

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 22, 2023

Welcome to All in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Lord Jesus, you look on us with compassion and seek us when we are lost. Lord, have mercy.

C: Forgive our straying from your path and help us to forgive others. Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus, you have mercy on all who need healing and comfort. Christ, have mercy.

C: Forgive us when we forget to turn to you in our troubles. Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord Jesus, you plead for sinners at the throne of judgment. Lord, have mercy.

C: Forgive us when we try to defend ourselves instead of trusting you. Lord, have mercy.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.

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, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Apostolic Greeting

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

**Canticle
Of
Praise**
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O God of Every Nation

1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind-ness to your way,
when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. . . 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. **C: Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

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

First Reading — *Isaiah 45:1-7*

A reading from Isaiah

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

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

Psalm 96:1-10

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

²**Sing to the LORD and bless his name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

³Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.

⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

⁶**Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his name;
bring offerings and come in to his courts.**

⁹Worship the LORD in the beau-¹ty of holiness;
let the whole earth trem-¹ble before him.

¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: “The¹ LORD is king!
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peo-¹ples with equity.”**

Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A reading from 1 Thessalonians

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

The cantor will sing the alleluia once alone and then the congregation repeats it.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

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

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

Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

Alleluia. Shine like stars¹ in the world,*
holding fast to the¹ word of life. *Alleluia.* (Phil. 2:15, 16)

Holy Gospel — Matthew 22:15-22

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew. **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said.
¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying,
“Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in ac-
cordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard
people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes
to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why
are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used
for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them,
“Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.”
Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are
the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard
this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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
#580
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How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

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 the Church

P: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray to the Father for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

P: Faithful God, pour out your Spirit to animate your church throughout the world and bind believers near and far into the body of Christ. Equip us for the work of faith and enlarge our hearts for the labor of love. Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Remind us that all our life belongs to you. When earthly idols threaten to lead us astray, remind us that you alone are the source of our eternal hope. Direct the work of church treasurers, councils, and all who manage financial matters. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Make us aware of how the sea roars, the earth rejoices, and the heavens are glad at the wonder of all you have made. Bless the work of ecologists and conservationists and all those who safeguard the riches of creation. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Grant all people to acknowledge your rule and authority over the cosmos. As you once worked through the ruler Cyrus for the good of your people, accomplish your purposes through the work of elected leaders and public servants in our world. Guide them with your wisdom and compassion. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Enfold in your loving arms all who are lonely, oppressed, despairing, sick, and suffering, especially those we name now... [*pause*]. Pour out your abundant mercy on all whom this world has neglected, abandoned, and forgotten, so that they may know your joy. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Accept our thanks for the witness of the saints of every age who have sung your praise and shared your word. Grant us grace to follow Christ, so that we may join them as citizens of your unending kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known 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, 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.

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Thanksgiving For the Word

P: Righteous and loving heavenly Father, we give thanks to you that you light our way through life with the teachings of your Son, Jesus, your Word alive among us. Give us the focus we need to pay attention to you, call us back to you when we stray from your ways, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring the full harvest of believers to share your feast. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us how to pray.

**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

Hymn

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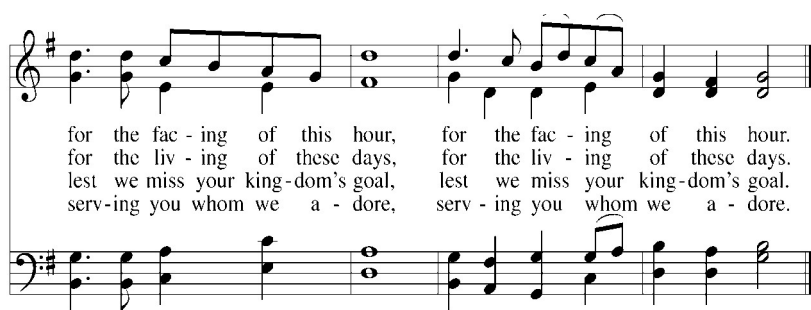
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God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Hand Bell Rehearsal — Thursdays, 6:30 PM — at St. Peter's Lutheran

Reformation Sunday — OCTOBER 29

All Saints Sunday — NOVEMBER 5

“Hope Pursued” Women’s Conference [Christ Lutheran, Manchester]
Saturday, NOVEMBER 4, [9:00 AM -12:00 PM]

The event will include several speakers with Pr Beth Schlegel giving the sermon.
 COST: \$20 Brunch included.

Forms to attend are located outside the sanctuary.

Return form to Christ, Manchester by November 1.

Announcement

The annual audit of the congregation’s finances is underway. Please report any possible discrepancies with your individual giving statements to Fred Botterbusch.

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- ◆ The Lower Susquehanna Synod—Bishop James Dunlop.
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