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Organic Word + Hybrid Worship + Local Work

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 1, 2018

In the name of Jesus, who rules over all things, welcome to Peace Lutheran! Whether this is your first time with us or Peace is your church home, we're glad you're here! If you :



- ... have questions, please ask; we'll do our best to answer;
- ... need the restrooms, they're down the hall past the office;
- ... brought your children; thank you (we love having them here, too!);
- ... can stick around after worship, we'd love to get to know you;
- ... would like to talk to Pastor, please give him a call (720.315.0910).

To worship the God of Order in a fitting and orderly way (*1 Corinthians 14:33, 40*), our path of worship is printed in this booklet. Today, we worship the Gracious Almighty mindful that, "*if anyone would come after me [Jesus], he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me*" (*Mark 8:34b*), and we consider the worship theme:

Overwhelmed. Over-All!

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Opening Song : How Firm a Foundation (blue hymnal, 768)

Even as we recognize the things in life that seek to overwhelm and over-take us, the gospel's grace drives us back to the blessing and reality of the Foundation we have in God's Word. Come what may, our Refuge endures!



*How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?*



***“Fear not! I am with you. Oh, be not dismayed;
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.***

***“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!***

The Greeting and Invocation

Jesus promises that where two or three come together in his name, there he is with his presence to bless and be with them (Mt. 18:20); that's why we call on ("invoke") his name and magnify the praise of the One, true God.

Minister : In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

All : Amen!

A Confession of our Sins

God's grace allows us to directly approach him for forgiveness. This portion of our worship service reminds us of our sinful condition, realizes that we've fallen short of God's demands, and focuses us on our need for a Savior.

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Amen.

A moment of silence to recognize our own, individual sins and our deep need for forgiveness.

Our Lord's Absolution

For the sake of the Son, the Father has forgiven all our sins! It's the pastor's joy to proclaim and assure you that you have been set free ("absolved" or "acquitted") from all of your sins and from all of your guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Sung Response : Glory to God

This complex yet stunning melody sings a statement of faith ("creed") that gives glory to the God who reigns over all things – from eternity to eternity! Mindful of his glory, we also celebrate the grace he's given us in his Son.



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth!

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory!**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth!



*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
Receive our prayer, receive our prayer.*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

*For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father.*

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Glory to God, glory to God!*

Our Prayer in the Joy of Forgiveness

This confident petition, known as the Prayer of the Day, rejoices in our good and gracious King and in all that he has so wondrously done as it pulls our hearts and minds to his throne of grace and asks for his blessing.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Gracious Father, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire. Hear us, Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord; he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen!

A Reading from Psalm 30 (this translation is the NIV84)

King David's life was never easy; in fact, he frequently sang of life's anxiety, depression, and difficulties. But, through it all, he – like we! – knew the saving grace of the Saving God; and so he – like we – lifts up praise!

I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

² **O LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.** ³ O LORD, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down to the pit.

⁴ **Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name.** ⁵ For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

⁶ When I felt secure, I said, “I will never be shaken.” ⁷ O LORD, when you favored me, you made my mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.

⁸ **To you, O LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:**

⁹ “What gain is there in my destruction, in my going down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?

¹⁰ **Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me; O LORD, be my help.”**

¹¹ You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, ¹² that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

This is God's Word.

Hebrew poetry employs parallel concepts to emphasize a specific truth. Identify the parallelisms and the truths they emphasize.

Point to Ponder:

Sung Response : How Firm a Foundation (blue hymnal, 768, vv. 4 & 5)

Magnificently these final verses of our opening hymn ponder the grace and majesty of God that carries us through the things that overwhelm us and, by his grace, reminds us that he is in sovereign control . . . and we are his!



*“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace all sufficient shall be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.*

*“Throughout all their life-time my people shall prove
My sov’reign, eternal, unchangeable love,
And, then, when gray hair shall their temple adorn,
Like lambs they shall still on my shoulders be born.”*

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 5:21-24b, 35-43 (this translation is the NIV84)

Misery. Anxiety. Overwhelmed by that which was out of his control. Those are the things that drove the faith of Jairus to the feet of Jesus. And, in a love that is powerful and complete, Jesus proves he is Lord over all for us.

