



## October 1st, 2023, 9:00 am 18th Sunday after Pentecost

### worship notes:

Welcome to our church family today as we celebrate the presence of the risen Jesus Christ, in our lives and in our world. Today, the music is found in your **bulletin and in the All Creation Sings (ACS, purple hymnal)**. Children's activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary. An usher will be happy to help! We pray that you will experience God's redeeming love and grace as you worship with us. Please stay and enjoy coffee & conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall!

### about the readings:

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

## St. Peter's Lutheran Church

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## GATHERING

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### PRELUDE

The Prelude, as the first act of worship, is a time for people to become quiet and focus their hearts and minds for what is to follow, inviting worshipers to transition their busy lives into a sacred space of communion with God and neighbor.

### WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**C: Most merciful God, 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.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his Sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### OPENING HYMN

*"Jesus, Name Above All Names" Pg. 6*

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### KYRIE

*"Have Mercy on Me" Pg. 7*

HYMN OF PRAISE. *“Praise The Father Praise The Son” Pg. 8*

PRAYER OF THE DAY  
God of love, giver of life, **you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Miss Ann

**WORD**

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FIRST READING Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32

PSALM (Psalm 25:1-9) *“To You, O Lord”*  
by Curtis Stephan  
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Please join in refrain: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you I lift my soul.  
To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you I lift my soul.

SECOND READING Philippians 2:1-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *“Alleluia #1” Pg. 9*

GOSPEL Matthew 21:23-32  
*Before: Glory to you, O Lord* *After: Praise to you, O Christ*

MESSAGE Pastor David Weeks

HYMN OF THE DAY *“God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me” ACS#1084*

NICENE CREED  
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
*after each petition:* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

PEACE  
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**MEAL**

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OFFERING *“All Good Gifts”*  
arr. John Leavitt  
From the musical, *Godspell*. music by Stephen Schwartz/lyrics by Matthias Claudius (1782)

OFFERING PRAYER  
God of power, God of plenty, **all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

- All are invited and welcome to participate in Communion.
- Communicants should approach the altar down the center aisle, and return by the side aisles. Ushers will guide you.
- Non-alcoholic juice is available. Gluten-free communion wafers are available.
- Please notify the ushers if you would like Communion from your seat.

## COMMUNION SONGS

***“Welcome to the Table”***  
by Robert Wetzler  
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**“Welcome Table” ACS#969**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed be your name, O God, **for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## SENDING

## BLESSING

***“The Blessing” Pg. 10***

## SENDING HYMN

## DISMISSAL

**Go in peace. God is at work in you. Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## Jesus Name Above All Names

*Words and Music by*  
**Naida Hearn**

**VERSE**

♩ = 54

D Bm7 Em7

1. Je sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful Sav - ior,  
2. Je sus, lov - ing Shep - herd, Vine of the branch - es,  
3. Praise him, Lord a - bove all lords, King a - bove all kings,

6 Em7/A Em7/G F#m7 G D/A A D2 Bm7

glo - ri - ous Lord. Em - man - u - el, God is with us,  
Son of God. Prince of Peace, Won - der - ful Coun - se - lor,  
God's on - ly Son. The Prince of Peace, who by his Spir - it

12 E7sus Em7 Em7/A D/A A D

bless - ed Re - deem - er, Liv - ing Word. \_\_\_\_\_  
Lord of the u - ni - verse, Light of the world. \_\_\_\_\_  
comes to live in us, Mas - ter and Friend. \_\_\_\_\_

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# Have Mercy On Me

Words and Music by  
Andy Park

**VERSE**

♩ = 88

A F#m11 D2 E

1. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world.  
2. Lamb of God, I'm ask - ing You to take a - way my sin.  
(3.) pre cious blood of Je - sus Christ cleans - es me from sin. The

5 A F#m11 D2 E

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world.  
I con - fess that I've done wrong, I need Your help a - gain. \_\_\_\_\_  
pre - cious blood of Je - sus Christ cleans - es me from sin. \_\_\_\_\_

**CHORUS**

A E/F# F#m11 D D/E E A E/F# F#m11

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy on

D2 E A E/F# F#m11 D D/E E

15 Last time to Coda

me. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy;

21 D/F# Esus E A F#m11 D2

Have mer - cy on me.

