



**First Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, May 30, 2021
Peace Lutheran Church**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Thine is the Glory

G.F. Handel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

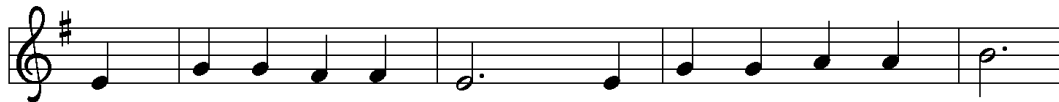
+GREETING

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.

KYRIE

MANY:



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ONE: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

MANY: AMEN

ONE: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MANY: AMEN

ONE: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence for reflection)

ONE: Gracious God,

MANY: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. AMEN

ONE: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. May God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit and because Jesus lives in our hearts through faith.

MANY: AMEN

HYMN OF PRAISE

MANY:



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: God be with you.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Eternal God, you come to us in Christ and you make yourself our guest. Within the chaos of our lives, make us aware of the peace found in your presence. May we treasure your Word above all else, the one who is Jesus the Christ.

MANY: AMEN

WORD

PREACHING TEXT

Galatians 4:1-7

Let me show you the implications of this. As long as the heir is a minor, she has no advantage over the slave. Though legally she owns the entire inheritance, she is subject to tutors and administrators until whatever date the parents have set for emancipation. That is the way it is with us: When we were minors, we were just like slaves ordered around by simple instructions (the tutors and administrators of this world), with no say in the conduct of our own lives.

But when the time arrived that was set by God the Father, God sent the Son, born among us of a woman, born under the conditions of the law so that he might redeem those of us who have been kidnapped by the law. Thus we have been set free to experience our rightful heritage. You can tell for sure that you are now fully adopted as God's children because God sent the Spirit of the Son into our lives crying out, "Papa! Father!" Doesn't that privilege of intimate conversation with God make it plain that you are not a slave, but a child? And if you are a child, you're also an heir, with complete access to the inheritance.

ONE: Holy wisdom, holy word.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

+ACCLAMATION

MANY:



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

SERMON

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris

+HYMN OF THE DAY

Beloved, God's Chosen

(setting by Michael Burkhardt)

1 & 3 Be - lov - ed, God's Cho - sen, put on as a
2 With - in, call forth wis - dom to dwell in you

gar - ment com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good-ness of
rich - ly; let _____ peace rule your hearts and that peace be of

heart. A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your
Christ. And _____ from the heart's cham-ber be - lov - ed and

rai-ment that _____ binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so-nant part.
ho - ly, let _____ sing - ing thanks - giv-ing to God ev - er rise.

+APOSTLES' CREED

ONE: We 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 he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he 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 INTERCESSION

ONE: Let us pray for the nations, for all of God's creation, for the church and all who struggle. Hear us now, O God, as we join our voices and come before you in prayer...



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

ONE: We pray for the people of all nations, that government officials will lead with wisdom and compassion, making decisions that empower the most vulnerable. We pray for asylum seekers, refugees, and all who have experienced violence. Move us to work for your justice, that peace might come to all homes...

ONE: We pray for your created world: animal species lost to human consumption, the rising waters and melting glaciers, intensifying weather patterns of excessive rain and drought. Move governments and people to a new way of living that will honor your creation and the creatures you love within it...

ONE: We pray for your church, and every generation within it, from the smallest child to the wisest elder. We thank you for the gift of this community, as leaders and servants. We celebrate your welcome and practice your hospitality. Help us to look for the gifts and strengths of our siblings in Christ. Teach us how to serve each other with the same love that Jesus served his disciples...

ONE: We remember those who are preparing to say, "Goodbye." We pray for those who are finding their new normal in grief. Surround them with your loving presence and hold them close as they mourn. We lift up those in our community who are struggling with physical and mental health concerns, stressful situations, and all who could use your grace. We especially name before you... that all might live secure in the knowledge of your abiding presence through the power of the Spirit, who hears us as we sing.....

MANY: *(sung, as above: O Lord, hear my prayer, ...)*

+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

OFFERING

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Arr. Linda R. Lamb

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

ONE: Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing.

MANY: Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. AMEN

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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**

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

+BENEDICTION

ONE: Receive now God's blessing:

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

MANY: AMEN

+SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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- 1 "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."
- 2 "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."
- 3 "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

+DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in peace, knowing Christ is with you!

MANY: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Serving today:

Preacher

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Anne Phillips

Lector

Angela Akhigbe

Cantors

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Remote Musicians

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