

October 4, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth



**GATHER**  
**COMMUNITY** -- AN UNEXPECTED FAMILY

PRELUDE

*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CHALLENGE

*This week in Sunday School the kids learned about FORGIVENESS. Where is Forgiveness 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

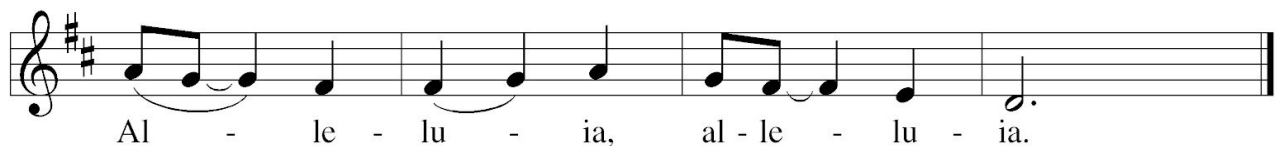
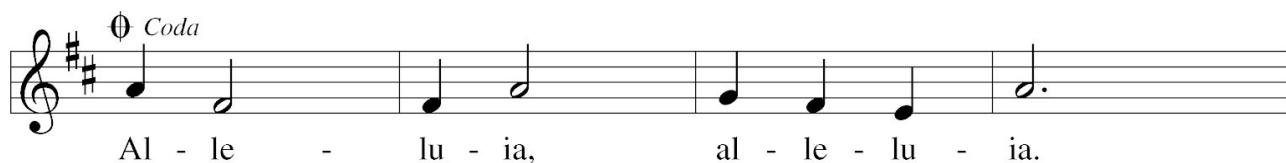
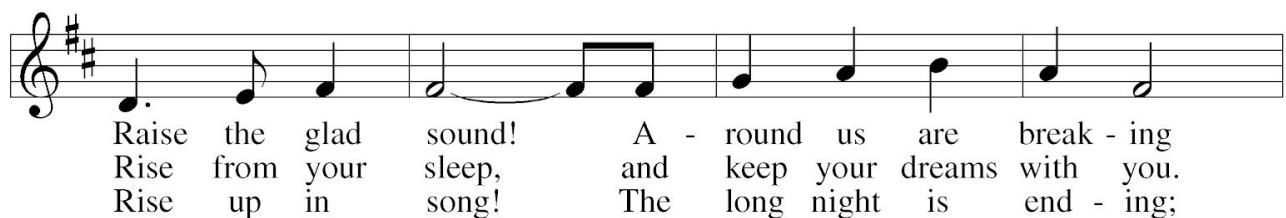
Congregation

O God, o - pen my lips, and my

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

dawn is a - born - ing, day has be - gun.  
sun - light will show - er hope for the day.  
end to the hat - ing, day full of grace.



#### +CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

FIRST VOICE: 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.

SECOND VOICE: 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.

FIRST VOICE: 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.

SECOND VOICE: 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*

SECOND VOICE: 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

Anne, Kjell, and Iris-  
+SONG OF THE WORD

*Open Our Lives to the Word*

DATH 8

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

fill up our hearts and show us the way. May our  
fill up our hearts and call forth our care. May our  
fill up our hearts and stir us to sing. May we

prayers, may our praise give us light for our days, and  
tears, may our fears be ac - cept - ed right here, and  
serve, may we dance, may we all take that chance; and

o - pen our lives to the Word.  
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#### +PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: Lord God of grace and liberty, on the night of the Passover the sacrificed lamb became a sign of freedom and you freed the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt. In Jesus, you freed all humanity from sin and death. Help us live into this new life, teaching us to serve you in faithfulness as you have served us. To you we offer our gratefulness in the name of the one who turned slavery into new life, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**MANY: AMEN**

## SCRIPTURE

from Exodus 12 & 13

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: 3 Tell the whole congregation of Israel that they are to take a lamb for each family. 4 If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. 7 They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 11 This is how you shall eat it: be fully dressed, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord.