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# Praise The Father Praise The Son

**1** O sov'reign God O matchless King  
The saints adore the angels sing  
And fall before the throne of grace  
To You belongs the highest praise

**2** These sufferings this passing tide  
Under Your wings I will abide  
And ev'ry enemy shall flee  
You are my hope and victory

**Chorus**  
Praise the Father praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit Three in One  
Clothed in power and in grace  
The name above all other names

**3** To the valley for my soul  
Thy great descent has made me whole  
Your word my heart has welcomed home  
Now peace like water ever flows **(to chorus)**

**Bridge**  
Yours is the kingdom Yours is the power  
Yours is the glory forever **(to chorus)**

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Alleluia No. 1

Words and Music by  
Donald E. Fishel

**CHORUS**

F Dm Gm C F

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the Ris - en Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

**VERSE**

6 Dm Gm C F *Fine* F Dm B♭

lu - ia, give praise to His Name. I, Je sus is Lord of all the

12 C F Dm Gm C *D.S. al Fine*

earth, He is the King of cre - a - - tion. Al - le

The Blessing

Words and Music by  
John G. Waller and Troy Denning

**VERSE 1**

♩ = 69 D Bm7 Asus G2

1. Let it be said of us while we walked a - mong the liv - ing, let it be

3 D Bm7 C G2 D Bm7

said of us by the ones we leave be - hind, let it be said of us that we

**TURNAROUND**

6 Asus G2 D/G G D/G G D D/G G D/G G Asus

lived to be a bless - ing for life. 2. And let it be (3. Let it be)

**VERSE 2 & 3**

D Bm7 Asus G2 D Bm7

said of us that we gave to reach the dy - ing. Let it be said of us by the

said of us that our hearts be - longed to Je - sus. Let it be said of us that we

12 C G2 D Bm7 Asus G2

fruit we leave be - hind, let it be said of us that our leg - a - cy is bless - ing for life.

spoke the words of life. Let it be said of us that our her - i - tage is bless - ing for life.

**CHORUS**

15 D/G G D/G G D2 Bm7 Asus F#m7 G2 Bm7

This day, You set life, You set death right be - fore us. This day,

19 Asus A D2 Bm7 Asus F#m7 G2 Asus

3rd time to Coda

ev - 'ry bless - ing and curse is a choice now. And we will choose to be a bless - ing for life.

**Prayer Ministry**

Contact the church office to submit names of people to be included in our Sunday prayers. Please provide an update if situations improve or renew request bi-monthly.

**Today we pray especially for:**

Paula B. (daughter of Judy), Bernice C., Tom D. (brother of Julia), Carl E. (friend of Pete & Susan), Marilyn F., Lyle G., Donna H. (friend of Karen), Ron H., Daryl K., Tami L., Christopher L. (son of Sonja), Inez N., Jo O., Ginny P., Scott Q. (relative of Carmen), Jaynie R. (daughter of Jeff & Stephanie), Gary S., Kathy S. (sister of Sheryl), Roya S. (great niece of Pete and Diane), Karen W. (cousin of Carmen, Char)

(last names are withheld for on-line privacy.)

*If you would like a visit or phone call from Pastor David, please contact the Church Office at 645-8252.*

**Today’s Worship and Fellowship Leaders**

Reader: Steve Hill

Ushers: Joan Paulson + Mickey Brodin

Hospitality: David + Polly Hendee

Communion Servers: Julie Klock, Julia Daly, Michon Weeks

Worship Band: Mary Kay Bougie, Claire Hill, Pete Pedersen, Skip Wagner

Live Stream: Bill Bleckwehl

**Would you like to follow along with today’s readings?**

For today’s lesson and gospel texts, scan with your smart phone’s camera:



**Thank you!**

Thank you for all you do to serve Jesus here at St. Peter’s. In addition to giving in worship, you may mail or drop off. your offering, set up auto payment through Vanco or bill pay, or use the included QR code for Vanco.



**Announcements**

**Sunday School Helpers Wanted!**

Do you like working with young children and looking for a way to volunteer at church? We're looking for helpers for our Sunday School teacher volunteers in the classrooms this school year. The teachers will be leading age-specific lesson plans including discussions and activities in our Pre K-Grade 2 and Grades 3-5 classrooms following the Large Group Opening and music class. Helpers will be there to assist the teachers and to help the young children, as needed. Sign up to be a Sunday School Helper through the QR code.



**Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed - Only 4 slots left!**

Sign-up through the below QR code to be a Meals on Wheels volunteer.



**Blessing of the Animals**

Join us and bring your beloved pet on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> for the Blessing of the Animals.

**First Aid**

There will be a First Aid/CPR/AED training on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 9-noon at St. Peter’s. A sign-up sheet for this training is located at the welcome desk. Cost is \$60/person. Please feel free to contact Nick Paulson with any questions, 507.581.6523.

**A Note From Pastor David**

The Church Council read and discussed the book “*Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church.*” The book ends with the recommendation that we implement listening sessions with the congregation. I will be listening upstairs at 10:10 with the Sunday School parents on Sunday, October 1 and on October 8 in the Fireside Room with all interested parties. For anyone interested in reading the book, we have about 10 copies available. At the listening sessions, I will give a quick synopsis of the book, and then offer some questions about mission and ministry to discuss. Hope to see you!

