



September 27, 2020
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth

Welcome to Worship Outdoors

*This symbol + indicates for the congregation
to stand as able.*

GATHER

Community -- An Unexpected Family

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CHALLENGE

This week in Sunday School and Confirmation the kids learned about CONFESSION. Where is Confession usually in our worship service? What does it mean to you? Why do we do it?

+GATHERING SONG

Rise Up and Sing!

DATH 7

Leader

O God, o - pen my lips, and my

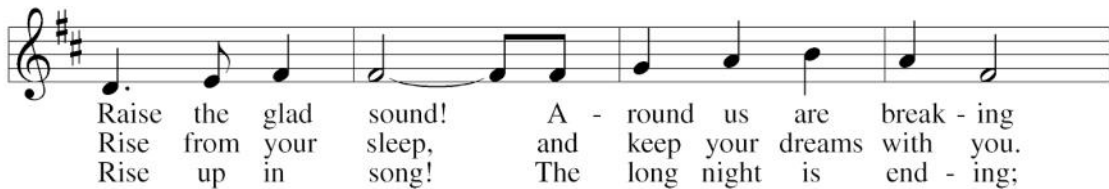
Congregation


mouth will de - clare your praise.

1 Rise up and sing! Bring in the morn - ing;
2 Rise up, good friends! Now is the hour; . . .
3 Rise with the world, curled up a - wait - ing

WELCOME!

We are glad you are here! Thank you for maintaining physical distance throughout the service as we worship together in person.



Last time to Coda 



CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ONE: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you take delight.

It is you, O God, who fashioned and made us, and all living things. To Abraham you

gave descendants, as numerous as the stars. Your spirit was present in the actions of Joseph's brothers against him, and you delivered your people in Egypt at the first passover. When the Israelites constructed a golden calf to worship, Moses and his prayers allowed for your mercy to prevail. You heard Hannah's prayers, and sent her a son, Samuel, and she exalted you.

As in days of old, you are present as we wrestle with life's daily struggles, as our decisions affect those around us. We have used our words and our actions against other people, in our community and in our world at large. Our actions and our inactions perpetuate systems that favor some of your beloved humans more than others.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Silence for reflection

ONE: Merciful God,

MANY: we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We repent of all of our sins, known and unknown.

We are truly sorry, and we pray for forgiveness.

We firmly intend to amend our lives, and to seek help in mending what is broken.

We ask for strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life.

ONE: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. You cleanse us and give us the power to proclaim your mighty acts, out of darkness and into your marvelous light.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

