



John 7: 37-39

Are you thirsty? ➔



PEACE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 31, 2022  
8th Sunday after Pentecost  
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth

"My baptism reminds me that I am a Christian because Christianity gives me a name that supersedes every other name the world will try to give me. I am a Christian because my baptism has declared that I am a beloved child of God. There is no failure, no sin, no accomplishment, no success that can change that."

--Rachel Held Evans, *Wholehearted Faith*, p. 107.

## GATHER

PRELUDE

*Amazing Grace*

arr. Jay Althouse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+GATHERING SONG

*Rise Up and Sing!*

DATH 7

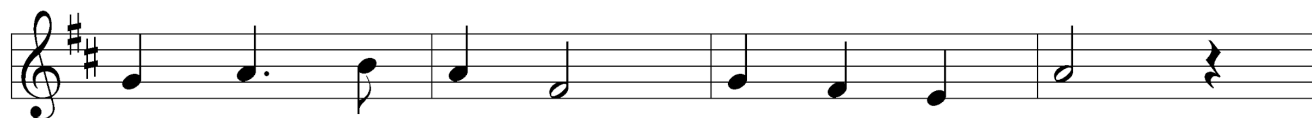
Leader

Congregation

O God, o - pen my lips, and my mouth will de - clare your praise.



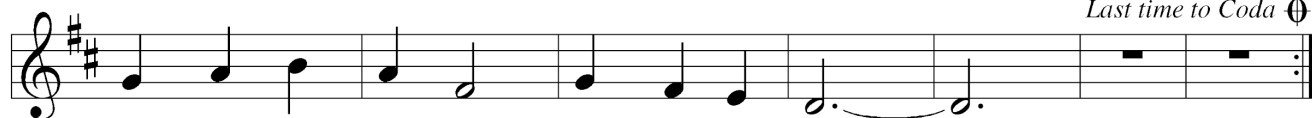
1 Rise up and sing! Bring in the morn - ing;  
2 Rise up, good friends! Now is the hour; . . .  
3 Rise with the world, curled up a - wait - ing




dawn is a - born - ing, day has be - gun.  
sun - light will show - er hope for the day.  
end to the hat - ing, day full of grace.

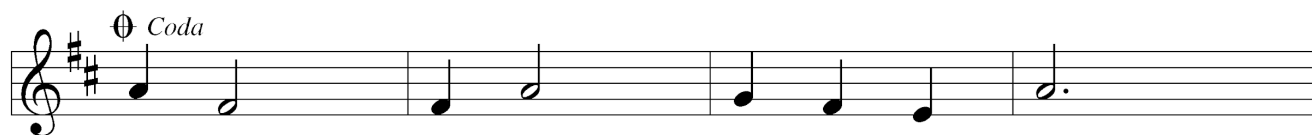


Raise the glad sound! A - round us are break - ing  
Rise from your sleep, and keep your dreams with you.  
Rise up in song! The long night is end - ing;

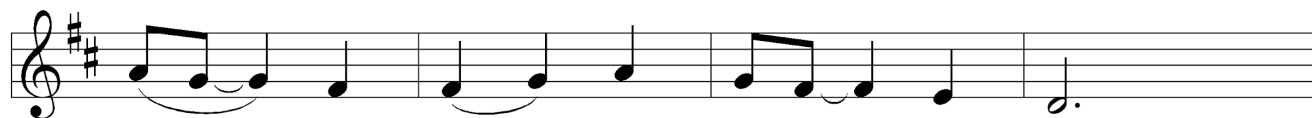


skies that are wak - ing light of the sun.  
Let the light kiss you soft on your way.  
now God is send - ing peace to this place.

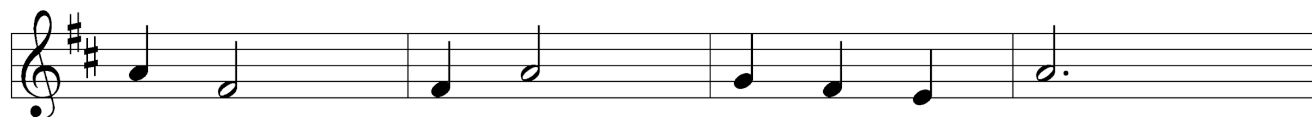
*Last time to Coda* 



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

+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 strengthen 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, meet us in our thirst for your grace.

**MANY: Unite us to one another and to you. Help us know how much we belong under the canopy of your love and grace. Help us find our meaning and purpose and direction in the ministry and mission you give us. When we feel caught in the swirl of overwhelm, may we feel your hands buoy us in our baptisms. May our thirst be quenched by your mercy and hope that flows in our lives like water. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

Mark 1: 9-11, John 7: 37-39, Acts 10: 34-35

Acts 10: 34-35

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

Mark 1: 9-11

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

John 7: 37-39

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." ' Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

## SERMON

Rev. Paul Lutter

## +SONG OF THE DAY

*Dearest Jesus, We Are Here*

ELW 443

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

ELW pg. 235

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

ELW pg. 237

## +PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: Having heard the good news of the Gospel in our lives and for the life of the world, we pray for the Church, the world, and all who are in need this day.

ONE: O Lord, we give you thanks for your promises poured over us in the waters of baptism. We thank you for the gifts given us when the heavens opened up and your love came down to us and for us. It's hard to imagine anyone might, and yet your love claims us unconditionally. Wherever we go, you are right there: behind, ahead, and right in front of us. You do these things because we are yours, all because of your grace and love. We thank you for this. Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: Send us into the world, O God, in witness to your love. These words come from part of a liturgy for baptism in another tradition. And yet, really, these words embody the movement of your love in our lives. And so we thank you for your love which sets us loose, sets us free, sets us into a world so in need of your healing and hope. May we embody your grace each day, merciful God: not perfectly, but authentically.

Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: It's hard to admit this, God, but sometimes we lose ourselves and forget who you named and claimed us to be. We do our best, as you well know. And still, our internal GPS wants us to take turns that lead us away from you and your voice. Though this happens in our lives, we thank you that you never leave us alone. You are still with us. You still call to us, and by your call, you reorient us back into the safe harbor of your promises for us. Turn us again to you, O God, when we are lost and have trouble hearing your voice in our lives. Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: We thank you, Lord, that you have called us together and given us a name which publicly identifies us as a community of people who are both sinful yet also forgiven, fully, for the sake of Christ Jesus. We pray, then, God, for Peace Lutheran Church. Be at work in ways we can't fully understand or embrace. Lead us into the labyrinth of your grace, so you can find us and we can find you as we seek to live faithfully into a future you are creating for us. Be with those who are ill, hospitalized, or are in other ways in need of your healing and hope. We pray silently for those in need of your care this day....Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, gracious God, trusting in your mercy in the name of the One who died and was raised from the dead for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. And all God's people said,

**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

OFFERTORY

*Poor Wayfaring Stranger*

arr. Jay Althouse

+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**

+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**

## SEND

### BLESSING OF CAMPERS

Nora Bonow, Elanor Ferris, Iris Ferris, Maria Haug, Violet Kemmis  
Sonja Leppa, Sylvi Leppa, Mirah Lukis, Samantha Quinn, Nancy Peterson

#### +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

*This Little Light of Mine*

ELW 677

#### +DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God!**

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The acronym DATH that you see in the service stands for *Dancing at the Harvest*, a delightful book of songs by Ray Makeever, who lives in Minneapolis.

DATH 7 *Rise Up and Sing!*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## WEEK OF JULY 31, 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.*

#### Mark your calendar!

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

#### Join us on our Journey Together!

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](mailto:jjklutter@gmail.com).

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](http://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.