



Sunday, July 10, 2022  
5th Sunday after Pentecost  
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth

"I return again and again to Jesus, who made himself vulnerable too...  
So in those tough moments, I try to return myself to that love...  
When I've made a mess of things...I do my best to apologize -- and I try to return myself to that love."

(Rachel Held Evans, Wholehearted Faith, p. 63.)

PRELUDE

*Your River, O God*

Hans Peterson & Larry Olson

Refrain

Your riv - er, O God, is full of wa - ter, wa - ter a -

live with jus - tice and grace. Your riv - er, O God, it

flows with mer - cy for ev' - ry child through ev' - ry

time and place.

Verse

Ev' - ry birth on this earth speaks the  
Come - ry and hear all who fear, you are  
As we grow may we know waves of



mys - ter - y.  
not a - lone.  
hope sur - round.

Ev' - ry heart,  
Come and see,  
As we live



from the start, light for all to see.  
be set free, rest here in your home.  
may we give love that has no bounds.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God of abundance, the land we walk on is holy ground.

Send forth your grace to help us heal the wounds of this world.

Open up the soil of our hearts to your word of life.

May we be strengthened by this time together and grow into who you are creating us to be.

MANY: AMEN

### OPENING SONG

*Come and See*  
verse 1 and 2

Hans Peterson & Larry Olson



Come and see what God has done. The earth is a - live;



thanks to the sun. Ev' - ry plant that grows ev' - ry ri - ver that flows what a



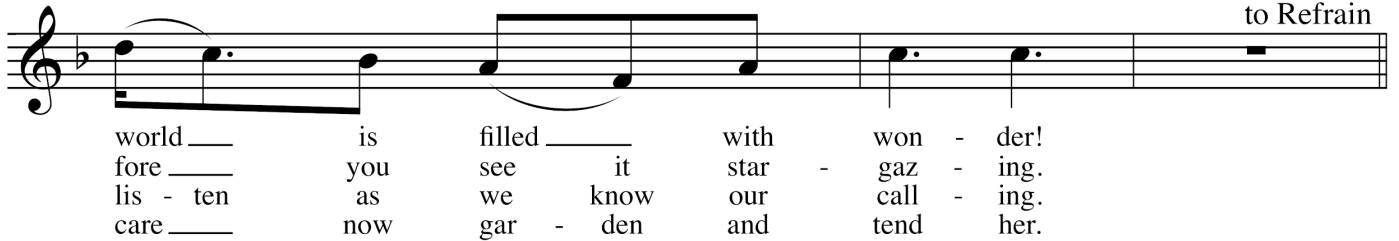
mir - a - cle gift of cre - a - tion!



The song of a wren, the flight of a hawk, a ba - by's first bond with her  
Pon - der the vast - ness of the night sky. The dis - tance you see is a -  
Look at a seed, it knows what to do; new life will spring forth from its  
Peo - ple of Faith, Grace beck - ons you home to E - den in all of its



moth - er; first flow - ers of spring a - rise and sing. The  
maz - ing. The light trav - els o - ver thou - sands of years be -  
fall - ing. And we as peo - ple of the Di - vine can  
splen - dor. Do you hear the call? Re - new the earth! With



world is filled with won - der!  
fore you see it star - gaz - ing.  
lis - ten as we know our call - ing.  
care now gar - den and tend her.

## CONFESSION

ONE: Sisters and brothers, we come to the God of mercy mindful that the creation upon which we all depend is suffering. The immense beauty surrounding us, the complex web of life supporting us has been broken by our hands. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*silence for reflection*

Loving God, you have placed us as stewards within your creation. But we have poisoned the waters, exhausted the soils and polluted the air. By our own hand we have spoiled the life giving resources upon which we all depend.

