



June 5, 2022

Pentecost

Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth

Saying Yes to God (the Uncertainty of Fertile Soil)

"...[T]here are seasons when we hold our faith, and then there are seasons when our faith holds us...I've come to believe that wholehearted faith isn't just about coming to terms with the heart that beats inside me. It's also about understanding how God has knit together my heart with the hearts of that old lady and that little kid.

Wholeheartedness is about seeing and comprehending my place in a bigger family of faith, just as parenthood has transformed my understanding of my role in a biological and social unit.
It is about risking hurt and confusion for the sake of the thing that so many of us seek: belonging."

(Rachel Held Evans, *Wholehearted Faith* (New York: HarperOne, 2021), p. 3. Emphasis mine.))

GATHER

PRELUDE

Songs of the Spirit

arr. Paul A Tate

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

MANY: AMEN

ONE: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. 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.

MANY: AMEN

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

silence for reflection

ONE: Most merciful God,

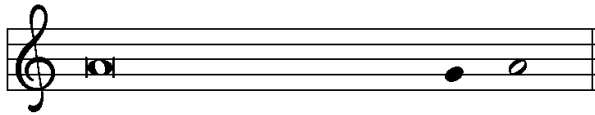
MANY: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. 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

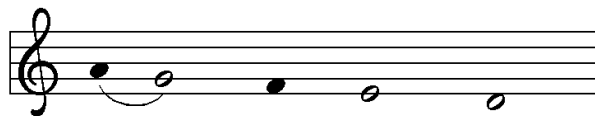
+KYRIE

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.

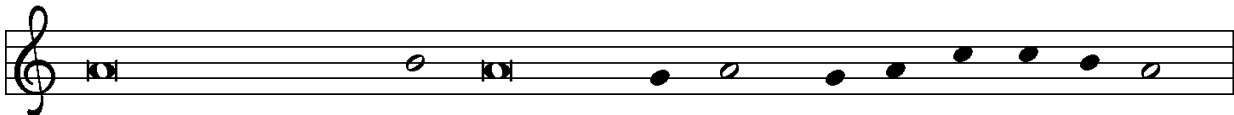


ONE: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

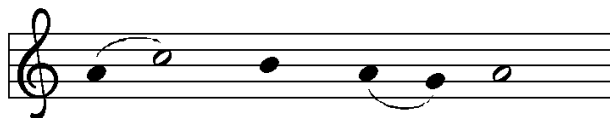


MANY: Lord, have mer - cy.

ONE:



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



MANY: Lord, have mer - cy.



ONE:

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

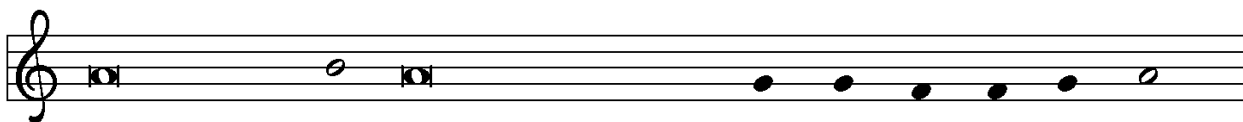


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

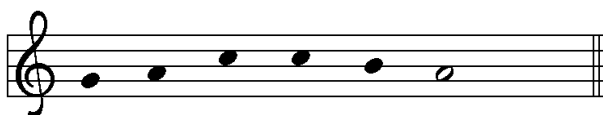


MANY:

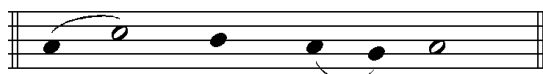
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

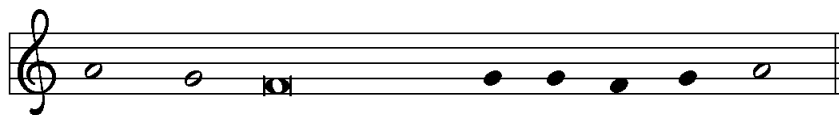


let us pray to the Lord.



MANY:

Lord have mer - cy.



