

9th Sunday after Pentecost



St Peter's Lutheran Church
AUGUST 7, 2022



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;
 known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
 chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
 May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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 Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835
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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

P: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C:: Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

God engages us in holy conversation—speaking and listening.

Let us open our ears and hearts to hear God's voice in the words spoken to us.

Let us celebrate new life by putting God's Word into action.

First Reading — *Genesis 15:1-6*

A reading from Genesis

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So

shall your descendants be.”⁸ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 33:12-22

¹²Happy is the nation whose God¹ is the LORD!

Happy the people he has chosen to¹ be his own!

¹³**The LORD looks¹ down from heaven, and beholds all the people¹ in the world.**

¹⁴From where he sits enthroned he¹ turns his gaze
on all who dwell¹ on the earth.

¹⁵**He fashions all the¹ hearts of them and understands¹ all their works.**

¹⁶There is no king that can be saved by a¹ mighty army;
a strong man is not delivered by¹ his great strength.

¹⁷**The horse is a vain hope¹ for deliverance; for all its strength it¹ cannot save.**

¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon¹ those who fear him,
on those who wait up-¹ on his love,

¹⁹**to pluck their¹ lives from death, and to feed them in¹ time of famine.**

²⁰Our soul waits¹ for the LORD; he is our help¹ and our shield.

²¹**Indeed, our heart rejoic-¹ es in him, for in his holy name we¹ put our trust.**

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD,¹ be upon us, as we have put our¹ trust in you.

Second Reading — Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

A reading from Hebrews

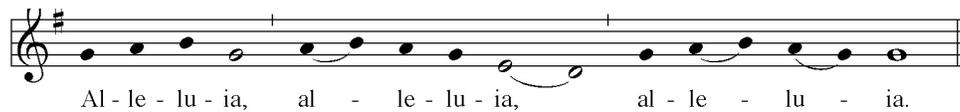
¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁴By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁵By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ⁶For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ⁷By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ⁸Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” ⁹All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁰for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹¹If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹²But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

P: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor will sing the Alleluia.

The cantor sings the verse and the congregation repeats the Alleluia.



Alleluia. Keep awake¹ and be ready,^{*}
for you do not know on what day your¹ Lord is coming. *Alleluia.*
[Matthew 24:42,44]

Gospel — Luke 12:32-40

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **praise to you, O Christ.**

The Message

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn
Of the
Day
#699
Blue

Blessed Assurance

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:

this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

Apostles' Creed

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended into hell.***

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 Intercession

P: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray to the Father for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: Let your loving kindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: NB be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence, especially Ukraine, Yemen, Ethiopia, Sudan, and the United States. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you, especially those we name before you now..... Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of our congregation and all who care for those in need. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful Father, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen.**

Peace

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection. God does not hold our sins against us. This is true peace, Like Jesus with his disciples, the pastor shares the word of reconciliation from God to us.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

We share Christ's forgiving and reconciling love with one another, binding ourselves to one another as community. As we are at peace with God, so we are also at peace with one another.

Thanksgiving We respond to God's abundant grace and mercy

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Thanksgiving For the Word

P: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord, creator of the cosmos. You speak and galaxies emerge. You speak, and the planets find their order. You speak, and the earth is filled with good things to sustain life. You speak, and humanity is created to share your eternal love. **C: Amen. We praise you for your creating Word.**

P: Blessed are you, O Lord, redeemer of the world. You speak the language of covenantal love and endure human betrayal. You speak and your Son Jesus is conceived in the womb of Mary to bring humanity back to you. You speak, and his death becomes our death and his resurrection becomes our restoration to life. **C: Amen. We praise you for your saving Word.**

P: Blessed are you, O Lord, sanctifier of your people. You speak, and we are filled with your Holy Spirit. You speak, and our sins are forgiven, and our lives are made holy. You speak, and your Church is enlivened to be your holy presence in our world.

C: Amen. We praise you for your Word that makes us holy.

P: Grant your Word to bear fruit in us as our faith is active in love and justice; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **C: Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Benediction

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

**Closing
Song**
#532
Green

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cia-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



Refrain
Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to

thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Community Meal – Sunday, AUGUST 14, 11:00-12:30 PM

Outdoor Worship & Picnic – Sunday, AUGUST 28 – at John Rudy Park
10:00 AM – Coffee Fellowship 10:30 AM – Worship

Bring your table setting & beverage, side dish or dessert to share. Sign up at 717-266-1316 or office@clcmanchester.org or by the Vanco Mobile App.

A Memorial Gift was given to the Glory of God

In loving memory of the wedding anniversary of Mildred & Robert Zeigler Jr. (July 27), by Bob Zeigler Jr. & family.



MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Susan Becker—Tom Bruson—Evelin Burgos—Rich Davis—Sharon Dietz—Bill Everhart—Don Gise—Eric Gise—Shelva Gise—Frank Guerini & family—Bruce Harget—Mike Hinkle—Gary & Karen Hollenbough—Phil Knobloch—Shirley Lutz—Ron Malehorn—Fabian Marro—Michele McFarland—Deborah McIntyre—Philip Michael—John Miller—Charlie Neff—Rowan Neff—Scott Neff—Jen Olson—Kathy Pugh—Dolores Rehmeier—Shirley Rearich—Betty Roach—Donna Roach—Rick Robinson—Jerry Schrum—George Shenberger—Emma Smyser—Nancy Stough Miller—Chris Thatcher—James Thompson—Vickie Toomey—Jeanette Tracey—Matthew Walters—Zach Weiland—Margaret Wiley—Mearl Williams—Dave Yates—family & friends of Cindy Dennis.

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God's Has a Mission!

As disciples and stewards of Jesus Christ, we, the members of St. Peter's Lutheran Church are committed to the preaching and teaching of the Word of God to all people. We will reach out to one another and to others, giving and receiving, in worship, fellowship, and witness to Jesus Christ!

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- ◆ The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
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- ◆ The Lower Susquehanna Synod—Bishop James Dunlop.
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- ◆ We are partners with the Iyunga Parish in Tanzania, Pastor Jimmy Mwakomile, and the Konde Diocese, Bishop Edward Mwaikali

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8:00 AM — 1:00 PM

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