



**November 14, 2021**  
 Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
 Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth  
*Justice Rolls Down*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### PRELUDE

*Take, Oh, Take Me as I Am with Canon*

arr. Sherri Hansen \

### 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.**

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ONE: When we are honest with ourselves we know our lives contain elements of messiness, brokenness, suffering, and confusion. There are specific events where we have been hurt and where we have hurt others, by actions we have done and left undone. We feel guilt and shame. There are times when we don't feel called and there are times when we don't feel equipped for our callings in family, community, congregation, work, and school.

Let us pause to open our hearts and lay our messy stories before God.

*Silence for reflection...*

ONE: We are not climbing a spiritual ladder.

**MANY: We don't continually improve until we are so spiritual we no longer need God. We die in our sin and are made new. The movement in our relationship to God is always from God to us. God is always coming nearer to us.**

ONE: God loves you, cares for you, and is always with you. We are claimed by God's grace alone and called to lives of service for the well-being of our neighbor and the world God loves.

**MANY: AMEN!**

**MANY (refrain):**

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way,  
For if you lead me, I can - not stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Verses / Estrofas

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and  
2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous -  
3. I am lost if you take your hand from  
pow'r To help me o - ver my weak - est  
ness. Be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op -  
me, I am blind with - out thy Light to  
hour. Help me through the dark - ness thy face to  
press. I am put - ting all my trust in  
see. Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant  
see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

D.C.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: The Lord be with you.

**MANY: And also with you.**

ONE: Let us pray. God of all people,

Show us how to let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**MANY: Create justice and righteousness in us, that all may rejoice in your blessings. AMEN**

WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

SCRIPTURE

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years before the earthquake. <sup>2</sup>And he said: The Lord roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem; the pastures of the shepherds wither, and the top of Carmel dries up.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup> Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup> Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. <sup>23</sup> Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. <sup>24</sup> But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

ONE: Word of God, Word of Life.

**MANY: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Rev. Kjell M. Ferris

+HYMN OF THE DAY

*Let Streams of Living Justice*

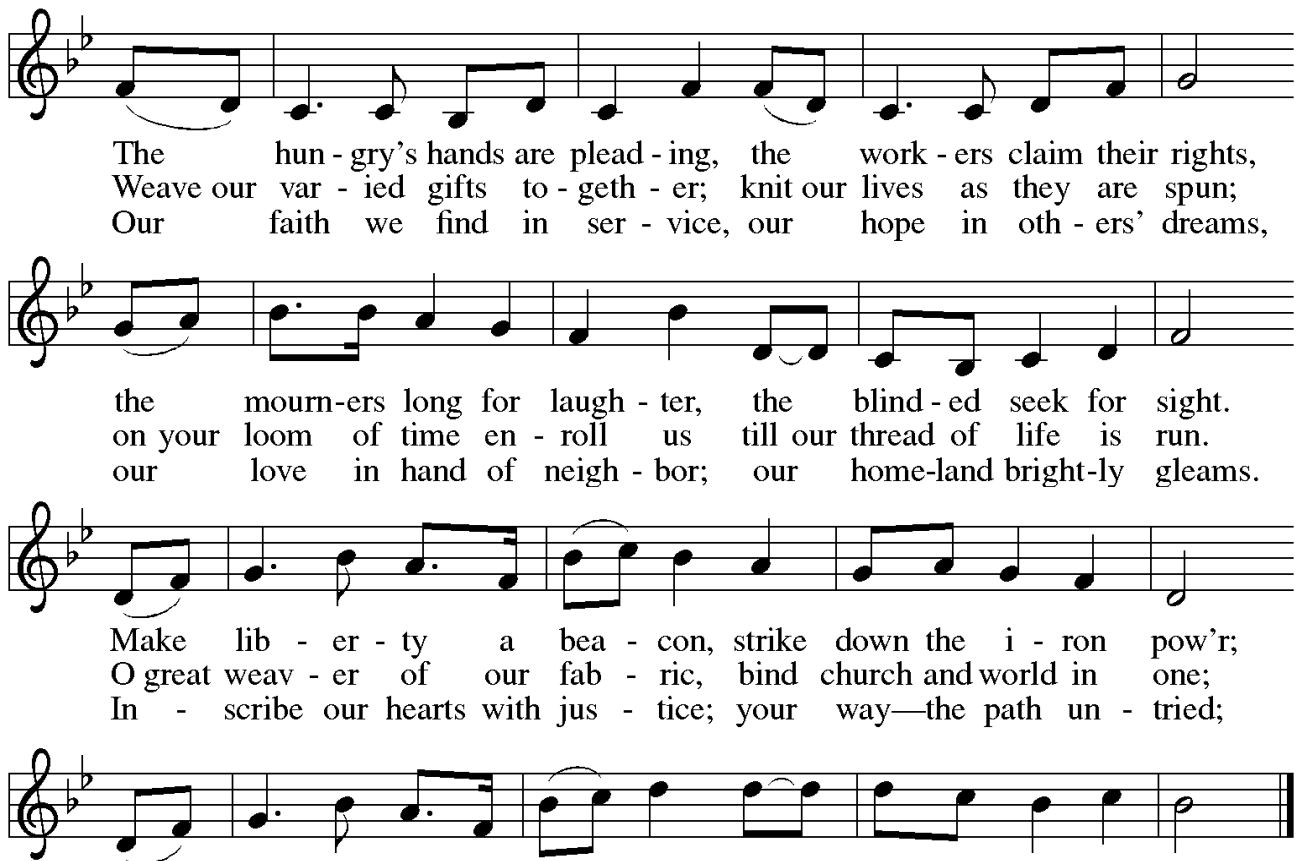
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1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Preslee Joy Egan*

