

# 4th Sunday after Pentecost



**St Peter's Lutheran Church**  
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Welcome to All in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord!

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### Gathering

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

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### 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 show us the Father's love and grace. Lord, have mercy. **C: We confess our failure to love others as you love us. Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord Jesus, you defeated death and give life to all who keep your word. Christ, have mercy. **C: We confess that we ignore your word and miss out on abundant life. Christ, have mercy.**

P: Lord Jesus, you pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, with gifts for the good of all. Lord, have mercy. **C: Forgive us when we do not use our gifts and forget the needs of others. Lord, have mercy.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **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.**

Hymn  
Of  
Praise  
#242  
Green

### Let the Whole Creation Cry

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
2 War-riors fight - ing for the Lord, proph-ets burn-ing with his word,  
3 Men and wom-en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,

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Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise him, our al - might - y king!"  
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;

Praise him, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
 Kings of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.  
 Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702, adapt.; arr. J. S. Bach, 1685–1750

### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. . . . Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

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### The Liturgy of the Word

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

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#### First Reading — *Jeremiah 20:7-13*

*A reading from Jeremiah*

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout,

“Violence and destruction!” For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup>If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering: “Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.” <sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. <sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

### **Psalm 69:8-20**

<sup>8</sup>Surely, for your sake have I suf-<sup>1</sup>fered reproach,  
and shame has cov-<sup>1</sup>ered my face.

<sup>9</sup>**I have become a stranger to <sup>1</sup>my own kindred,  
an alien to my <sup>1</sup>mother’s children.**

<sup>10</sup>Zeal for your house has eat-<sup>1</sup>en me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall-<sup>1</sup>en upon me.

<sup>11</sup>**I humbled my-<sup>1</sup>self with fasting,  
but that was turned to <sup>1</sup>my reproach.**

<sup>12</sup>I put on <sup>1</sup>sackcloth also, and became a by-<sup>1</sup>word among them.

<sup>13</sup>**Those who sit at the gate mur-<sup>1</sup>mur against me,  
and the drunkards make <sup>1</sup>songs about me.**

<sup>14</sup>But as for me, this is my <sup>1</sup>prayer to you, at the time you have <sup>1</sup>set, O LORD:

<sup>15</sup>**“In your great mer-<sup>1</sup>cy, O God, answer me with your un-<sup>1</sup>failing help.**

<sup>16</sup>Save me from the mire; do not <sup>1</sup>let me sink; let me be rescued  
from those who hate me and out of <sup>1</sup>the deep waters.

<sup>17</sup>**Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let  
the deep swal-<sup>1</sup>low me up;  
do not let the pit shut its <sup>1</sup>mouth upon me.**

<sup>18</sup>Answer me, O LORD, for your <sup>1</sup>love is kind;  
in your great compassion, <sup>1</sup>turn to me.”

<sup>19</sup>**Hide not your face <sup>1</sup>from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am <sup>1</sup>in distress.**

<sup>20</sup>Draw near to me <sup>1</sup>and redeem me;  
because of my enemies de-<sup>1</sup>liver me.

## Second Reading — *Romans 6:1b-11*

### *A reading from Romans*

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

### **Gospel Acclamation #611a**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

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



Alleluia. Jesus says, The Spirit of the Lord will testify on <sup>1</sup> my behalf, \*  
and you also <sup>1</sup> are to testify. Alleluia. (John 15:26, 27)

### **Holy Gospel — *Matthew 10:24-39***

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! <sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted.

<sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup>“Every-  
one therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknow-  
ledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others,  
I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have  
come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a  
sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter  
against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;  
<sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves  
father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves  
son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does  
not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find  
their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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 #796 ELW

### How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
3 "When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
my sov - reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

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who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.  
 Music: FOUNDATION, Early American

### 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: Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers to the Father for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: Holy God, Entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection so that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Under your watch let not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Safeguard plant and animal habitats threatened by melting glaciers, rising oceans, and receding coastlines. Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth's resources. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

P: Have mercy on our world as it endures violence and destruction. Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or crisis, especially Ukraine, Russia, South Sudan, China and the United States. Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Reassure those experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle. Answer us, for your steadfast love is good. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Remind us that even when we experience rejection, your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded. Make your people one. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Bring wholeness to the broken places in our lives. Heal the sick, comfort the grieving, soothe the dying, and give peace to anxious minds, especially those we name now.....Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Accept our thanks for your promise that all who have died with Christ also live with him. We give thanks for Philipp Melancthon and all the saints whose faithful confession inspired our own discipleship. Raise us, with them, to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Receive our prayers and answer us, O Father, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. **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** We respond to God's abundant grace and mercy

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### Thanksgiving For the Word

P: O God of abundant life, we give thanks to you that you give us life through your Word, our Lord Jesus Christ. Open our ears, minds, and hearts to abide in your Word as branches abide in Christ the Vine, so that the fruit we bear in our lives might give you glory and lead others to experience your love. We ask this 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

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

#503

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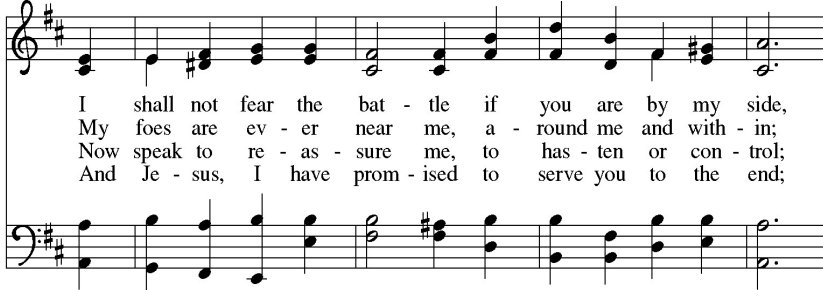
### O Jesus, I Have Promised

The musical score is written for a soprano voice and a piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear cadence at the end. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal line.

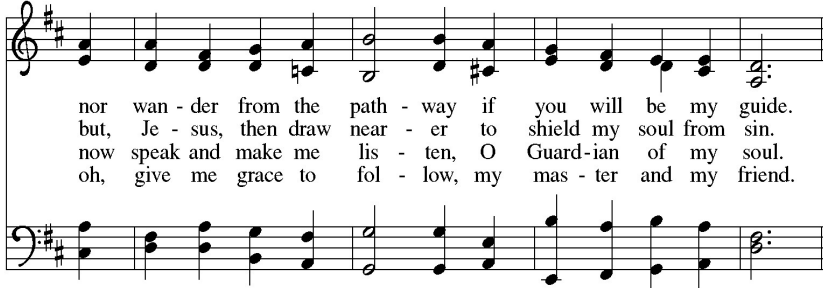
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.  
 Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude



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