



## October 22nd, 2023, 9:00 am 21st 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 the **ELW** (red hymnal) and **ACS** (purple hymnal). Children's activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary. Hearing devices can be found as you enter 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:

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

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## GATHERING

### 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.

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

arr. Sandra Eithun

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### WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LITANY FOR A STEWARDSHIP OF MUTUAL CARE

P: We stand now to confess all we lack in the presence of the Triune God, Father, Son, and Spirit, whose bounty abolishes need: Oh God, in fear we grumble in our time of need,

**C: But your abundance and provision are sure.**

P: Holy Spirit, in arrogance we place our hope in status and wealth,

**C: But your abundance is limitless and without end.**

P: Christ Jesus, we are prone to excluding and restraining others from your table,

**C: But your abundance is boundless and freely offered to all.**

P: Holy Spirit, in arrogance we place our hope in status and wealth,

**C: But your abundance is infinite and lavished upon the least of these.**

P: Divine Creator, we are torn by this world and its demands,

**C: But your abundance is eternal and invites us to new ways.**

P: Infinite Love, we are careless toward ourselves and one another,

**C: But your abundance fills us to overflowing.**

P: Reconciling Brother, we are too often selfish and proud,

**C: But your abundance calls us to humility in mutual care.**

P: Eternally Present One, we are wasteful daydreamers with our resources and gifts,

**C: But your abundance instructs us to stand accountable and prepared.**

P: Lavishing Giver, so often we are afraid that we will not have enough,

**C: But your abundance is extravagant and excessive toward us.**

P: Oh Christ, our King, we are stingy and reticent in our care for others,

**C: But your abundance compels us toward unrestrained generosity.**

### OPENING HYMN

*"Commonwealth is God's Commandment"* **ACS#1036**

### 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

from St. Peter's Liturgy

Musical notation for Kyrie. Treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), 6/8 time. The melody is spread across three staves. The lyrics are: Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, Lord have mer-cy. Chris-te e-le-i-son, Christ have mer-cy. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, Lord have mer-cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory to God in the Highest” Pg. 8  
(from St. Peter's Liturgy)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

PSALM 96

“Sing a New Song For God” Pg. 6 & 7

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

from St. Peter's Liturgy

Musical notation for Gospel Acclamation. Treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), 4/4 time. The melody is spread across three staves. The lyrics are: Al-le-lu-ia, A-men! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life! Al-le-lu-ia, A-men! Speak, O Lord, we pray: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

Before: Glory to you, O Lord After: Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE

Pastor David Weeks

HYMN OF THE DAY

“God of Grace and God of Glory” ELW #705

APOSTLE'S CREED

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 THE PEOPLE

after each petition: God of grace, hear our prayer.

PEACE

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

OFFERING / SPECIAL MUSIC

“Simple Gifts”  
arr. Patricia Sanders Cota  
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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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ELW#834

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

POSTLUDE “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”  
arr. Mark Hayes  
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SING A NEW SONG FOR GOD  
PSALM 96

INTRO  
D G D A D G Bm A Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan

Refrain

Sing a new song for God, all the earth! Sing a new song! Sing a

new song! Sing a new song for God, all the earth! Sing a

new song! Sing a new song! De - new song!

new song! And the new song! De - new song!

Stanza 1

clare God's glo - ry, and bless God's name. Tell the sto - ry

day af - ter day for God is com - ing, oh, oh,

here a - mong us, oh! Sing a new

# Glory to God in the Highest

Mary Kay Bougie

*Stanza 2*

D G D G D A D

Let the sky and earth be glad. Crea - tures of the sea and land.

D/F# G D A D/F# G B m A

Come and make a joy - ful noise, ev - 'ry - thing that has a voice!

