

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 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 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.**

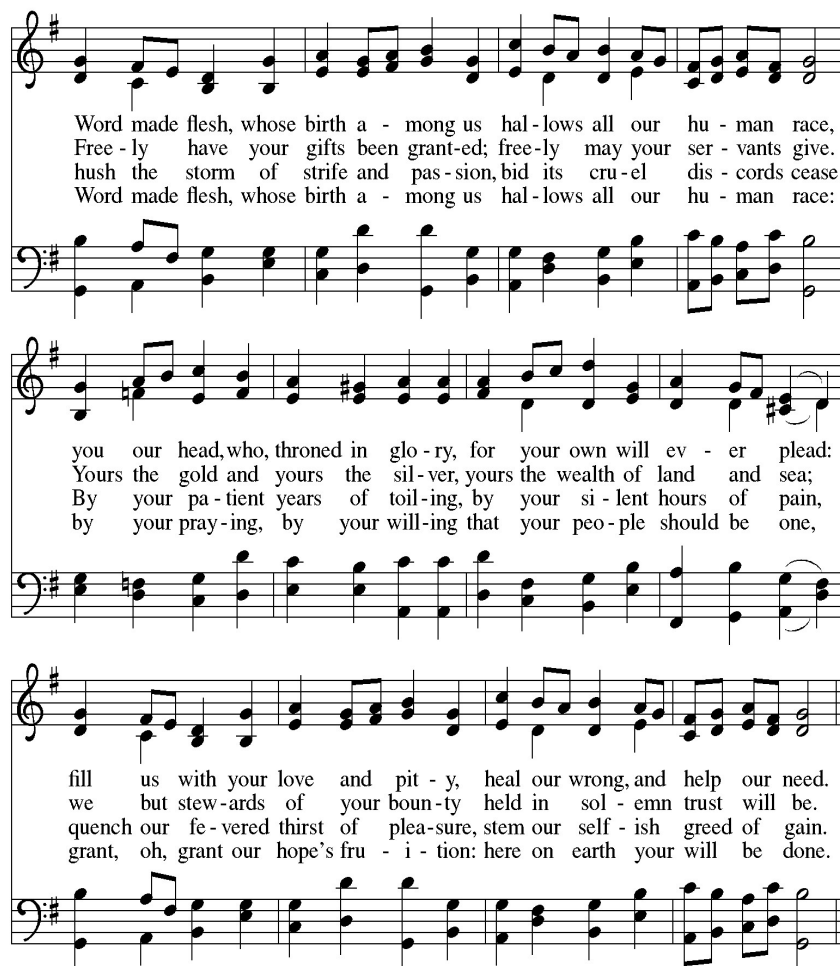
Hymn Of

Son of God, Eternal Savior

Praise
#364
Green

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:

you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,

fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. . . . O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, 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 — *Jeremiah 15:15-21*

A reading from Jeremiah

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away;

know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

Psalm 26:1-8

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived ¹ with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and ¹ have not faltered.

²**Test me, O ¹ LORD, and try me; examine my heart ¹ and my mind.**

³For your love is be- ¹ fore my eyes; I have walked faith- ¹ fully with you.

⁴**I have not sat ¹ with the worthless,
nor do I consort with ¹ the deceitful.**

⁵I have hated the company of ¹ evildoers;
I will not sit down ¹ with the wicked.

⁶**I will wash my hands in inno- ¹ cence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession ¹ round your altar,**

⁷singing aloud a song ¹ of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- ¹ derful deeds.

⁸**LORD, I love the house in ¹ which you dwell
and the place where your glo- ¹ ry abides.**

Second Reading — *Romans 12:9-21*

A reading from Romans

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do

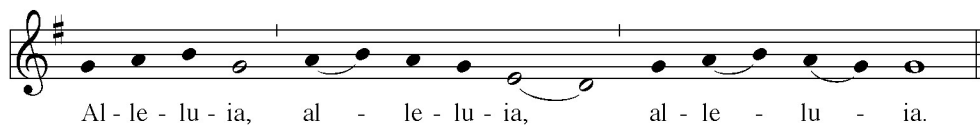
not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes ¹ of our hearts, * so that we may know the hope to which ¹ God has called us. *Alleluia.* (Eph. 1:17, 18)

Holy Gospel — Matthew 16:21-28

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

²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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
#798
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Will You Come and Follow Me
The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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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: God of life, grant your words to be the joy at the heart of your church. Through Christ's presence in the Holy Eucharist, draw seekers to you, place messages of hope and healing in the mouths of your witnesses, and open your children to your truth when we stumble. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

P: Renew the earth by your Spirit, to reveal the beauty of your creation. Challenge us to live humbly and peaceably as part of your world. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

P: Lead those who govern to hold fast to what is good. Guide them to show honor to the people in their care. Overcome evil in all nations and grant peace to peoples and places mired in conflict. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

P: Have mercy on all who are suffering, lonely, and in pain, especially those we name before you..... Deliver your people from insults, persecution, or the grasp of ruthless tyrants. Give endurance to workers who persevere on this Labor Day and ensure fair wages and safe working environments. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

P: Equip our congregations to boldly follow you in uncertain times and to remain faithful in prayer when facing challenges. Show us how best to love and care for one another and our communities. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

P: God of glory, accept our thanks for the saints who now dwell with you in splendor. Nurture us in faith until the day we join their heavenly song. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: Remember us, Father, 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: 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, H Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Closing

Hymn

#389

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Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, as sol - diers of the cross,
 2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bey;
 3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;
 4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;

lift high his roy - al ban - ner; it must not suf - fer loss.
 stand forth in might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day.
 the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own.
 this day the din of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song.

From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my he shall lead,
 Let all his faith - ful serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;
 Put on the gos - pel ar - mor; each piece put on with prayer.
 The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, their crown of life shall see,

till ev - 'ry foe is van-quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.
 let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.
 Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
 and with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: George Duffield, 1818–1888, alt.
 Music: WEBB, George J. Webb, 1803–1887

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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