

St Peter Lutheran Church

Order of Worship

17th Sunday After Pentecost, September 15, 2024

Welcome

Opening Song “Morning Has Broken”

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the
world

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

His is the sunlight, His is the morning
Born of the one light, Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

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Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the
world

(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 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.

(We pause for a moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)

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 $\cdot\ddagger$ 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.**

Responsive Psalm Reading, Psalm 116:1–9; antiphon: v. 5

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

²Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

³The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

⁴Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

⁵Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

⁶The Lord preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.

⁷Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

⁸For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling;

⁹I will walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.

Salutation and Collect

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P 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.

Amen (*Please be seated*)

Old Testament Reading, Isaiah 50:4–10

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

⁹Behold, the Lord God helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

¹⁰Who among you fears the Lord
and obeys the voice of his servant?

Let him who walks in darkness
and has no light

trust in the name of the Lord
and rely on his God.

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

Epistle 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. ²For 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. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look 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. ⁵So 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! ⁶And 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. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can 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 **C** **Thanks be to God**

(Please stand as you are able)

Alleluia and Verse

C **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 9:14–29

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

C Glory to You, O Lord

When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And 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." ¹⁹And 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." ²⁰And 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. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And 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." ²³And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵And 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." ²⁶And 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." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

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

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Sermon Song, Taming the Tongue (Tune: "Earth and All Stars" LSB 817)

1. Small lump of flesh, just a few ounces, Small as a fist but more able to hurt. It can praise God, then curse our neighbor, Dragging another's good name through the dirt. Why should a tongue be so hard to control? Harming one's body and one's life and soul.	2. We can tame beasts, all sorts of creatures, Bending their wills to do what we desire. Yet, without God, our tongues control us Burning and turning us all with hell's fire. Why do we stumble in so many ways? Why speak so ill when we are meant to praise?
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3. Please, Father God, help us speak gently,
Following Jesus' example of love;
Spirit of Peace, come and dwell in us
Wrapping us close like the wings of a dove.
Please tame our tongues; let Your goodness shine through,
So we can grow and become more like You.

Lyrics: L. Noble Lemond

(Please stand, as you are able)

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: **℟** Lord in your mercy **☩ 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;**

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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

C 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)*

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 belief 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

Do It Again

Verse 1

Walking around these walls
I thought by now they'd fall
But you have never failed me yet
Waiting for change to come
Knowing the battle's won
For you have never failed me yet

Chorus
Your promise still stands
Great is your faithfulness
Faithfulness
I'm still in your hands This is my confidence
You've never failed me yet

Verse 2

I know the night won't last
Your word will come to pass
My heart will sing your praise again
Jesus you're still enough
Keep me within your love
My heart will sing your praise again

Chorus 2x

Bridge

I've seen you move
You move the mountains
And I believe I'll see you do it again
You made a way
Where there was no way
And I believe I'll see you do it again

Chorus 2x

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765 God Moves in a Mysterious Way

1 God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm.

2 Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
Faith sees a smiling face.

3 His purposes will ripen fast, Unfolding ev'ry hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste, But sweet will be the flow'r.

4 Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter,
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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As For Me and My House

Verse 1

Your love oh Lord is strength to my soul
Hope for tomorrow it won't let go
Your presence is the joy of my life
To You I lift my eyes

Chorus

As for me and my house we will serve the Lord
We will sing of Your love forevermore
As for me and my house we will serve the Lord
Serve the Lord

Verse 2

Your word alone a lamp to my feet
A light to my path as You're leading me
Your ways oh Lord are higher than mine

To You I lift my eyes

Bridge 1

Bridge 2

Open up every door
Write it on every wall
Sing it in every room - Jesus (2x)

Chorus 2x

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Holy Holy

Holy holy, holy holy
Holy holy, Lord God Almighty
And we lift our hearts before You
As a token of our love
Holy holy ,holy holy

Gracious Father, gracious Father
We're so blessed to be Your children, Gracious
Father And we lift our heads before You
As a token of our love
Gracious Father, gracious Father

Precious Jesus, precious Jesus
We're so glad that You've redeemed us,
Precious Jesus And we lift our hands before
You As a token of our love
Precious Jesus, precious Jesus

Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit
Come and fill our hearts anew, Holy Spirit
And we lift our voice before You
As a token of our love
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit

Hallelujah, hallelujah
Hallelujah, hallelujah
And we lift our hearts before You
As a token of our love
Hallelujah, hallelujah

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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 – “All Things Are Possible”

1) Almighty God, my Redeemer

My hiding place my safe refuge

No other name like Jesus

No pow'r can stand against You

2) My feet are planted on this rock

And I will not be shaken

My hope it comes from You alone

My Lord and my salvation

Chorus: Your praise is always on my lips

Your word is living in my heart

And I will praise You with a new song

My soul will bless You Lord

You fill my life with greater joy

Yes I delight myself in You

And I will praise You with a new song

My soul will bless You, Lord

3) My feet are planted on this rock

And I will not be shaken

My hope it comes from You alone
My Lord and my salvation

Chorus:

Bridge: When I am weak You make me strong
When I'm poor I know I'm rich
For in the power of Your name
All things are possible
All things are possible
All things are possible
All things are possible

Chorus and Bridge

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(Please be seated)

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