus,  
Forevermore be blest!

For You have won the battle  
That they might wear the crown;  
And now they shine in glory  
Reflected from Your throne.

18 We praise You for the Baptist,  
Forerunner of the Word,  
Our true Elijah, making  
A highway for the Lord.  
The last and greatest prophet,  
He saw the dawning ray

Of light that grows in splendor

Until the perfect day.

\* John preached beside the Jordan  
By Holy Spirit sent.  
He preached to all the people  
God's warning of "Repent!"  
This angered some in power.  
To silence words and breath,  
They had him jailed, beheaded.  
He died a martyr's death.

24 Our thanks for John the Baptist  
Who, till his dying day,  
Made straight paths for the Savior  
And heralded His way!  
In witnessing to Jesus  
Through times of threat or shame  
May we with faith and courage  
The Lamb of God proclaim.

△ 3 Then let us praise the Father And worship God the Son  
And sing to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One,  
Till all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne,  
Ascribing pow'r and glory And praise to God alone.

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## **Apostles' Creed**

**☩ 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 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.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## 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

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**Communion Distribution** *(Please be seated)*

### St Peter's Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is a special gift given by Jesus Christ to all baptized believers in the community of faith. In preparing for the Lord's Supper, we are to reflect upon the following questions:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness?
2. Do I believe that, within this Sacrament, the bread and wine are Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins?
3. Do I promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend my sinful life?
4. Do I confess and believe the same doctrines of faith as the church body with which I am about to commune?

If you are having difficulty in answering "yes" to any of the above questions, please follow the guide of Scripture and refrain from taking communion today. Our Pastor would be glad to visit with you after the service to answer any questions you may have about our Communion practice.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please signal to Pastor by holding up your index finger in front of you.

Non-alcoholic white grape juice is available in the center of the tray, for those with alcohol sensitivities.

## **Praise Team Presentation – Who I Am (Casting Crowns) – with Kim Rex and Dave Nelson**

### **628 Your Table I Approach**

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| 1 Your table I approach;<br>Dear Savior, hear my prayer.<br>Let not an unrepentant heart<br>Prove hurtful to me there.       | 2 Lord, I confess my sins<br>And mourn their wretched bands;<br>A contrite heart is sure to find<br>Forgiveness at Your hands. |
| 3 Your body and Your blood,<br>Once slain and shed for me,<br>Are taken at Your table, Lord,<br>In blest reality.            | 4 Search not how this takes place,<br>This wondrous mystery;<br>God can accomplish vastly more<br>Than what we think could be. |
| 5 O grant, most blessed Lord,<br>That earth and hell combined<br>May not about this sacrament<br>Raise doubt within my mind. | 6 Oh, may I never fail<br>To thank You day and night<br>For Your true body and true blood,<br>O God, my peace and light.       |

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## **"There Is A Redeemer"**

1. There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Chorus

**Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done**

2. Jesus my Redeemer name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah, O-o-o for  
sinners slain

Chorus

Instrumental Interlude

3. When I stand in glory I will see His face  
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place

Chorus

Final Tag - And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done

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## **Only By Grace**

**Verse:** Only by grace can we enter

Only by grace can we stand

Not by our human endeavor

But by the blood of the Lamb

Into Your presence You call us

You call us to come

Into Your presence You draw us

And now by Your grace we come

Now by Your grace we come

### **Bridge**

Lord, if You mark

Our transgressions

Who would stand?

Thanks to Your grace

We are cleansed

By the blood of the Lamb

### **Repeat Bridge**

### **Repeat Verse**

### **Instrumental Bridge**

### **Repeat Verse**

**Tag:** Now by Your grace we come **2X**

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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 Hymn – “How Great Is Our God” – Chris Tomlin

### Verse 1

The splendor of the King

Clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice

All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light

And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice

And trembles at His voice

### Chorus

How great is our God

Sing with me

How great is our God

And all will see how great

How great is our God

## **Verse 2**

And age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End  
Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

## **Chorus**

### **(BRIDGE)**

Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

### **Chorus 3X**

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*(Please be seated)*

## **Announcements**