ONE:

Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.

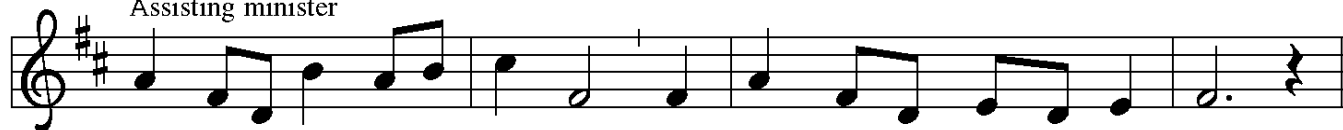


MANY:

A - men.

GLORY TO GOD

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



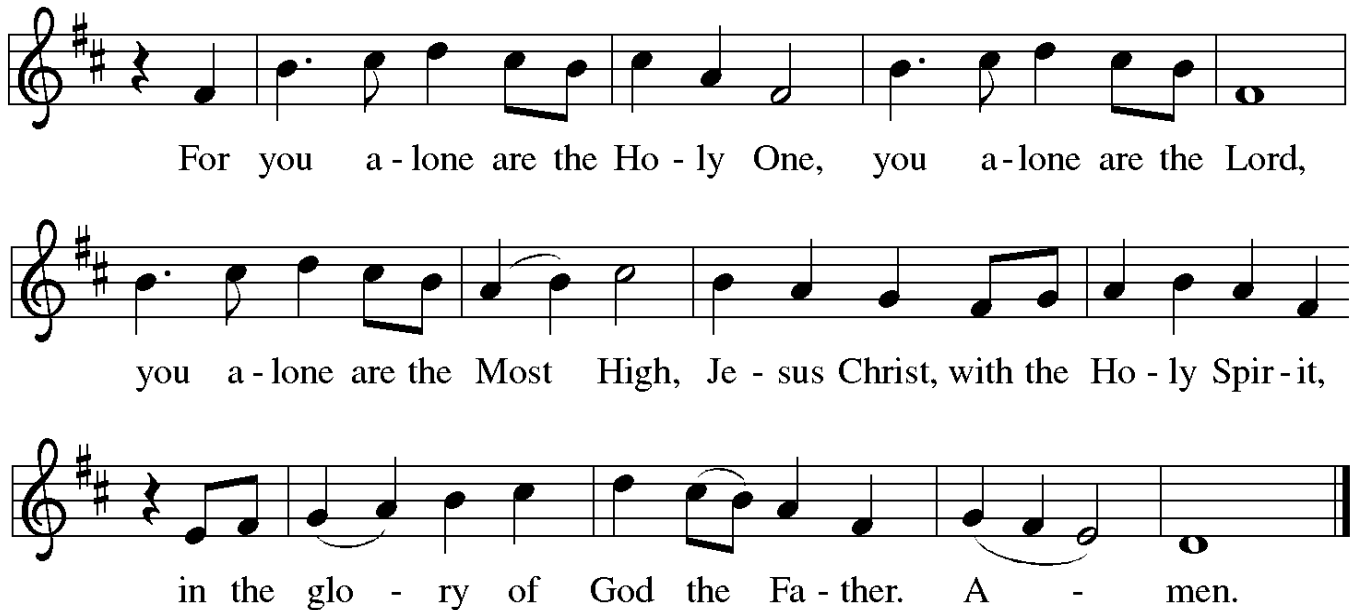
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



+Prayer of the Day:

ONE: O Lord,

MANY: We praise you for the gift of your Holy Spirit, through whose power we come to believe in your presence and work in our lives. Stir our hearts again, O Lord, that we may hear your call to use the gifts you've given us in the life of our congregation, and in the world you so love. In Jesus's name we pray, Amen.

WORD

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:11, 2 Corinthians 12:1-10, John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Jeremiah 29:11

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

[‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.]

