

Welcome to
St. Peter's Lutheran Church



Pentecost

May 19, 2024
10:15 Worship Service

Pastor Brandon Johns

PRELUDE*Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

Franz J. Hayden

BELL RINGING**GREETING**Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!****PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling**

- 1 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er dwell-ing in the ho-liest realms of light;
- 2 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er liv-ing as the church's ver-y life;
- 3 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er work-ing through the church's min-is-try;



Ho - ly Spir - it, ev-er brood-ing o'er a world of gloom and night;
 Ho - ly Spir - it, ev-er striv-ing through us in a cease-less strife;
 quick-'ning, strength-'ning, and ab-solv-ing, set - ting cap-tive sin - ners free;



Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er rais-ing those of earth to thrones on high;
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er form-ing in the church the mind of Christ:
 Ho-ly Spir-it, ev-er bind-ing age to age and soul to soul



liv-ing, life-im-part-ing Spir-it, you we praise and mag-ni-fy.
 you we praise with end-less wor-ship for your gifts and fruits un-priced.
 in com-mu-nion nev-er end-ing, you we wor-ship and ex-tol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874–1939, alt.

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together because God has called us.

We wait in expectant awe for God's appearing.

We are together, old and young, rich and poor.

We have come, believers and skeptics, to this place.

On the first Christian Pentecost, there were surprises:

The rush of a violent wind and tongues of fire.

We tremble before the power of the Holy Spirit.

What will happen if we let the Spirit in?

On this Pentecost, we can receive the surprises of God.

We can be moved to speak and act in new ways.

With hesitant eagerness, we welcome the Spirit.

We will risk stepping into God's vision for us.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



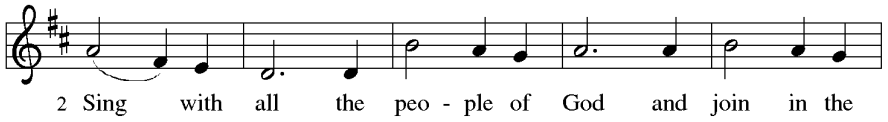
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



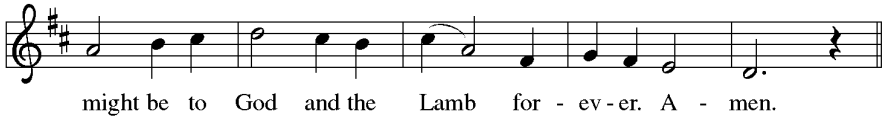
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM *I Believe in Miracles* John W. Peterson

CHILDRENS MESSAGE



FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b (*Read Responsively*)

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷**All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

³²You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes

with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

The holy gospel according to John, the 15th and 16th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take

what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.” *This is the Holy Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: O Spirit All-Embraced



1 O Spir - it all-em-brac-ing and coun-sel - or all - wise,
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz-ing in flow - er, field, and face,
3 Come, pas - sion's pow-er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen-dor grac-ing a shore-less sea of skies:
you show your-self a - maz-ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der-stand-ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea-sure, un - fad-ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem-ber what once our dreams had been;
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world-ly plea-sure, the rich-es you af - ford,
you fan the glow-ing em-ber and kin-dle hope with - in.
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end-less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis-dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring-time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874-1934

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APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized.

The response for each petition is:* God of grace, **hear our prayer.*

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

Let us greet each other in peace through God's Holy Spirit among us.

OFFERING

Our offerings are made processionaly, which means dropped into the plates located near the entrances to the nave.

OFFERING SONG: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
Fa - ther, who the, crown shall give, Sa - vior



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
by whose death we live, Spir - it, guide thru all our days



flow - ing from his wound-ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Three in One, your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. *(silence)* Holy God, gracious and merciful, **you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. By your Spirit, turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup,
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.

