

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 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
Praise
#270
Green

God of Our Life, All-Glorious Lord

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'God of Our Life, All-Glorious Lord'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with four different verses. The accompaniment consists of simple chords and single notes in the bass line.

1 God of our life, all - glo - rious Lord, be now and
2 Make clear our path, that we may see where we must
3 Give us thy help in ev - 'ry task, nor let us
4 At e - ven - tide then will we raise a grate - ful

ev - er - more a - dored! In - to the o - p'ning
walk to be with thee and ev - er lis - ten
fail of thee to ask for grace in speech, for
heart in songs of praise, and wor - ship thee and

of this day bring grace and love and peace, we pray.
for thy voice, that we may make thy way our choice.
love in deed, from wrong - ful ac - tions to be freed.
thy dear Son with God the Spir - it, ev - er one.

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947

Musie: GROSSER GOTT, Maria Theresa, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1774, adapt.

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. . . O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, 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 — *1 Kings 19:9-18*

A reading from 1 Kings

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the .

wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

Psalm 85:8-13

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

⁹**Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

Second Reading — Romans 10:5-15

A reading from Romans

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so

is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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. I wait for ^lyou, O LORD; *
in your word ^lis my hope. *Alleluia.* (Ps. 130:5)

Holy Gospel — Matthew 14:22-33

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

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” ²⁸Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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**
#467
Green

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

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: Confident that God our Father receives our joys and concerns, let us with Jesus offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P: God of grace and faith, grant your church to bear witness that your faithfulness is never-ending, and your righteousness becomes ours through Christ Jesus. Send the church to proclaim the gospel to all the world, in church buildings and on street corners, in person and through digital means. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Proclaim your glory in the plants, animals, mountains, and meadows of your creation. Prosper the work of ecologists as they teach us new ways to care for the environment. Bring relief to areas recovering from natural disasters. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Help us to live as your beloved community throughout the world. Instill in all political and civic leaders a desire to work for the well-being of all people. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Have compassion on us and bring assurance when we are afraid. Give peace of mind to any who are anxious or fearful. Bless the work of therapists, nurses, and other health care providers. Comfort all who grieve and soothe any who are sick, especially those we name before you..... Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Accompany us in both joys and sorrows. Give your blessing to children and teachers preparing for a new school year. Make your presence known in our work and play, in lively conversation and in quiet rest. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Send disciples of Jesus to renew both church and society. Accept our thanks for the saints whose lives of faithful service are examples of following your call, especially nursing pioneers Florence Nightingale and Clara Maass, whom the church remembers today. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **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, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn

#785
ELW

When Peace, like a River *It Is Well with My Soul*

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

9

Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, with my soul, with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

Dismissal

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

Postlude

The Bulletins are given to the glory of God

In honor & celebration of our youth.

Council Meeting — Tuesday, AUGUST 15, 7:00 PM

Yard Sale — [Narcotics Anonymous]

Saturday, AUGUST 19, 8:00 AM—3:00 PM —at St. Peter's Parking Lot

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