MANY: AMEN

WORD

Worship -- Seeking God's Presence

Prayer -- Oriented toward God

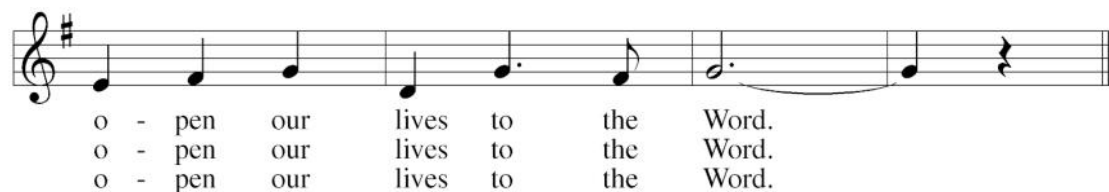
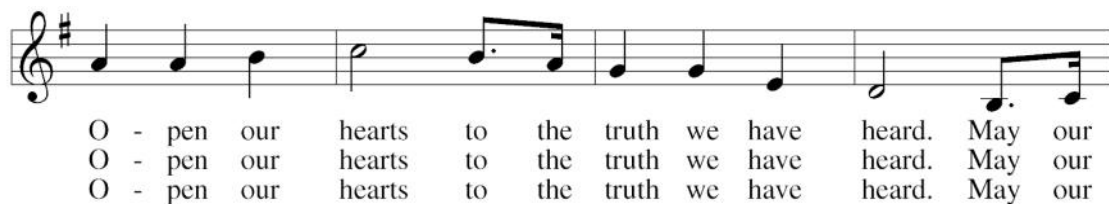
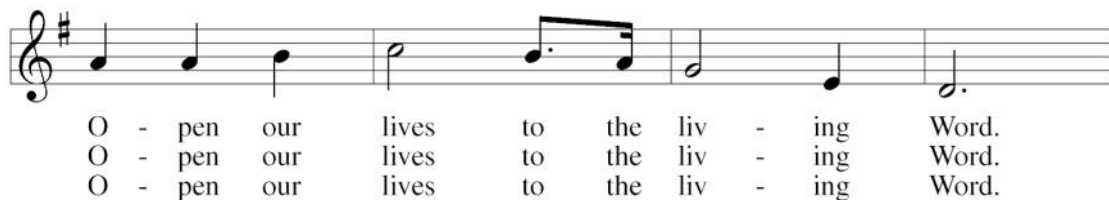
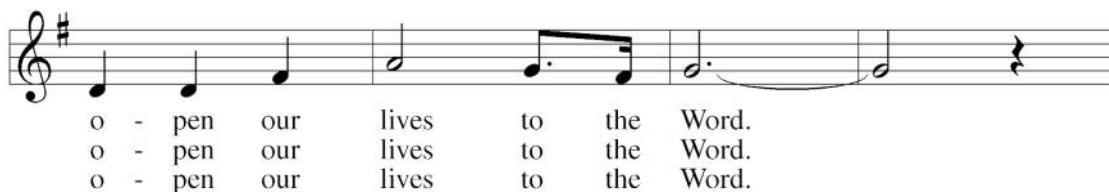
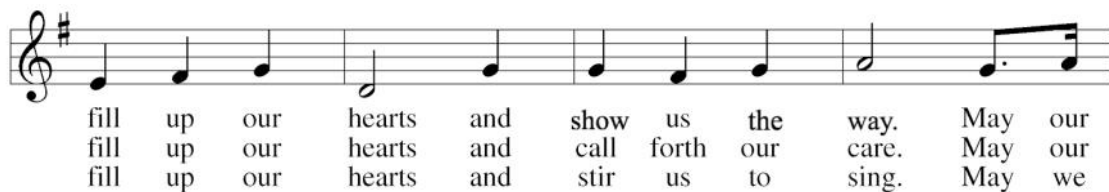
SONG OF THE WORD

Open Our Lives to the Word

DATH 8



1 May our words, may our songs, may our wor - ship this day
2 May our griefs, may our woes, may the sor - rows we share
3 May our joys, may our smiles, may the gifts that we bring



PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: God of dreams and hope, You spoke to Joseph in his dreams, and those dreams led him to great danger. Yet you used the challenges in his life to save the lives of others. In you, no good thing is accidental. You work in us and through us, even when we are not aware of your presence.

MANY: Help us to know that you are with us, and that only you are capable of turning all evil to good. AMEN

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 50: 15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" 16 So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. 21 So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris

+SONG OF THE DAY

Borning Cry

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- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

HOLY BAPTISM

Hudson Ali Ward
son of Brett Ward and Jennifer White
sponsored by Charlie and Teri Leon

ELW p. 227

Please refer to the Holy Baptism insert.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: Called to unity, let us pray for our shared world.

silence

ONE: God of all creation, you know how easily we give in to our desires for comfort, privilege, and power. Strengthen us to care more deeply for all your beautiful creation, that deserts and wetlands, rivers and oceans, people and plants--all creation--might know your restoration. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: Sustain all workers and business owners who suffer loss of livelihood due to the COVID-19 pandemic and protect all those who must continue to go out for work. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: We pray that politicians would engage in difficult conversations and develop just policies, especially around racial injustice. Lead us to expansive love for our neighbors of all colors. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: Inspiring God, breathe life into your church that we would be strengthened by our community, so that we might strengthen our greater communities. Make people of faith leaders in the creation of beloved communities. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: We pray for all who are in need, those who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed. Take their yoke upon you and ease the burdens of those we name aloud and in our hearts... Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Savior,

MANY: AMEN

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you always.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

MEAL

Money -- The Joy of Sharing

Food -- Eating with Jesus

Sacraments -- A Tapestry of Traditions

OFFERING

Take My Life, That I May Be

David H. Williams

OFFERTORY PRAYER

ONE: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions.

MANY: Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN

PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Filled with joy, hope, and peace through the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray,

MANY: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever. AMEN

SEND

Service -- The Needs Right Around You

BENEDICTION

ONE: Let us pray together the Prayer of Good Courage. O God,

MANY: you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

+SENDING SONG

Make Me a Servant

LS 137

Sing twice.

Make me a servant, humble and meek.

Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart always be:

Make me a servant, make me a servant,

Make me a servant today.

DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God!



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