



June 26, 2022  
Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth

*"I have come to believe that wholehearted faith, like all wholehearted living,  
requires taking risks, cultivating vulnerability and embracing uncertainty --  
both in our individual lives and in our communal life together.  
It demands that we admit all that we cannot know,  
and it encourages us to pursue it nonetheless."*

Rachel Held Evans, Wholehearted Faith, p. 45

## GATHER

### PRELUDE

*Prelude in F Major (BWV 556)*  
*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

J. S. Bach  
arr. Robert Hobby

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### +GATHERING SONG

*Rise Up and Sing!*

DATH 7

Leader

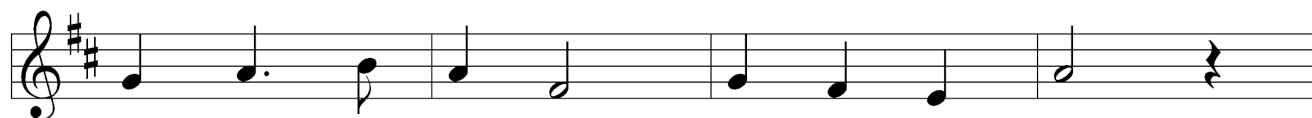
Congregation

O God, o - pen my lips, and my

mouth will de - clare your praise.



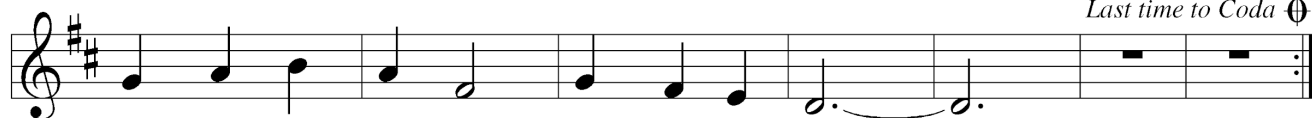
1 Rise up and sing! Bring in the morn - ing;  
2 Rise up, good friends! Now is the hour; . . .  
3 Rise with the world, curled up a - wait - ing




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.

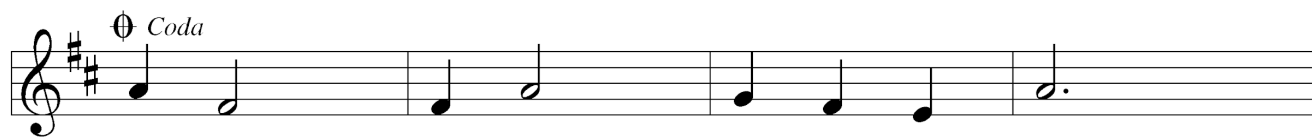


Raise the glad sound! A - round us are break - ing  
Rise from your sleep, and keep your dreams with you.  
Rise up in song! The long night is end - ing;



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.

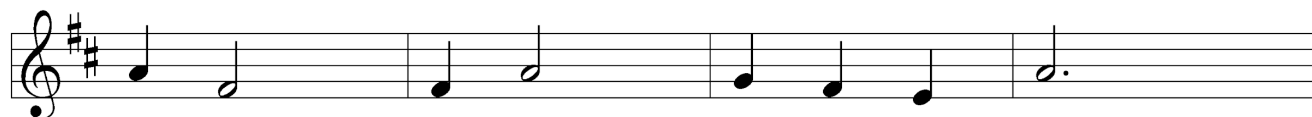
*Last time to Coda* 



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



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



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## +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.

