



*“If unholy religion has contributed to our fragmentation,  
healthy faith can point us toward our restoration.  
Faith gives people language and stories with which to draw meaning from their experiences,  
to see their lives as part of a larger narrative of whole and healing.  
At its best, faith teaches us to live without certainty and to hope without guarantee.*

Rachel Held Evans, Wholehearted Faith, p. 21-22

## GATHER

PRELUDE

*Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*

arr. Valerie A. Floeter

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;

*Last time to Coda* ⊕

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.

⊕ *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**

SONG OF THE WORD

*Open Our Lives to the Word*

DATH 8



1 May our words, may our songs, may our wor - ship this day  
 2 May our griefs, may our woes, may the sor - rows we share  
 3 May our joys, may our smiles, may the gifts that we bring



fill up our hearts and show us the way. May our  
 fill up our hearts and call forth our care. May our  
 fill up our hearts and stir us to sing. May we



prayers, may our praise give us light for our days, and  
 tears, may our fears be ac - cept - ed right here, and  
 serve, may we dance, may we all take that chance; and

o - pen our lives to the Word.  
 o - pen our lives to the Word.  
 o - pen our lives to the Word.

O - pen our lives to the liv - ing Word.  
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O - pen our hearts to the truth we have heard. May our  
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**+PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**ONE:** O Gracious One: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

**MANY:** **When your Spirit met your people in the first Pentecost, you gave them a new language whose words formed new stories about your presence and work among them. We give you thanks, O Blessed One, that in our baptisms you meet us with new language to tell new stories. Help us find meaning and hope in the stories you write on our hearts and in our lives. Lead us to see your work of wholeness and healing among us. In Jesus' name, AMEN**

## SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, **2** so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. **3** Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

**4** Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. **5** You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. **6** Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. **7** Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. **8** Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, **9** and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

ONE: Hear the word of the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Paul Lutter

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

HOLY BAPTISM

*Jordyn Elaine Johnson*

ELW p. 227

daughter of Thomas and Kelly Johnson  
 sponsors Sarah Monday, Ben Monday, Stephen Murphy

*Anyone who wishes to see better is invited to move closer to the baptismal font.*

ONE: Let us welcome the newly baptized:

**MANY: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving praise to God for grace and our vocation in God's world.**

**AMEN**



Rain-drops o-cceans, lakes, and riv-ers, wel-come, Child of God. Moth-ers, fa-thers, bro-thers, sis-ters,  
 wel-come, child of God. When the world feels wide a-round you, when the dark of night sur-rounds you,  
 we are here to tend and guide you, wel - come, Child of God.

## +PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: Let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A moment of silence is observed.*

ONE: We thank you, Lord, for the gift of your love that sustains us all the days of our lives. And we hear your invitation to live and love fully in the rhythm of your love. But we confess to you how hard that invitation is to live out at times. And as hard as it may be to live out your love, it can be even more difficult to believe that the love into which you've invited us is, indeed, for us. Enter into the complexity of our lives where faith in you and the experiences we have in the world are at odds. Speak your word of promise and hope again in such a way that we are filled with compassion for those around us and deep and abiding gratitude for all the ways you are present and at work among us. Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: We are not always certain what our place and purpose is in the world. So many messages bombard us, calling on us to be who we are not, and to do what feels at odds with your love and grace. You know, O Lord, how hard it can be for us to follow where you lead. Open and set us free, that we may freely live, love, and follow in the ways you show us through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. We thank you for your mercy which is stronger than our will. We thank you for your forgiveness which is more powerful than our sin. We thank you for your healing which works in, with, under, and in spite of what we think we need. Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: We thank you for the gift of the vulnerable ways your Son entered the world and lived among us. You come to us not in great power, but in greater vulnerability. May our outlook on the world be one in which we look out for those who are on the margins and the outside. Make a path for us to stand alongside the disenfranchised. Give us ears to hear their stories, and hearts full of compassion so our lives are broken open by your grace through the stories they tell. May you transform us, O God. Turn us inside out in ways in which our concern shifts from exploitation of those in need and toward your call to proclaim God's love and justice in the world. Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: We gather around the font of holy baptism to give thanks for the new birth and life you've given Jordyn Elaine Johnson. We thank you for the gift of faith you've given her. We pray, O God, for her family as they seek to raise her in faith, hope, and love. Empower us as a congregation to surround this family with our care, concern, and love. Together, by your grace, may we continue to grow into the fullness of your grace, as we continue to lean into your grace which has no end. For, you have called us your children, and promise to walk alongside us forever. Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: We give thanks for Miles, Ty, and Lauren, who have recently graduated high school and are headed into a future you open before them. We thank you, O God, for the ways you've walked alongside them. Surround and sustain each of them, O God, with your grace. Be with their families as they let go of these three just enough so that their children may experience the world and grow in even more wisdom and understanding. Surprise them with your presence and love. Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: We pray, O God, for the people of God known as Peace Lutheran Church. Walk alongside each of us, and help us to know your mercy, love, and healing. Be especially with those whom we name before you silently or aloud...Be with us as we discern how the future may look for us as a congregation. Be with the Council and others in the various work groups as they do their work around the future. Tend the soil of this congregation, so that we may be caught up in wonder, love, and praise at all the possibilities you set before us. Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: Into your hands, O Gracious and loving God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus, our Savior and 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