As Jesus' disciples, we are called to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and tend to the sick. Instead, we take the wealth of the world into our own houses and leave your children in need. God of all life,

**MANY: we confess our part in a broken world.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE


ONE: As surely as the rain comes forth to water the earth, God's mercy comes to us daily as a gift, abundant and freely given. The same God who created the cosmos and raised Jesus from death to life brings healing and forgiveness to the world today. You are loved, you are restored. In Christ, you are forgiven.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**


## SONG OF PRAISE

*Praise to You*  
verse 3

Hans Peterson & Larry Olson




Praise to you, O Great Cre - a - tor, Ma - ker of the land and sky.



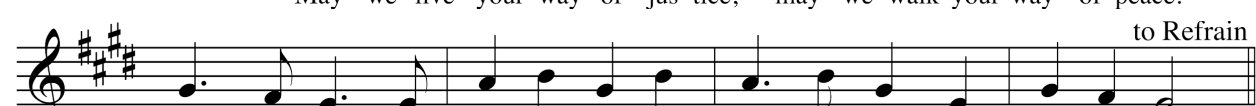
Praise to you, O Liv - ing Wat - er, hope and breath of ev' - ry life.

Verse



We are lost and we are long-ing, wand'-ring in the wild - er - ness,  
 Hear the cries of all cre - a - tion, how the tears like ri - vers flow  
 May we live your way of jus-tice, may we walk your way of peace.

to Refrain



search - ing for your hol - y pres-ence and the rea - son we ex - ist.  
 for your touch of grace and heal - ing and the love that leads us home.  
 May we see your sac - red vi - sion, may we know your sweet re - lease.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: O God of Love,

**MANY: when everything feels unglued and unhinged, return us to your steadfast love. Help us to find rest when our hearts are restless. Comfort and console us when our hearts are broken and just hanging on by a thread. Give us courage and strength both to lean into your love and out into the world by the power of your love. In Jesus's name we pray, Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:13-19

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us.

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

#### SERMON

Rev. Paul Lutter

Since time be - gan, through cent - ur - ies God's  
 A moth - ers womb, a brand new life God's  
 Signs of hope, a voice of peace God's

love is ev - er - last - ing. To dis - tant un - known  
 love is ev - er - last - ing. An emp - ty tomb, the  
 love is ev - er - last - ing. The pro - phet's cry for

gal - ax - ies God's love is ev - er - last - ing.  
 ri - sen Christ God's love is ev - er - last - ing.  
 war to cease God's love is ev - er - last - ing. For the

Splen - dor springs forth 'cross the land God's  
 Weep - ing may last and for the night God's  
 down and out and high and proud God's

love is ev - er - last - ing. A - bun - dance, shar - ing  
 love is ev - er - last - ing. But joy breaks forth with  
 love is ev - er - last - ing. Come all you peo - ple

hand in hand God's love is ev - er - last - ing. Your  
 morn - ing light God's love is ev - er - last - ing.  
 shout out loud God's love is ev - er - last - ing.

love (your love) is last - ing, your love is ev - er - last - ing. Your

love (your love) is last - ing, your love is ev - er - last - ing.

## 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**

*Let us pray for the church, those who are in need, and for the whole creation.*

ONE: Oh, God of love, abide with us. We give you thanks for the gift of your Holy Spirit, who abides with us in every way possible. Find us by your grace. Fill us with your love. Empower us with courage and love, that we may be set free to so give ourselves into the power of your imagination at work in and through us for the sake of the Gospel in the world. Give us courage to listen to your voice. Empower us to follow where you lead. Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: In the great Shema of the Hebrew Bible, you call us to live out of love and to return to it again and again and again. You call us to lean into your steadfast love, and to extend that love the whole creation. Widen and deepen within us this kind of love in our lives. Remove the barriers between us and the world you so love. Help us to find rest and nourishment in the love with which you hold us. Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: We come before you with open hands and open hearts, God of grace. We don't know what you have in store for us. We find comfort, though, to know your open hands hold us. We are relieved by the outpouring of your love from your wide-open heart. Continue to challenge and assure us in our lives and in our life together. Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: We pray, O God, for the people, ministries, and mission of Peace Lutheran Church. Bring healing to those who are broken. Pour your hope into hearts that are disillusioned and in despair. We ask that you walk alongside those who are hurting in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for those whom we name in silence.... God, sometimes we wonder where and how you are at work among us. Open not only our hearts and hands, O God. Open our eyes and ears, too, so we may bear witness to your love on the loose among us. Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