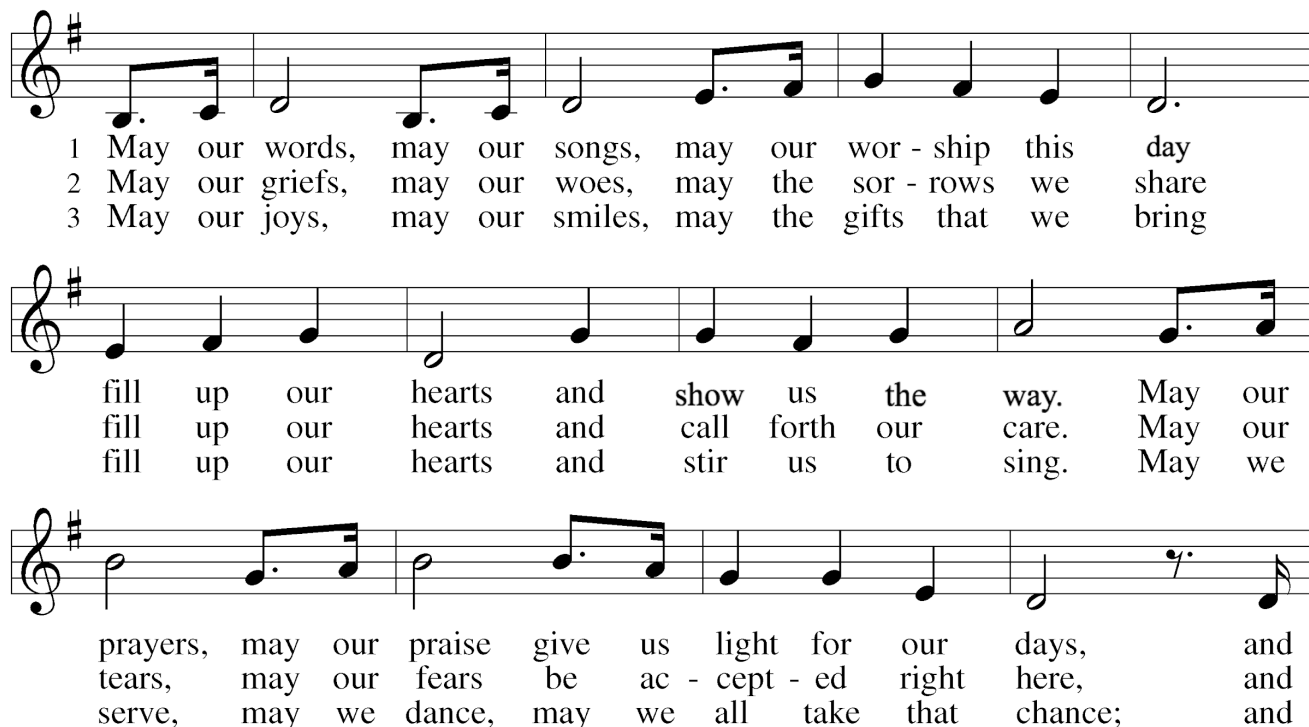
**MANY: AMEN**

## 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.  
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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 God of grace,

**MANY: crack open our hearts of stone, and transplant within us hearts of flesh. Set loose your compassion within us, let your mercy fill and flow through us, for the sake of all who long to belong. In Jesus's name we pray.**

**AMEN**

# SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 36: 22-38

**22** Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. **23** I will sanctify my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord, says the Lord God, when through you I display my holiness before their eyes. **24** I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. **25** I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. **26** A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. **27** I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. **28** Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. **29** I will save you from all your uncleannesses, and I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. **30** I will make the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field abundant, so that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. **31** Then you shall remember your evil ways, and your dealings that were not good; and you shall loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominable deeds. **32** It is not for your sake that I will act, says the Lord God; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and dismayed for your ways, O house of Israel.

**33** Thus says the Lord God: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the towns to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt. **34** The land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. **35** And they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined towns are now inhabited and fortified.’ **36** Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places, and replanted that which was desolate; I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it. **37** Thus says the Lord God: I will also let the house of Israel ask me to do this for them: to increase their population like a flock. **38** Like the flock for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed festivals, so shall the ruined towns be filled with flocks of people. Then they shall know that I am the Lord.