The Gospel according to Mark chapter 5.



Glory be to you, O Lord! Glory be to you, O Lord!

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake.²² Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet,²³ and pleaded earnestly with him, **“My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.”**²⁴ So Jesus went with him.

³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. “Your daughter is dead,” they said. “Why bother the teacher anymore?”

³⁶ Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”

Point to Ponder:

Marks’ Gospel tends to emphasize Jesus’ power as God’s Son.

How is that gospel-tendency evident in this section?

³⁷ He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, “**Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep.**” ⁴⁰ But they laughed at him.

After he put them all out, he took the child’s father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, “*Talitha koum!*” (which means “**Little girl, I say to you, get up!**”). ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.



Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

Statement of Faith: The Nicene Creed

This statement of faith (“creed”) is polemic, meaning it was written to defend against false doctrine that attacked Jesus a True God and True Man. As we confess our faith, let’s note the “God for us in all things” emphasis.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Plate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his
kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds
from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Sung Response: At the Name of Jesus (red hymnal, 344, vv. 1, 5-6)

This confident melody recognizes the power and grace enveloped in the name of God's powerful Son, our Savior, Jesus. But it doesn't just help us recognize it, it leads us to rejoice in the Name's confident and complete grace.



*At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,
Ev'ry tongue confess him, King of glory now;
'Tis the Father's pleasure, we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning, was the mighty Word.*

*In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
All that is not holy, all that is not true.
Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour;
Let his will enfold you in its light and pow'r.*

*Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again
In his Father's glory, with his angel train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.*

A Sermon Founded on Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43

Jesus' marvelous mastery over death clearly conveys the power that is his from eternity; he absolutely is the Son of God! While his complete control is emphatic, his tender compassion is on equal display for us to see and praise.

NEVER TOO BIG.

My sermon notes regarding . . .

*Context & insights
to these specific verses:*

*Connection to my heart
via that which shows me
both my sin (Law) &
my Savior (Gospel):*

*Call to action in
ways these truth apply
to my daily life:*

Sung Response : Create in Me a Pure Heart, O God (pg. 21 in the blue hymnal)

This elegant little melody uses the words of King David in Psalm 51 to rejoice in the full forgiveness declared from the only gracious God. Even as our hearts rejoice in him, our prayer maintains that he keep us close to him!



*Create in me a pure heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
Or take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold, uphold me with your free Spirit!*

The Offering

Concerning the offering, the Lord says “each one should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (II Cor. 9:7); if you’re blessed to support Peace with an offering – tangibly here or electronically at peacelutheranboulder.org – thank you! As we carry on our Lord’s work, whether the gospel moves your heart to offer a prayer, a gift, or an encouragement, please do know we appreciate you for it!

A note to worshippers about the practice of “Member Communion”:



As we prepare to celebrate our Lord’s Supper, we respectfully ask that guests to Peace would please speak with Pastor Stern before coming to Communion. This practice is not an attempt to judge the heart of anyone, but it does stem from the Bible’s stress on the importance of a clear understanding of what this Supper is (I Cor. 11), as well as the importance of a clear, outward confession of unity (I Cor. 10, et al.). Please understand this is done in loving respect for our Lord and for all people; and, please do feel free to speak with Pastor if you have any questions about it.

In the meanwhile, thank you for understanding and respecting the importance of our Lord’s commands; and, though we might not yet gather together at the Lord’s Table, be assured your sins are forgiven in the Gospel message!

Our Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

This prayer summarizes the needs and thanksgivings we’ve considered so far, approaches Heaven’s Throne on behalf of those connected to our hearts and concludes with the prayer our Savior taught.

A moment to offer today’s prayer requests & a moment of silence to offer our own, private prayers.

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.

The Sacrament (also found on page 22 in the blue hymnal)

This portion of today's worship service prepares our hearts to receive our Savior via his Supper. In such a special way, he dares to meet with us and refresh us in grace and, for that, our hearts rejoice and give thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sung Response : *Holy, Holy, Holy*

"Sanctus" is a Latin word for "holy." This song, which blends the angels' accolades in Isaiah 6 with the shout of the crowds in Matthew 21, proclaims that the Lord alone is holy and that he has come to set his people free.