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*Please refer to Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the blue insert*

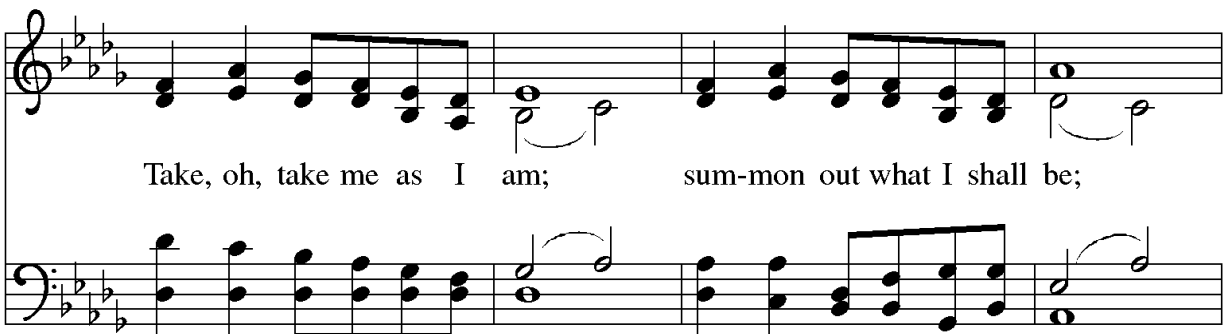
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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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*

**MANY:**



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



ONE: Graceful God, you move toward the entire human family in love. Empower us to move beyond bias and prejudice to love like Jesus. Where there is racism and conflict, bring reconciliation and joy. Lord, we ask you,

**MANY:** *(sung, as above)*

ONE: Just God, we come to you, asking for leadership and guidance. Bless leaders around the world and in our nation that their actions would echo Jesus' mission, "to bring good news to the poor." Send us out to be the hands and feet of your gospel. Make us instruments of your peace and justice as we live out our faith in our daily lives. Lord, we ask you,

**MANY:** *(sung, as above)*

ONE: God of all times and places, our world knows pain and suffering. Extend your loving hand upon all who seek relief in mind, body, and spirit. Aloud and in the silence of our hearts, we name those people and places in need of your care... Bob Tauring, the people of Afghanistan and Haiti, those recovering from natural disasters

ONE: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, so that all people might walk in newness of life through Jesus Christ.

**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.

#### OFFERING

*This Little Light of Mine*

#### +OFFERTORY PRAYER

ONE: Let us pray. Saving Lord, help us remember that life is a gift! Everything we are, everything we can see, smell, taste, touch, and hear is given to us by a God who loves us.

**MANY: Accept these offerings we bring before you. Teach us to be good stewards of the blessings in our lives, serving and honoring our neighbors. Let our work and our play be acceptable in your sight. In your name we pray. AMEN**

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**

MUSIC

*We Gather Together*

arr. Joel Raney

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### BENEDICTION

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

**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

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

ELW 656

Tune: FESTAL SONG, ELW 314

*All students and teachers are invited to gather at the altar on the final verse  
to walk to Sunday lessons together.*

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 so - rrow, 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 o - ther flows the sym - pa - thi - zing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend-ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### +DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE

“Old 120th”

Healey Willan

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