

*He told them
many things*



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Our mission is to glorify God, grow in Christ, and share God's love and forgiveness.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 12, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn:

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou incarnate Word
Gird on Thy mighty sword
Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness
On us descend.

Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.

To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C *Amen.*

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C *But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C *We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

Absolution

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.*

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

Please be seated.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Children's Message

Please stand.

Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

¹³ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear."

¹⁸ "Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Song:

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me,
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

CHORUS

My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy rains,
Unending love, Amazing Grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

CHORUS

My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy rains,
Unending love, Amazing Grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,

The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below,
Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine,
You are forever mine.

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Sermon *“It’s the Seed, Not the Soil”* *Pastor Ishimaru*

PROFESSION OF FAITH

P Let us join in confessing our faith using the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

ALL *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*

*(Christian Church Universal)

Prayer of the Church

After each request:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C *Hear our Prayer*

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C *Amen.*

Lord’s Prayer

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.
P For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn:

ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS

Vocals: Pastor Dapelo & Pastor Ishimaru

Accompaniment: Kathie McCrory

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;

His the scepter, His the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph,

His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood:

“Jesus out of ev’ry nation

Has redeemed us by His blood.”

Alleluia! Not as orphans

Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us;

Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him

When the forty days were o’er,

Shall our hearts forget His promise:

“I am with you evermore”

Alleluia! Bread of heaven,

Here on earth our food, our stay;

Alleluia! Here the sinful

Flee to You from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners,

Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea

Where the songs of all the sinless

Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,

Lord omnipotent we own;

Alleluia! Born of Mary,

Earth Your footstool, heav’n Your throne.

As within the veil You entered,

Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,

Here on earth both priest and victim

In the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;

His the scepter, His the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph,

His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion

Thunder like a mighty flood:

“Jesus out of ev’ry nation

Has redeemed us by His blood.”

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PRAYERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for healing for these members:

Jesse Monroe	Marion Connelly	Diane Smith
Chris Brase	Elaine Staggs	Judy Drake
Don Jenks	Karen Ingalls	Lee Salo
Carole Mannisto	Leif Zakariassen	Mercedes Wittmeier
Gloria Doyel	Rod McCarley	John Drebinger
Ron Erwin	Don Yount	LeAnn Batkin
Ron Clark	Alison Lull	

Announcements:

Church Office Hours – Summer hours are Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

In-Person Worship Services Resume – In-person worship services are scheduled for Sundays at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. until further notice. An RSVP is required due to a limited seating capacity of 100 people total. An RSVP link is sent out each Monday for the following Sunday's service. Social distancing will be enforced.

St. Peter's Lutheran Church is Hiring! – Part-time (20 hours/week) Secretary/Receptionist. Minimum education and secretarial experience must be met. If you are interested, please pick up an application and job description from the church office. Applications are due July 13th. If you have questions, please call the office or email Rachel Shewmaker at rshewmaker@stpeterseg.org.

KFIA Church of the Week – July 13th-19th. St. Peter's is KFIA's Church of the Week July 13th-19th. Tune into 710AM or 105.7FM Wednesday, Saturday, or Sunday (7/19) at 3:30 p.m. to listen to the interview with Pastor Eric. St. Peter's will also be featured and promoted on the radio station throughout the week.

Union Gospel Mission – UGM is collecting food donations for its weekly food box distribution. Below is a list of needed items. All donations should be dropped off to St. Peter's by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27th.

Eggs, butter, margarine, boxed potatoes, onions, sugar, canned veggies, cooking oil, coffee, peanut butter, jelly, rice, pasta, canned chicken, tuna, spices, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, syrup, plastic cutlery, cups, plates, and napkins

Tithes & Offerings – Thank you to all our members who continue to give during this uncertain time. We are currently receiving offerings through mail, drop offs in the church office, and our online giving portal. To give online to the ministry of God's church at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, you may go to <https://goo.gl/3MXWPM> or use the QR code on the right. You may also download the Give+ Mobile app to your phone.



27th General Convention
of The American Association of Lutheran Churches

Come and See

John 1:46

October 26-28, 2020

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
18360 Minnetonka Blvd, Wayzata, MN 55391

St. Peter's is able to send 16 delegates to the convention, including the pastors. We have money designated in the spending plan to help cover the cost of the convention and travel but each delegate will bear some of the expense themselves. If you would like to represent St. Peter's at the convention, pick up a registration form from the church office. If you have questions, please speak with Rachel Shewmaker or a pastor.