***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest!

The Consecration, Distribution, and Reception of the Lord's Supper

*The pastor speaks the Words of Institution, not as a magical formula, but “as a **prayer** that the Lord may do what he’s promised . . . as a **confession** that the body and blood of Christ are present in the Sacrament, and as an **invitation** to the communicants to make Jesus’ promise their own through faith” (*God So Loved the World*, 505).*

In Holy Communion God gives us a unique opportunity to publicly confess our unity of faith. He also gives us a tangible reassurance that it was his body and blood – not ours – which paid the ransom price for the world’s sins and sealed our salvation. With joy in our hearts and with hearts prepared to receive him, we hear and remember the words our Savior spoke:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, **“Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, **“Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen!

Sung Response : The Agnus Dei

“Agnus Dei” is a Latin phrase that means “Lamb of God.” This sung petition proclaims with John the Baptist that Jesus is the Lamb of God, sacrificed once for all, who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29).



O Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Amen! Amen!

No hymn will be sung during the distribution of the Lord's Supper. Instead, worshippers may find it wise to self-examine their own hearts using the Personal Preparation for Holy Communion outline found on page 156 in the front part of the red hymnals and/or the Spirit Inspired of Psalm 111.

Communicant hearts which prefer to abstain from regular wine can please note that the center 8 cups of the individual tray contain a wine that is alcohol-free.

Song of Thanksgiving : The Nunc Dimittis

"Nunc Dimittis" is a Latin phrase that means "now let us depart." In brief, this song utters with Simeon the rich blessing we too have to behold our Lord in this special way and to depart under the blessing of his peace.

In peace, Lord,
You let your servant now depart according to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation,
Which you have prepared for ev'ry people,

A light to lighten the Gentiles
And the glory, the glory of your people Israel.

Concluding Prayer and Benediction

Where the LORD's name is, there his blessing also is. Again aware of his goodness, his gifts, and his grace to us, our service concludes with God's promise to be with us, to bless us, to keep us, and to give us peace (Numbers 6).

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

And his mercy endures forever!

Gracious Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen!

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor (†) and give you peace.

Amen!

Thanks for worshipping with us today! Please remember to take this service booklet home with you to ponder and discuss the Homegrown Faith questions found below. God bless your week!

leaf icon *How were today's Bible readings cohesive in teaching today's worship topic? What specific portions of those readings do you appreciate most? Why?*

leaf icon *How were today's songs cohesive in teaching today's worship topic while emphasizing Christ-for-us? What specific phrase(s) be connect(s) to you?*

leaf icon *How did today's sermon show you your sin . . . and your Savior? What from today's sermon can be applied to help strengthen your daily walk with Christ?*

This Week for Peace Lutheran:

Sunday (7/1):

10:45a – Coffee & snacks on the patio

Monday (7/2):

Tuesday (7/3):

10:15a – Boulder Manor Care Devotion (Psalm 116)

Wednesday (7/4): Happy Independence Day!

Thursday (7/5):

Friday (7/6):

Saturday (7/7):

10:00a – Boomers & Beyond Bible Study at Our Savior's

(Topic: *Fearfully & Wonderfully Made*; Presenter: Dr. Tyler Perkins)

Sunday (7/8): *please remember to invite others!*

8:30a – The Gospel to Share Bible Class

9:30a – Worship (musician: Claire Meyer)

11:00a – Monthly Council Meeting (all welcome)



Notes for the Next Weeks:

As July hits its stride, the Son continues to shine on and bless our ministry – and that's obvious every day. Though our calendar isn't full of obligations, let's please take the extra opportunity to cherish and share the grace we get to know!

Next Week's Service Theme:

Faith Preserved.

Next Week's Scripture Readings (*the likely sermon lesson*):

Ezekiel 2:1-3:4 † II Timothy 3:10-4:5 † **Mark 6:1-6** † Psalm 143