ONE: Holy wisdom, holy Word.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

# SERMON

Rev. Paul Lutter

## +SONG OF THE DAY

*This Little Light of Mine*

arr. Aaron David Miller

1) This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2) Hide it under a bushel? No!  
I’m gonna let it shine.  
Hide it under a bushel? No!  
I’m gonna let it shine.  
Hide it under a bushel? No!  
I’m gonna let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3) Won’t let anyone (blow) it out!  
I’m gonna let it shine.  
Won’t let anyone (blow) it out!  
I’m gonna let it shine.  
Won’t let anyone (blow) it out!  
I’m gonna let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

4) Ev’rywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine.  
Ev’rywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine.  
Ev’rywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine;  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

+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: O God, we give you thanks for the promises you make to us when our hearts are broken open and torn apart by life. Cultivate room in between the shards of our hearts the balm of your grace and healing. Set us free from hiding when we are broken. By your Spirit, open us to share what is broken within us. Surround us with a community who know the struggle and suffering that life sometimes can bring. Continue to create among us an authentic community who know both the suffering of death and the joy of resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: For the beauty in music, and for the gifts you give us through song, we are so grateful, God. We thank you for the many expressions of music in this community of faith, and for those who lead us. Especially today, O God, we give you such thanks and praise for the music ministry of Stef Fiser Kleven over these past six years. We thank you for all the ways she has blessed us. We recognize and are grateful for the considerable gifts you've given her, and for the ways she has lived those out among us. Bless her in this time of transition, and in what is to come. And bless not only her, but her husband and children as well. Continue to give them a deep sense of your presence and fill them with your love. Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: For those who are dying and those who mourn; for the sick and those who convalesce; for the lonely and the scared; for the overwhelmed and overworked; for the exhausted and the exasperated we pray. And for all others who need your love and care these days, for whatever reason, we pray. We give you thanks for the ways you walk among us all. Hear us as we pray for those in need, in ways silent and aloud....And we give thanks for those whom you have given us to walk among, as signs of your gracious love. Lord, in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: We pray for our life together as Peace Lutheran Church. Continue to lead and guide us, gracious God. Show us the directions into which you invite us to serve you through our mission and ministry. Continue to give strength, courage, and hope to our Council and to the workgroups who are at work discerning how we might live out our identity and ministry into the future. We pray, silently or aloud, asking for your guidance of us all....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.

## MEAL

OFFERING

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

arr. John Leavitt

+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

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


A TIME OF FAREWELL



BENEDICTION SONG

*Go Now in Peace*

Natalie Sleeth



1\* 2

Go now in peace, go now in peace; may the love of God sur-round you

3

ev - 'ry - where, ev - 'ry - where you may go.

+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

*When in Our Music God is Glorified*

ELW 851

verses 1-2: all

verse 3: choir

verse 5: all

+DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

*Toccata on  
Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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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 592 *Just as I am***

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*Organist & Pianist*

*Musicians*

*Greeter*

*Usher*

*Lector*

*Offering Counters*

*Zoom & Livestream Coordinators*

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Yvonne Grover

Adult Bells, Adult Choir

Gail Anderson

Dave Swanson

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Mike Onan and Nick Bonow

Steve Johnson, Stefanie Fiser Kleven, Peter Leppa, Scott Rusten,

Bob Samuelson & Jason Tofteland



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## WEEK OF JUNE 26, 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.*

**Minister of Music, Stefanie Fiser Kleven's last worship service at Peace is today.** A small reception will follow worship to send her off with well wishes and thanks.

Cards, pictures, stories and thanks will be gathered and a memory book will be created today.

#### **The Hamel Lions Rodeo Parade is back, and Peace will be there - will you?**

Join your friends on Sunday afternoon, July 10th, to help spread the word about our church! The parade is at 2 pm, and we will be assembling at 1:00. We will be handing out candy and newly created flyers that publicize the things that make Peace such a special place to worship. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk to be a part of this fun community event - and bring the kids and grandkids!

#### ***The summer preaching series, Wholehearted, started a couple of weeks ago. Join us at any time!***

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.

#### **Join us on our Journey Together!**

**We continue with our second Journey Together Intergenerational Event on Wednesday, June 29 from 6-7pm.** The theme is the Bible and how its 66 books reveal God to us. We'll start with a hotdog dinner, have a short time of prayer and teaching, then finish with your choice of painting a mural, writing psalms, or making a hiking stick. You can stay longer and chat around the campfire or play basketball if weather permits. *Free will offering for dinner.*

Mark your calendar for future **Journey Together Events** this summer:

- **Wednesday, July 27, 6 pm:** God's Word is for Everyone
- **Wednesday, August 31, 6 pm:** Five-a-Day to Grow God's Way

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).