



October 11, 2020
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth

GATHER
COMMUNITY -- AN UNEXPECTED FAMILY

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Anne Marie David

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CHALLENGE

*This week in Sunday School the kids learned about God's mercy, and a common part of our worship services, the Kyrie. Can you hear the Kyrie words or music in your mind's ear? "For the peace let us pray to the Lord", "**Lord, have mercy.**"*

+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.

Raise the glad sound! A - round us are break - ing
 Rise from your sleep, and keep your dreams with you.
 Rise up in song! The long night is end - ing;

skies that are wak - ing light of the sun.
 Let the light kiss you soft on your way.
 now God is send - ing peace to this place.

Last time to Coda

Coda
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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+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

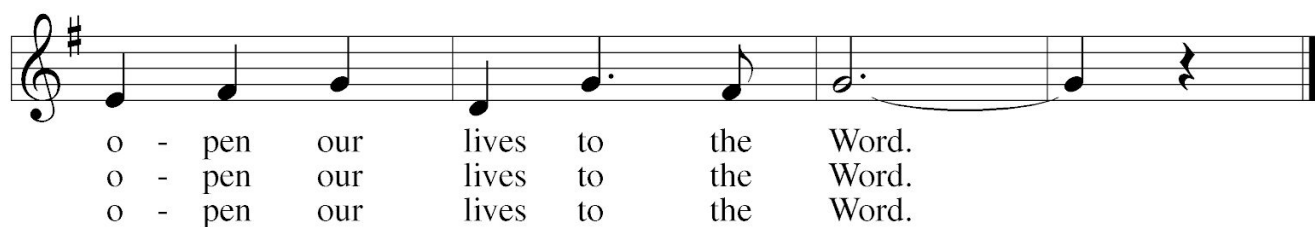
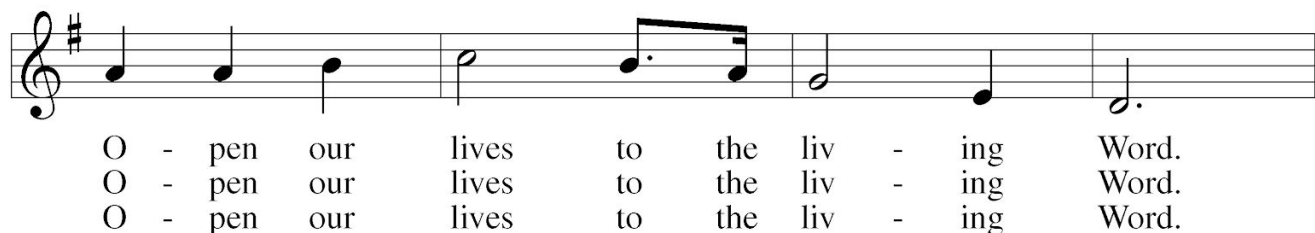
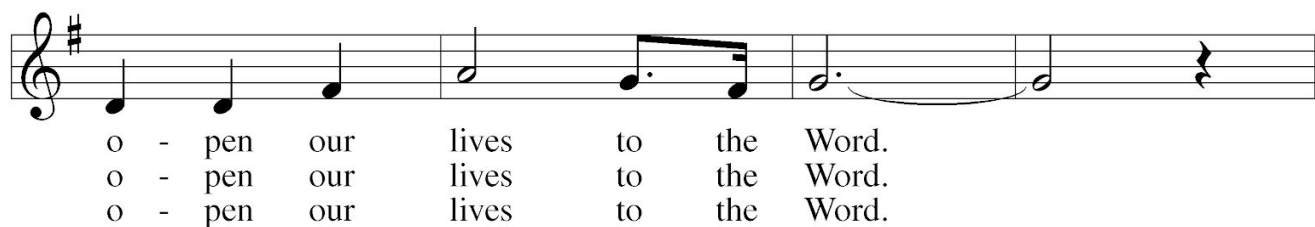
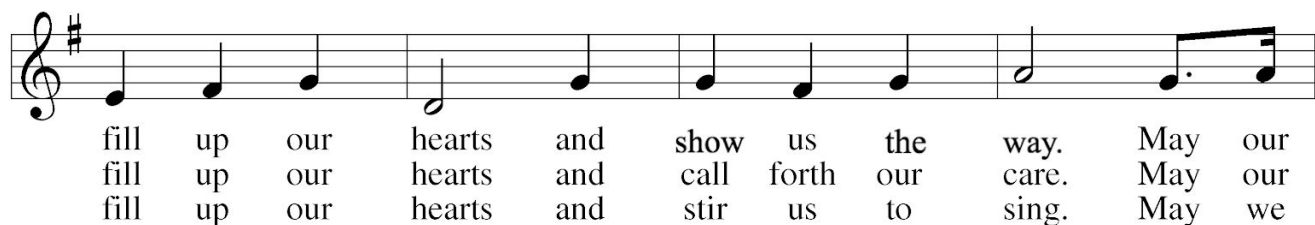
PRAYER -- ORIENTED TOWARD GOD

+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: Faithful God of an unfaithful people, The people of Israel doubted your power and turned to other gods to fulfill their needs. We too, turn to other gods, seeking acceptance, power, and independence. Show us how to live humbly in you, and walk in your ways, in the name of the one who offered true power to all humanity, Jesus Christ.

MANY: AMEN

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” 2 Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” 3 So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. 4 He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” 5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” 6 They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to celebrate.

7 The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; 8 they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” 9 The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. 10 Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

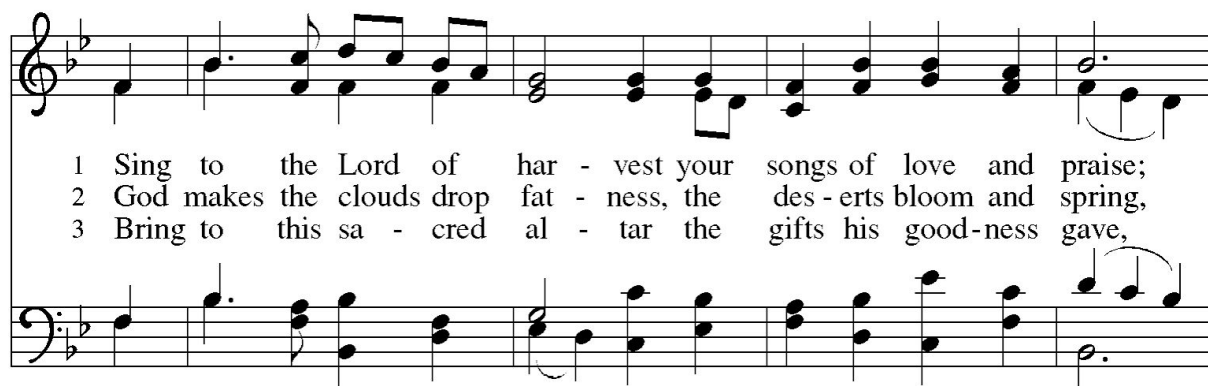
11 But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that God brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” 14 And God changed God’s mind and didn’t punish the people.

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 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 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, 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

Kjell- 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

Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God

arr. Valerie A. Floeter

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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