



November 8, 2020
 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
 Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth
Your Story is Bigger Than You

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Many and Great, O God

arr. Valerie A. Floeter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CHALLENGE

This week the kids learned about the SERMON and why we have one in our worship services.

GREETING

ONE: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

MANY: And also with you.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ONE: When we are honest with ourselves we know our lives contain elements of messiness, brokenness, suffering, and confusion. There are specific events where we have been hurt and where we have hurt others, by actions we have done and left undone. We feel guilt and shame. There are times when we don't feel called and there are times when we don't feel equipped for our callings in family, community, congregation, work, and school.

Let us pause to open our hearts and lay our messy stories before God.

Silence for reflection...

We are not climbing a spiritual ladder. We don't continually improve until we are so spiritual we no longer need God. We die in our sin and are made new. The movement in our relationship to God is always from God to us. God is always coming nearer to us. God loves you, cares for you, and is always with you. We are claimed by God's grace alone and called to lives of service for the well-being of our neighbor and the world God loves.

MANY: AMEN!

*Refrain, verse 1, refrain***MANY (refrain):**

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,
 For if you lead me, I can - not stray.
 Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Verses / Estrofas

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous -
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from
 pow'r To help me o - ver my weak - est
 ness. Be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op -
 me, I am blind with - out thy Light to
 hour. Help me through the dark - ness thy face to
 press. I am put - ting all my trust in
 see. Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant
 see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
 thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
 be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

D.C.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: O God, give us grace to be your hands and feet in the world. As your story forms our beliefs and actions, help us to listen to the stories of our neighbors and empower us to share our stories in ways that bring light to the world.

MANY: AMEN

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:1-10

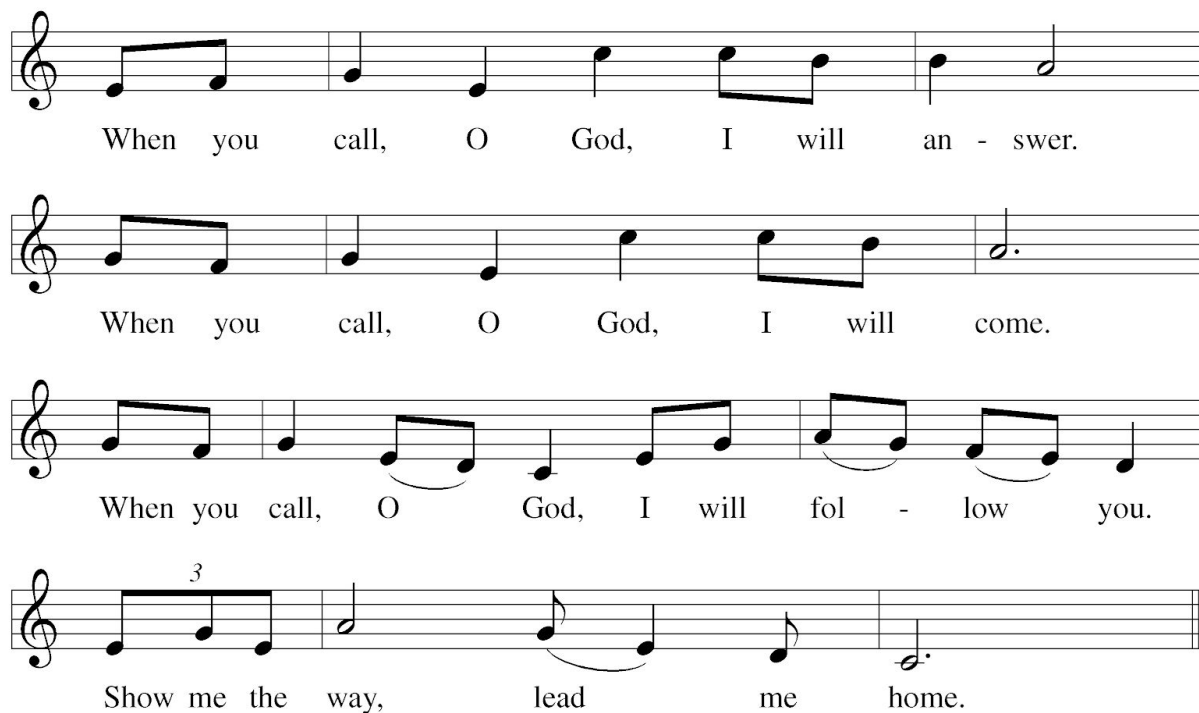
Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

ONE: Word of God, Word of Life.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris



When you call, O God, I will an - swer.

When you call, O God, I will come.

When you call, O God, I will fol - low you.

Show me the way, lead me home.

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 Jesus rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
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

MANY:

The musical score is written for a choir or group, featuring two staves (treble and bass clef) and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

ONE: Merciful God, you love all creation more than we can ever understand and you accept all the human family just as we are. Empower us to move beyond bias and prejudice to love like you. Where there is racism and conflict, bring reconciliation and joy. Lord, we ask you,

MANY: (*sung, as above*)

ONE: Blessed Trinity, we come to you, asking for leadership and guidance. As our nation elects leaders, may the results echo Jesus' mission, "to bring good news to the poor." Send us out to be the hands and feet of your gospel. Make us instruments of your peace and justice as we go about our daily lives. Lord, we ask you,

MANY: (*sung, as above*)

ONE: God of all times and places, our world knows pain and suffering. Extend your loving hand upon all who seek relief in mind, body, and spirit. Aloud and in the silence of our hearts, we name those people and places in need of your care... Ron Mielke, Betty Pederson, ...Lord, we ask you,

MANY: (*sung, as above*)

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, so that all people might walk in newness of life through Jesus Christ.

MANY: AMEN

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you all.

MANY: And also with you.

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

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

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION

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

MANY: O God, 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

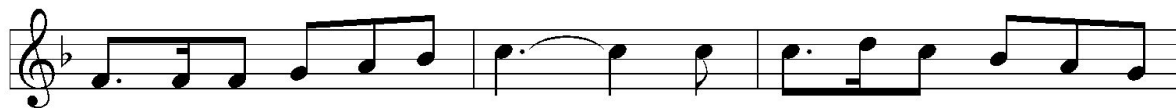
SENDING HYMN

Fear Not for Tomorrow

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1 Fear not for to - mor - row and what it may bring, but
2 Fear not for to - mor - row and what lies a - head, though
3 Fear not for to - mor - row, but lift up your voice in



trust in the Lord and o - bey. In joy or in sor - row, in
fu - ture e - vents be un - known; but wel - come the morn - ing with
an - thems of glo - ri - ous praise. Give thanks for your bless - ings and



ev - 'ry good thing, the Lord will not lead you a - stray.
cour-age in - stead, for you will not face it a - lone.
tru - ly re - joice, for God will be with you al - ways.



God will take care of you, go ev-'ry-where with you, al - ways be



there with you day by day. God will pro - vide for you,



be as a guide to you, lov - ing - ly show you the way.

DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

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