

**St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church & Elementary School**  
**Our Mission: Learn God's Truth, Share Spirit's Healing, Follow Jesus' Ways.**  
**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, June 23, 2024**  
**Virtual Prayer and Preaching Worship**

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**The CHURCH'S GATHERING**

**WELCOME** *Theme of the day, Prayer concerns*

**CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

*We make the sign of the cross, which was marked on us at baptism.*  
We bless the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna,  
the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen**



Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, we confess our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.* God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen**

**CALL to WORSHIP and PRAYER of the DAY**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
for the spiritual blessings that Christ has brought us from heaven!

**The Father treated us with undeserved grace  
because of the Son God dearly loves,**

**and so we should praise God. Amen** *[from Ephesians, ch 1, CEV]*

Holy God, **hear our prayer.** *A brief silence.* O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**GOD'S WORD**

**FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11** *Contemporary English Version*

*At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation,*

*describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.*

This is a reading from Job, the 38<sup>th</sup> chapter.

From out of a storm, the LORD said to Job:

Why do you talk so much when you know so little?

Now get ready to face me!

Can you answer the questions I ask?

How did I lay the foundation for the earth?

Were you there?

Doubtless you know who decided its length and width.

What supports the foundation?

Who placed the cornerstone,

while morning stars sang, and angels rejoiced?

When the ocean was born, I set its boundaries

and wrapped it in blankets of thickest fog.

Then I built a wall around it, locked the gates,

and said, "Your powerful waves stop here!

They can go no farther."

This is the Word of God, word of life.

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

*Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.*

This is a reading from Paul's letter to the believers at Corinth, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For God says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you,

and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful,

yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

This is the Word of God, word of life.

**HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41**

*Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.*

This is the Holy Gospel as the Word was given to Mark, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

When evening had come, Jesus said to the disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. Jesus said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

This is the Good News of Christ's Victory.

**HYMN of the DAY: # 756 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"**

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.
  
- 2 O Savior, whose almighty word  
the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walked upon the foaming deep,  
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

- 3 O Holy Spirit, who didst brood  
upon the chaos dark and rude,  
and bid its angry tumult cease,  
and give, for wild confusion, peace:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.
- 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee  
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.

**MESSAGE: STORMS** (*silence for reflection follows*)

### **The CHURCH PRAYS**

#### **PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. *A brief silence.*

Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work. Keep safe all innocent people in the path of war.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling. Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We especially pray for John, Greg, Genevieve, Mary Lou, Bill Myers and family, our at-home worshippers, ...

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses and Mary Myers, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Blessing God's holy name, we pray as Jesus has 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**

### **SPIRIT'S SENDING**

#### **PRAYER for MISSION**

We join in prayer. *A brief silence.* O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Leader and Savior. **Amen**

#### **BLESSING and PEACE**

Receive the blessing. *A brief silence.*

The blessing of † God, who provides for us, feeds us,  
and journeys with us, rest upon you now and forever. **Amen**

The peace of Christ is always with you. **And also with you.**

*Please greet your household and friends online with Peace.*

At the time of this writing, please keep the following in your prayers: ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Synod Bishop Bill Gohl, Bill Myers and family on the passing of his wife Mary (6/14), those hospitalized or at home recuperating, and our at-home worshippers.

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*Today's Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God*

For the Glory of God.

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*Today's Worship Folders are Given to the Glory of God*

Grateful thanks to Kathy Shull, Marcell Foxwell, and Nettie Spells for being my ride to and from church.

Given by Ruth Diepold.

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Attendance for June 16, 2024: 71

***Learning, Serving, & Fellowship Opportunities***

**REMINDER:** On Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> we will have a combined worship at 9:30 am.

**Church & PACE Picnic:** Because this event falls on the holiday weekend, PACE is postponing the event until August. Details to follow.

**Sponsorships Available:** Flowers for 10:15 am. service on 6/30, and 7/14 (contact Nancy Barnes).

**Flea Market & Craft Fair:** Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9a-2p at Christus Victor (9833 Harford Rd., 21234). Event includes a plant sale and bake sale!

**All Aboard the Train Club:** Begins Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at Epiphany Lutheran (4301 Raspe Ave., 21206) from 12-2 pm. and is open to all interested in trains and train gardens (children under 12 should be accompanied by an adult). For more info, contact Dave at 410-682-2401 or davewagenfuehr@gmail.com.

**27<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Summer Arts Camp:** August 5<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, M-F 9a-3p. at St. Luke's (7001 Harford Rd., 21234). For kids who've completed Kindergarten to those who've completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Cost is \$200 and includes camp, lunch, and snacks. For more information or to register, call 410-444-5171.

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***News from St. Peter's Elementary School***

"Open Enrollment" for the 2024-25 school year continues. Contact the office at 410-665-4521 if you have questions, want to schedule a tour, or to register. Referrals are always welcome!