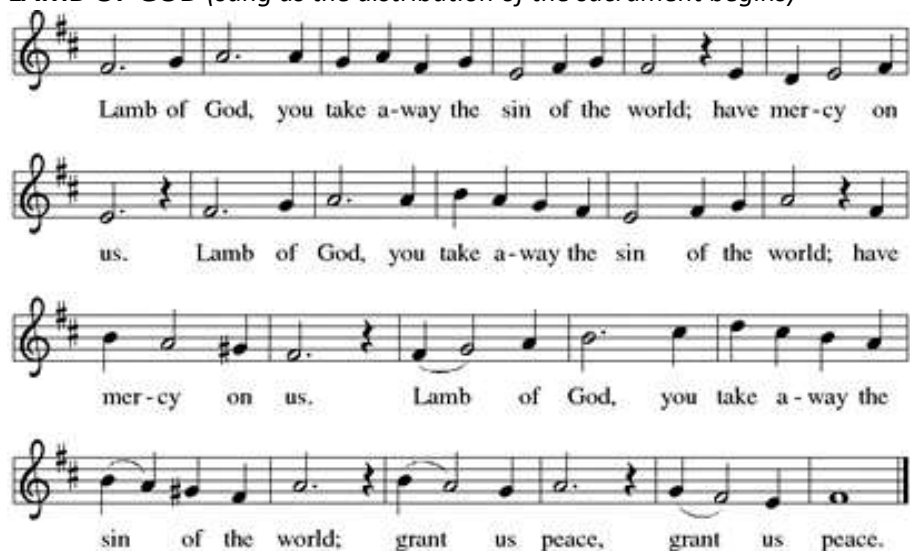
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Let us join together in the heavenly banquet that has no end.

LAMB OF GOD *(sung as the distribution of the sacrament begins)*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

The Sacrament will be offered with these words:

The body of Christ, given for you. *And* The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Optional responses **Amen or Thanks be to God or Renew us, Lord**

BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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SHARING FOR SERVING: Mission Notices and Birthdays

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Recessional

Chester Nordman

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Our Monthly Benevolent Cause for May

Our Monthly Benevolent Cause supports United Lutheran Seminary. If you would like to support this cause, please mark the Other line on your contribution envelope Seminary.

Prayers Have Been Requested Recently for the Following:

Cole Barkley	Helen Barto	Luke Clawson
Michael Clawson	Stephanie Hogan	Carol Kerr
Dan & Mary Brittner	Joe Marburger	Audrey Smith
Kim Morgan	Fred Sharrar	Ricky Benson
David & Betty Wobb	Becky Arnold	Brian Kenney
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Family of Bob Utz	Family of Kim Morris	Family of Joan Finch

Please hold these members and friends of St. Peter's in your prayers.

"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." James 5:16

*The Altar Flowers
are given by
Roberta Domhoff in
honor of Marla Bird's
64th birthday*

*The Altar Vase is
given by Carol Kerr
in memory of her
loving mother
Elizabeth Reinhart*

*The eternal candle is
given by Marlene
Domhoff in honor of the
May birthday of Roberta
Domhoff, May 8th and
Marla Bird, May 19th*

St. Peter's Upcoming Events:

Mon – Fri.	4 pm	After School Program
Mon. May 20	6:30 pm	Mother Daughter Tea
Wed. May 22	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thur. May 23	9:00 am	Quilters
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts

Geraniums – Thank you to all those who ordered geraniums and helped to adorn our worship space with vibrant red.



ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*is a congregation of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).*

Presiding Bishop (ELCA)	The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Synodical Bishop (SWPA Synod)	The Rev. Kurt A. Kusserow
Pastor	The Rev. Brandon Johns
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Sexton	Joe Ludwik
Acolyte	Ethan Johns
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Bell Ringer	Wes Schmidt
Greeters	Wes & Linda Schmidt
Lector	Karen Ferrari
Nursery	Marge Lindgren
Tech Support	Adam Price
Ushers	Cindy & Tom Ayers

Welcome to St. Peter's

We are thankful that you are here to worship with other Christians today. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray that your worship experience will fill you with the grace and mercy of Almighty God through his Holy Spirit.

Newcomers and Guests

New to St. Peter's? Please sign the GUEST REGISTER behind the last pew. A handicapped accessible RESTROOM is located near the Van Buren Street entrance (through Luther Hall, past the kitchen, restroom is on the left in the foyer). You are welcome to commune with us if that is your practice.

Nursery - is staffed by a volunteer and available for children and caregivers. Exit the rear of the nave and follow the steps to the basement, the nursery is on the left. There are activity bags in the back of the sanctuary and children's bulletins geared for children ages 5 and up are at the nave entrances.

Staying in Touch:

Our church office is open Monday-Friday from 9 am until noon.

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