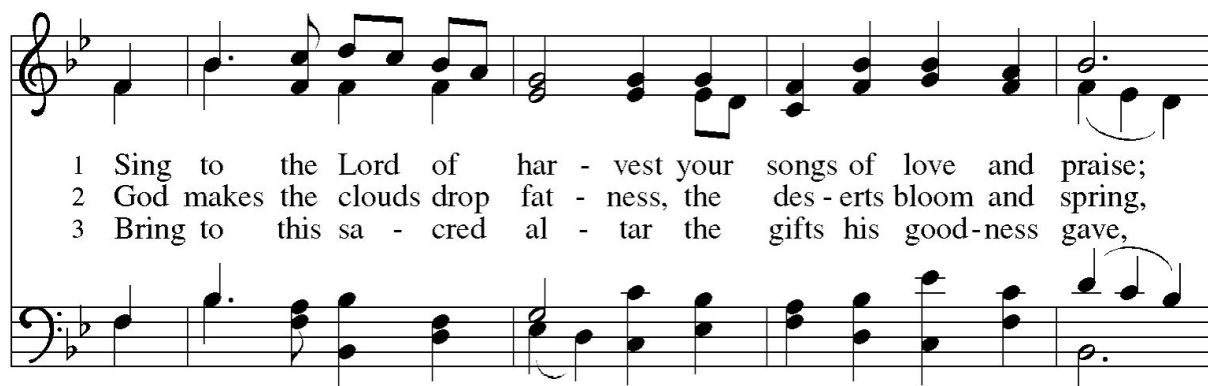
Moses said to the people, "Remember this day on which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, because the Lord brought you out from there by strength of hand. 5 When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your ancestors to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey. 8 You shall tell your child on that day, "It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt."

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;  
2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,  
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;  
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.  
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;  
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,  
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.  
and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.  
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

## APOSTLES' CREED

ONE: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the Triune God.

**MANY:**       **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
                  creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
                  On the third day Christ rose again;  
                  he ascended into heaven,  
                  he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
                  and will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
                  the holy catholic church,  
                  the communion of saints,  
                  the forgiveness of sins,  
                  the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN**

## 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 each other in meaningful 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 strengthened by our community, we might strengthen our greater neighborhoods and world. 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, those suffering because of wildfire and hurricane. 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

*I Come to the Garden Alone*

arr. Catherine McMichael

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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**

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

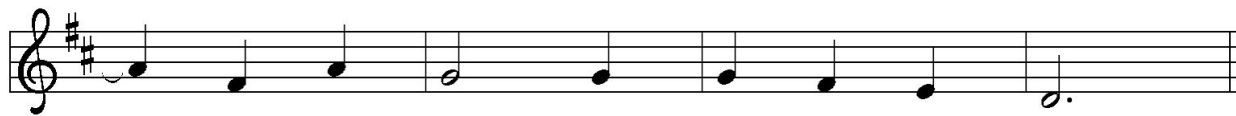


*Refrain / Estribillo*

U - ni - dos en la fes - ta, la a - le - grí - a  
U - nit - ed at the ta - ble: all our joy is



se ha - ce can - ción. U - ni - dos en la fe,  
joined in song. U - nit - ed in the faith:



la a - le - grí - a se ha - ce o - ra - ción.  
all our joy to God be - longs.



1 Can - ta - re - mos al Se - ñor  
1 We will praise God, we will sing  
2 We will praise God, we will feast  
3 We will praise God, we will play



a - le - lu - yas con him - nos y sal - mos,  
al - le - lu - ias with hymns and with psalm - o - dy;  
at the boun - ti - ful ta - ble of life and grace;  
al - le - lu - ias with rhy - thm and in - stru - ments;



por - que gran - de es el a - mor  
we will praise God for the love  
we will praise God and give thanks  
we will praise God for the love

*Refrain / Estribillo*

que en no - so - tros por siem - pre mos - tró.  
that sus - tains us e - ter - nal - ly.  
for com - mu - nion with ev - 'ry race.  
that in - vites all cre - a - tion to dance.

**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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