ONE: Holy wisdom, holy word.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Saying Yes to God

Rev. Paul Lutter

+ HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW 512

+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: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Silence

ONE: O God of love, we give thanks to you for all of the ways you attend us in the face of all that is happening in the world, in our congregation, in our families, and in our lives. Continue to shower us with your mercy and love. Pour hope in our hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit, who comforts and strengthens us with the knowledge that you make all things new, especially when things feel difficult. Lord, in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: Faithful One, we give you thanks for the gift of faith, which helps us to lean on and trust in your promises through the power of your Holy Spirit. Set us free to live out our faith in such a way that we are empowered to be fully who you made us. Thanks for the gifts you've given us. Show us where and how to use them, O God. When we feel overwhelmed, strengthen and uphold us with your grace. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: Set our hearts ablaze in the hope given to us because of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection for us. Turn our eyes to you, and tune our ears to the sound of your voice. Let our hearts sing the song of grace first sung to us at our birth and baptism. We thank you that even before we can remember, you speak, guide, listen, forgive, and empower your people through the waters of baptism. Lord in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: We pray for all the people of Peace Lutheran Church. Meet us as we are – but don't leave us where we are. Stir your imagination among us, that we meet each day renewed in hope and with resilience. Bless us in this time of transition. Show us the direction you're calling us to go, and empower us to follow where you lead. Wake us to the song of love you have given us in Christ, that we may know your healing and love again, and once more. We pray, God, for those who are ill, disheartened, and are otherwise in need of your care today, both silently and aloud....

Lord, in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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

OFFERING

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Charles Callahan

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

ELW p. 64

ONE: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

MANY: AMEN

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

MANY: And also with you.

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

MANY: We lift them to the Lord.

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

MANY: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+PREFACE

ONE: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself
to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and
all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth
and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and
archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+HOLY COMMUNION

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



+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.

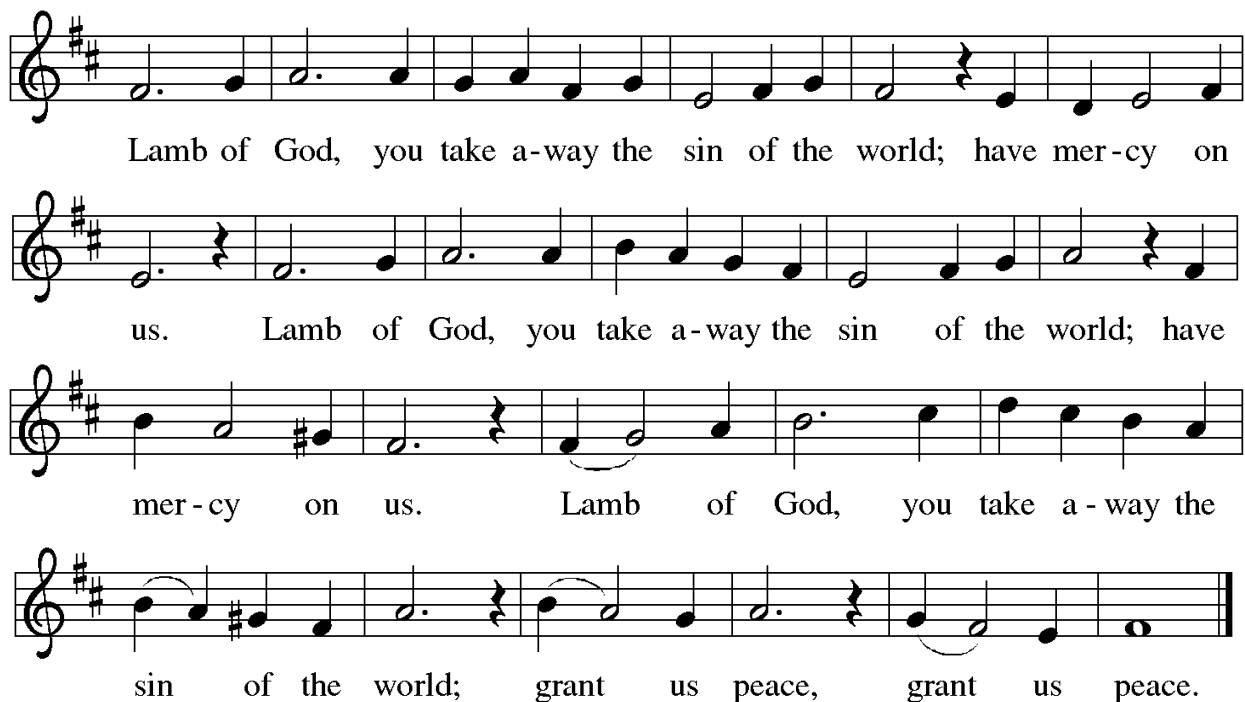
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

