



7th Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 16, 2021
Peace Lutheran Church

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

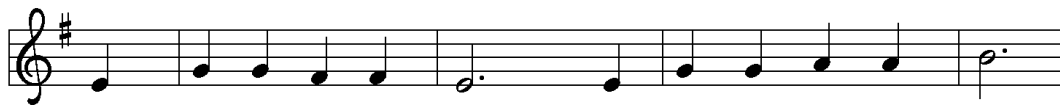
+GREETING

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 3:1-9, 23-29

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! ²The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? ³Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? ⁴Did you experience so much for nothing? —if it really was for nothing. ⁵Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard? ⁶Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” ⁷so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. ⁸And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you.” ⁹For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed. ²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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.



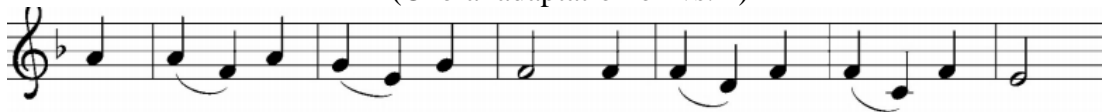
Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



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

SERMON

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

+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... *pause*

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... *pause*

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... *pause*

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.

OFFERING

One Bread, One Body

Words & Music by John Foley

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

One bread, one body...

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

One bread, one body...

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all.

One bread, one body...

+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

+PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Let us pray together the prayer of our Savior:

**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**

SENDING

+BENEDICTION

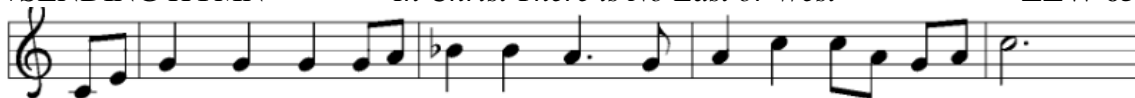
ONE: Let us pray together the Prayer of Good Courage.

MANY: O God, 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 HYMN

In Christ There is No East or West

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1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

+DISMISSAL

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

MANY: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Serving today:

Preacher

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris (via video)

Assisting Minister

Matt Peterson

Organist

Anne Phillips

Lector

Joni Sutton

Cantors

Nick Bonow, Martha Knutson

Guitar

Peter Leppa

Violin

Sylvi Leppa

Cello

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