



October 15, 2023, 9:00 am  
Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism  
20th Sunday of Pentecost

worship notes:

Welcome to our church family today as we rejoice in the presence of the risen Jesus Christ. We especially welcome family and friends here to celebrate in the Affirmation of Baptism. Today, the music is found in both the **ELW** (red hymnal) and **ACS** (purple hymnal). Children's activity bags and hearing devices are available for use during worship. You can find these in the back 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, cake, and conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall!

about the readings today:

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

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

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WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ☩ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin. *(silence for reflection)*  
Steadfast and faithful God,

**C: You have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ☩ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

*"Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"* **ACS#971**

GREETING

Ella Sommers

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

*"In peace, let us pray to the Lord.."* **ELW pg. 138**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*"This is the feast..."* **ELW pg. 140**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Madeleine Douah

Lord of the feast, **you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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# WORD

FIRST READING	Isaiah 25:1-9 Maren Simonson
<p><b>Psalm 23</b> <i>(Please read responsibly)</i></p> <p>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. <b>The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.</b> You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake. <b>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.</b> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over. <b>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.</b></p>	
SPECIAL MUSIC:	<i>Trumpet Solo</i> , Jake Larsen <b>“Amazing Grace”</b> arr. Wayne Fritchie ©2006 WPF Music, ASCAP. All Rights Reserved. Permission granted by composer.
SECOND READING	Philippians 4:1-9 Alaia Douah
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	<b>“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?” ELW pg. 142</b>
GOSPEL	Matthew 22:1-14
<i>Before: Glory to you, O Lord      After: Praise to you, O Christ</i>	
MESSAGE	Pastor David Weeks
HYMN OF THE DAY	<b>“Borning Cry” ELW#732</b>

# AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

CONFIRMANDS
Alaia Douah, Madeleine Douah, Sam Harner, Jake Larsen, Brody Little, Olivia Prescottt, Kaelyn Sillanpa, Maren Simonson, Ella Sommers, Alexander Talbert
<i>A representative of the congregation presents those making affirmation.</i> I present name/s , who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.
<i>The presiding minister may continue with prayer for those making affirmation.</i> Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. <b>Amen.</b>
<b>Profession of Faith</b> <i>(the assembly stands)</i> <i>The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.</i> <i>The assembly may join in the responses.</i> I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? <b>Response: I renounce them.</b> Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? <b>Response: I renounce them.</b> Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? <b>Response: I renounce them.</b>  <i>The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.</i> Do you believe in God the Father? <b>I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.</b> Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? <b>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.</b> <b>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.</b> Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? <b>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.</b>

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Affirmation of Baptism

*The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.*

Sisters and brothers in Christ:

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God’s faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Response:* **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support your brothers and sisters in Christ

who are making public affirmation of their baptism, and to pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*The presiding minister may lay both hands on the head of each person making affirmation of baptism and say:* Stir up in *name* the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **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.**

MEAL

OFFERING  
MUSICAL OFFERING

Ushers: Sam Harner, Jake Larsen, Brody Little, Alexander Talbert

Worship Choir: **“Rejoice, Ye People of Zion”**

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OFFERTORY

*“Give Thanks”*

Chorus, sing twice

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He’s given

Jesus Christ His Son

Verse, sing twice

And now let the weak say I am strong

Let the poor say I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us

Ending

Give thanks

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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.**

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

Communion Distributors: Kaelyn Sillanpa, Olivia Prescott, Ella Sommers

- 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

*“Lamb of God”* **ELW Pg. 146**

*“Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart”* **ELW #873**

*“Taste and See”* **ELW #493**

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

SENDING HYMN

*“Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”* **ELW#545**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

*"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"*

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

(from With Praise and Love), ©1978 Sacred Music Press.

## 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), Roy 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

Ushers/Readers/Communion Servers: Confirmation Class

Prayers Reader: Patrick Bougie

Music: Worship Choir

Organist: Richard Collman

Hospitality: Thelma Winter + Beth Berry

Live Stream: Megan Culhane

## 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

### Meals On Wheels

Meals on Wheels continues this week. Thank you to our volunteers!

### MEA Break

There will be no worship, confirmation or SPY on Wednesday, October 18th.  
There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, October 22nd.

### SOLOS | Thursday, October 19th

The location for this month's SOLOS meet up has been changed to the Northfield Golf Club at 1:30pm.

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

On 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.

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