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

now and forever. AMEN

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION BLESSING

SEND

+SENDING HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW 773

+BENEDICTION

ONE: 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

+DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Chorale Variation on Veni, Creator Spiritus

Marcel Dupre

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ELW Setting 4

Kyrie, Glory to God, Holy, Lamb of God

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Organist & Pianist

Anne Phillips

Cantor

Nick Bonow

Greeter

Joanne Davidson

Lector

Deb Weir

Usher

Mark Stavrum

Counters

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF JUNE 5, 2022

TODAY

9am worship with Holy Communion

Families are encouraged to have their children in worship, but the nursery is available if needed. It will be open but not staffed; please plan to supervise your own children inside.

The summer preaching series, **Wholehearted** begins today. For this series we are going to be reading Rachel Held Evans' book, **Wholehearted Faith**. What she shows through her writing – and her life – is what it means to recover a sense of wholeheartedness, and what it looks like. This book is powerful and gracious, and allows us to hear an invitation into wholeheartedness, once again.

Please join us this summer for this journey back into wholeheartedness. The book is available on Amazon or your favorite bookstore. Pastor Paul has a couple of copies in his office if you are interested.

WE HAVE 3 SPECIAL EVENTS NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Blessing of High School Graduates

Join us as we celebrate our High School graduates; Miles Akhigbe, Ty Stoffel and Lauren Taylor.

Blessing of the Bikes

Ride or bring your bike to church or bring your helmet for a blessing and prayer for safety and celebration of the season.

Baptism

Jordyn Elaine Johnson, daughter of Thomas and Kelly Johnson, granddaughter of Steve and Pam Johnson will be baptized.

The Hamel Lions Rodeo Parade is back, and Peace will be there – will you? Join your friends on Sunday afternoon, July 10th, to help spread the word about our church! The parade is at 2 pm, and we will be assembling at 1:00. We will be handing out candy and newly created flyers that publicize the things that make Peace such a **special place to worship**. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk to be a part of this fun community event – and bring the kids and grandkids!

JOIN THE THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY!

This group continues to meet via Zoom on Thursday morning each week. They have just started a new study on the book of Proverbs from the book series "God's Word for Today." If you are interested, contact Carol Forsberg: carol.l.forsberg@gmail.com

JOURNEY TOGETHER

We will begin our **Journey Together** following worship TODAY. This is a kick-off event and is **intergenerational**. The themes we will explore over the year will include the Bible, Spirit, Disciples, Church, World, and then a Send-Off. Each of these themes will be broken down into two sessions. After the kickoff, each session will be a dinner event.

Here are the dates for **Journey Together** for this summer:

- **Sunday, June 5** after worship: Kick-Off
- **Wednesday, June 29**, 6 pm: The Bible = 66 books
- **Wednesday, July 27**, 6 pm: God's Word is for Everyone
- **Wednesday, August 31**, 6 pm: Five-a-Day to Grow God's Way

Following the kickoff, events will continue the last Wednesday of the month through the 2022-2023 year.

Volunteers are needed to help in a variety of ways:

- Food (Shopping, serving)
- Day-Of Leaders (Games, Songs, Skits, Bible Readings)
- Supplies Organization
- Set-Up/Clean-Up

If you want to join a team, visit peaceofplymouth.org and click on the Sign Up button or use the sign-up sheets at the info booth. Watch the Saturday e-News for more information.