D G D G D A D *to Refrain*

Let the sky and earth be glad, crea - tures of the sea and land. Sing a new

*Stanza 3*

D A A7

fields are cel - e - brat - ing, in their joy the crops are

D sus4 D G D sus4 D

wav - ing, and the for - ests sing in rhy - thm, ev - 'ry

E m7 A D *to Refrain*

tree can hold the vi - sion! Sing a new

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*CHORUS:*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Prais-es and bless-ings to You, O Lord, we a - dore and we glo - ri - fy You.

*VERSE ONE:*

We give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, hea-ven-ly Rul - er. Lord Je-sus Christ, the

Lamb of God, you take a-way all of our sin! Have mer - cy on us, re-ceive our prayer! *(to CHORUS)*

*VERSE TWO:*

You are seat-ed at God's right hand, you a-lone are our Lord, you a-lone are

the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit. In the glo-ry of God for - ev-er.

A men! *(to CHORUS, and then to ENDING)*

*ENDING:*

*rit.* We a - dore and we glo - ri - fy you.

**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., 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), Julie Z. (sister of Mary Kay)

(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: Pete Pedersen

Ushers: Dale + Linda Ness

Hospitality: Mark + Connie Albers

Accompanist/Jubilee Bells Director: Mary Kay Bougie

Jubilee Bells: Bill Bleckwehl, Mary Bleckwehl, Megan DeMaris, Claire Hill, Sonja Link, 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**

**Lutherans Restoring Creation | Sunday, October 22nd**

Today, Sunday, October 22nd, Pastor David will be leading a conversation about LRC, with the goal of creating a ministry group here at St. Peter's to steward God's good creation. Lutherans Restoring Creation is a grassroots movement promoting care for creation in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We accomplish this by cultivating a community of dedicated stewards of earth and neighbor who proclaim God’s promise of hope and healing for all.

**Trunk or Treat | Sunday, October 29th**

Trunk or Treat is Sunday, October 29th! Kids are invited to come to worship dressed in costumes. We'll have our annual Trunk or Treat event during the Sunday School hour in our parking lot. Decorate your trunk and pass out candy to the kids as they trick or treat throughout the parking lot.

**Sing Boldly! | Monday, October 30th**

On the eve of Reformation Day, the Contented Cow will be hosting a hymn sing from 7:00-8:30 pm. Michael Morris, the proprietor, is a Lutheran musician and he desires to open the doors of the pub for some good Lutheran fellowship and singing.

**Community Opportunity | Listeners Needed**

50 North has invited the Bridgewater 5<sup>th</sup> graders to 50 North for monthly reading/listening sessions. Adults will sit and listen to 2-3 students within a 30-minute time slot. This event takes place monthly on the second Wednesday from 2-2:30. The adult listener will have the same students all year. Contact Michelle Loken at 50 North to sign up. Next listening session is Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Two opportunities to learn about the life of Palestinians:**

**St. John’s Lutheran Church, 7pm | Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Please join us for Courageous Conversations: “Hope and Resilience in Palestine.” Kris Ducett, Director of Bright Stars of Bethlehem, will share stories of inspiring young people from DAK University of Arts and Culture, founded by Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, a Palestinian Lutheran theologian and author. UPDATE: Within hours of Ducett’s return from ten days in Palestine/Israel, our world was changed. Along with our Bright Stars friends, we are heartbroken, and mourn the loss of thousands of Palestinian and Israeli lives. Please come to hear Ducett’s stories and updates on this crisis and hear how we might BE the hope for these Bright Stars of Bethlehem and all of Palestine/Israel. Open to the public, refreshments served.

**Northfield United Methodist Church, 5:30-7pm | Sunday, November 5th**

Enjoy an evening of Palestinian food and music! Northfielders for Justice in Palestine/Israel (NJP/I) will sponsor a catered dinner. Guest speakers, Fred Rogers and Jenny Hartley, “From Northfield to Ramallah: Experiencing Life in Palestine”. For reservations or questions, contact Darlene Cox at 507-649-7319. \$20 for adults, \$10 for children.

For more about NJP/I, please visit their website, [njpmn.org](http://njpmn.org).

