



July 24, 2022
 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
 Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth

*"May the church be resurrected to the way of humility.
 May the church be resurrected to the way of curiosity.
 May the church be resurrected to the way of mercy.
 May the church be resurrected to the way of service.
 May the church be resurrected to the way of wholeness.
 May the church be resurrected to the way of the cross.
 May the church be resurrected like Jesus.
 May the church be resurrected by love."*

Rachel Held Evans, *Wholehearted Faith*, p. 102.

GATHER

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

arr Paul Tate

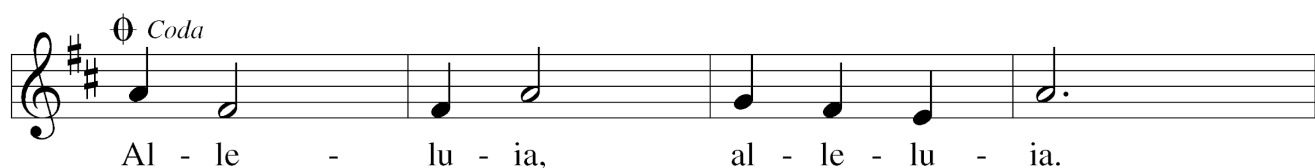
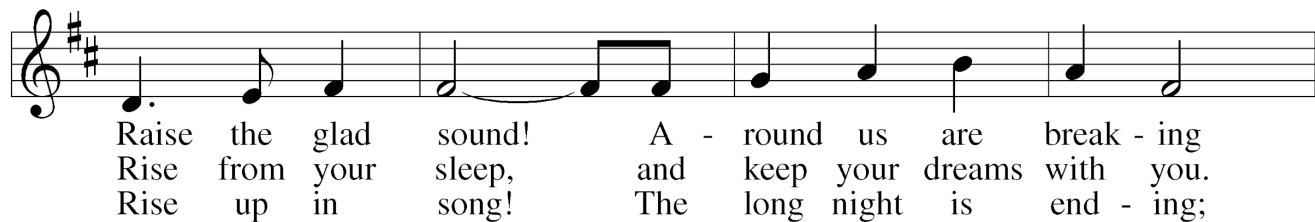
ANNOUNCEMENTS

+GATHERING SONG

Rise Up and Sing!

DATH 7

Leader	Congregation



+CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ONE: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

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: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthens you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

MANY: AMEN

WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: O Lord Jesus, our resurrection and life,

MANY: Deep down, we long for the life you promise, yet it can leave us feeling a little nervous. In those moments, raise us from death to life. Open us by your love and sustain us with your mercy. In Jesus's name, Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:31-39, Mark 8:31-38

Romans 8: 31-39

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

‘For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.’

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Mark 8:31-38

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

ONE: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Paul Lutter

+SONG OF THE DAY

You Are Mine

ELW581

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: Held in the hands of resurrection, let us pray for the church, world, and all who are in need.

ONE: In the spaces of our lives in which we feel ourselves slipping into death in all of its forms, raise us to new life. Lift up our hearts into the mystery of curiosity and humility. Lift up our hands and hearts and lives so we may see all the ways you are at work in our lives. Lift us into hope. Lord, in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: Ground us, Lord, in your grace. We know we can't always see or know your work among us. Yet, we hold to the promise of your presence from the waters of baptism until that day when we see you face to face. Allow your grace to seep into the cracks of our lives where brokenness resides. Heal and restore us, empower and equip us, fill us with your courage. Lord, in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: For the gifts you give us when your Spirit gathers us around Word and Sacrament, we give you such thanks. Nourish and sustain our hearts so we may be about the work you set us free to do in Christ Jesus. Help us metabolize your gifts so we may trust in your mercy and care which always surrounds us. Lord, in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

ONE: We offer our lives to you, O Gracious One, and ask you to walk alongside us. We give you thanks for our congregation, Peace Lutheran Church, and for all of the ways you are on the loose among us. Be with our Council and workgroups. Sustain and uplift each of our committees. Walk alongside us when we need your presence and healing among us. We lift before you now, in silence, those whom we know need your healing and grace...Lord, in your mercy,

MANY: hear our prayer.

MANY: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through your Son, Jesus 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 the peace of Christ with those around you.

MEAL

OFFERING

Rock-a My Soul

Traditional Spiritual, Arr. Faber

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

ONE: God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine.

MANY: Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN

+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.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Invited into the abundant life of faith, let us pray together,

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 MUSIC

Just as I am

ELW 592

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

COMMUNION BLESSING

SEND

+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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

ELW634

+DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

MANY: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

March

Anonymous

Serving today:

Preacher

Rev. Paul Lutter

Organist & Pianist

Anne Phillips

Cantor

Nick Bonow

Pianist

Ian Bonow

Greeter

Pam Johnson

Usher

Lector

Jeanette Colligan

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF JULY 24, 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.

As you may know, Pastor Paul is a writer and has just had one of his essays published in *The Christian Century*.

The Christian Century is a progressive, ecumenical magazine based in Chicago. Committed to thinking critically and living faithfully, the *Century* explores what it means to believe and live out the Christian faith in our time." His article *In the shadow of uncertainty, fear and hope look similar* can be found by searching the title or his name at: www.christiancentury.org

The summer preaching series is based on the book Wholehearted.

For this series we are 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.

Mark your calendar!

All Council, Committee and Volunteer Meeting
Tuesday, August 9, 6:30 pm at Peace.

Join us on our **Journey Together!** We continue with our third Journey Together Intergenerational Event on **Wednesday, July 27 from 6-7pm**. The theme is again the Bible, but this time we will explore a few of the many stories within its pages. Dinner will be sloppy joes, followed by a short time of prayer and teaching. We'll finish the evening with your choice of campfire stories, a neighborhood hike, or B-I-B-L-E basketball! *Free will offering for dinner.*

Mark your calendar for future Journey Together Events:

- **Wednesday, August 31, 6 pm:** Five-a-Day to Grow God's Way
- **Wednesday, September 28, 6pm:** Four More for Growth Galore

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.