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

**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.

### OFFERING

*Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho*

*Traditional, arr. Faber*

### 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**

### SONG

*Go Now with God*  
verses 1 and 4

Hans Peterson & Larry Olson



vs. 1 Filled — with the Ho - ly — Spir - it  
vs. 1 *Lleno del Es - pi - ri - tu — San - to*  
vs. 2 Of - fer - ing a hand — to a stran - ger  
vs. 3 Wa - ters of mer - cy have found us  
vs. 4 Cross-ing ev' - ry bound'-ry, ev' - ry na - tion

go now with God,  
*va - mos con Dios,*



go now with God. In - to the world — as a serv - ant  
*va - mos con Dios. En-tran - do al mun - do pa - ra ser - vir*  
Trust-ing in the ris - en — sav - ior  
Grace — on the jour - ney sur - rounds us  
Danc-ing in the gift of lib - er - a - tion



go now with God,  
va - mos con Dios,

go now with God.  
va - mos con Dios.

Go — now,  
Va - mos,



go — now,  
va - - - mos,

go — now with God.  
va - mos con Dios.



Go — now,  
Va - mos,

go — now,  
va - mos,

go — now with God.  
va - mos con Dios.

#### DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God!**

#### POSTLUDE

*Go Now with God*

Hans Peterson & Larry Olson



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*Cantor*

Nick Bonow

*Musicians*

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*Lector*

Janelle Leppa

*Greeter*

Janelle Leppa

*Usher*

Terry Geffre

*Offering Counters*

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Bob Samuelson & Jason Tofteland



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## WEEK OF JULY 10, 2022

### TODAY

#### 9am worship

*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 Hamel Lions Rodeo Parade is TODAY and there is still time to join and 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! Questions? See Joni Sutton or Pam Johnson.

### **Sunday, July 17, GENUS POA will be leading worship.**

Genus Poa is Inger Trooien and her family's bluegrass music group. We are so grateful they will be playing at Peace once again!

### **Fertile Soil Update**

Church council has established three small groups who are actively exploring the following areas as we think about the future of Peace. Leaders of these groups are noted in parentheses:

1. Team to assess our finances and income for 2022 and beyond (Jen Stoffel and Becky Gabbert)
2. Team to look at building options (Janelle Leppa and Lisa Lukis)
3. Team to look at options for staff and Pastor (Erin Jopke, Angela Akhigbe and Inger Trooien)

To connect with one of these groups, feel free to reach out to those listed above or e-mail church council secretary Lisa Lukis: leezuh@gmail.com  
Look for more updates as the work continues!

Hi all...last month's **Journey Together** event was so much fun! In preparation for this month's event, we will meet via Zoom at 7:30 on Wednesday, July 13 for 30 minutes. During the meeting we will walk through the schedule and assign tasks.

Here is the url: [tinyurl.com/5847tbrm](https://tinyurl.com/5847tbrm) to the planning document if you want a sneak peek. We'll eat inside again, do a scavenger hunt around the church building and hopefully get outside after dinner for a hike, fire, and/or basketball.

***Zoom info is below. Hope you can join in the planning and the fun!***

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81656923147>  
Meeting ID: 816 5692 3147

Mark your calendar for future **Journey Together Events** this summer:

- **Wednesday, July 27, 6 pm:**  
God's Word is for Everyone
- **Wednesday, August 31, 6 pm:**  
Five-a-Day to Grow God's Way

Events will continue the last Wednesday of the month through the 2022-2023 year. If you'd like to help volunteer for this event, contact Jenny at [jjklutter@gmail.com](mailto:jjklutter@gmail.com).