+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 GRADUATES

Wayzata High School, Class of 2022

*Miles Akhigbe  
Ty Stoffel  
Lauren Taylor*

## +BENEDICTION

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

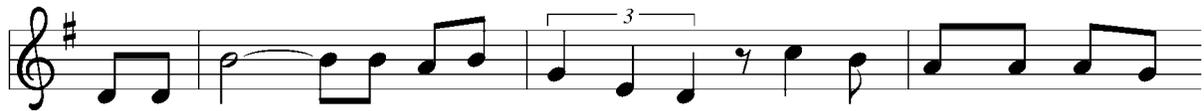
**MANY: you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

## +SENDING SONG

*We Are marching in the Light of God*

ELW 866

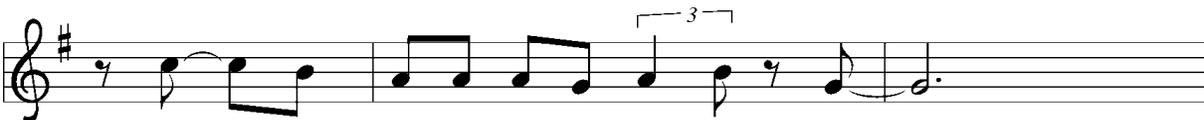
*Let's sing as we walk out together to the blessing of the bikes!*



*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



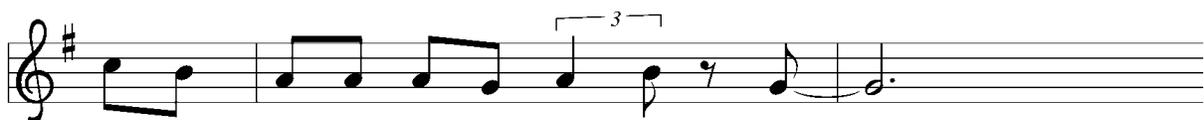
*nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*  
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo  
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

2) We are dancing . . .

3) We are praying . . .

4) We are singing . . .

+BLESSING OF THE BIKES

+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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DATH 8 *Open our Lives*

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ELW 526 *God is Here*

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ELW 866 *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

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**PEACE**  
 LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Serving today:**

*Preacher*

Rev. Paul Lutter

*Organist & Pianist*

Anne Phillips

*Cantors*

Angela Akhigbe, Stefanie Fiser Kleven

*Greeter*

Anne Stern

*Usher & Lector*

Matt Peterson

*Offering Counters*

Terry Geffre and Jean Swanson

*Zoom & Livestream Coordinators*

Stefanie Fiser Kleven, Steve Johnson, Peter Leppa, Scott Rusten,  
 Bob Samuelson & Jason Tofteland

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## WEEK OF JUNE 12, 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.*

**Altar flowers** are given today by Pam and Steve Johnson in celebration of Jordyn's baptism

### WE HAVE 3 SPECIAL EVENTS TODAY!

#### Blessing of High School Graduates

Join us as we celebrate our High School graduates; Miles Akhigbe, Ty Stoffel, and Lauren Taylor. Cake will be served after worship.

#### Blessing of the Bikes

After worship today we will bless your bikes and/or helmets with prayer for safety and celebration of the season.

#### Baptism

Jordyn Elaine Johnson, daughter of Thomas and Kelly Johnson, granddaughter of Steve and Pam Johnson will be baptized today.

The summer preaching series, **Wholehearted** begins today. For this series we are going to be 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.

### JOIN THE THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY!

This group continues to meet via Zoom on Thursday morning each week. They have just started a new study on the book of Proverbs from the book series "God's Word for Today." If you are interested, contact Carol Forsberg: carol.l.forsberg@gmail.com

### JOURNEY TOGETHER

**Journey Together** began last Sunday with a kick-off event after worship. **Journey Together** will continue through the summer and during the remainder of the 2022 -2023 program year. The themes we will explore over the year will include the Bible, Spirit, Disciples, Church, World, and then a Send-Off. Each of these themes will be broken down into two sessions. After the kickoff, each session will be a dinner event.

Here are the dates for **Journey Together** for this summer:

- **Sunday, June 5** after worship: Kick-Off
- **Wednesday, June 29**, 6 pm: The Bible = 66 books
- **Wednesday, July 27**, 6 pm: God's Word is for Everyone
- **Wednesday, August 31**, 6 pm: Five-a-Day to Grow God's Way

Following the kickoff, events will continue the last Wednesday of the month through the 2022-2023 year. **Volunteers are needed to help in a variety of ways:**

- Food (Shopping, serving)
- Day-Of Leaders (Games, Songs, Skits, Bible Readings)
- Supplies Organization, Set-Up/Clean-Up

Join a team! Visit [peaceofplymouth.org](http://peaceofplymouth.org) and click on the Sign Up button or use the sign-up sheets at the info booth.