

**Peace Lutheran Church**  
**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**July 11 and 12, 2020**

**As We Gather.....** Plants in God's good earth respond to the showers He sends, producing plants for pasture and crops for harvest. So it is with us. We produce fruit for God as His Word works through us in service for others. Our growth in faith is indeed by the grace of God, and to Him belongs all the credit for the bountiful harvest He reaps through us. Today we are encouraged to be His instruments in His plans.

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SONG**

**"Anchor of Hope"**

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Marvelous, wonderful, infinite God  
Author of all that is good  
Faithful provider and giver of life  
Source of all power and love

Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise  
Refuge of strength to the end  
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save  
He's the anchor of hope for the souls of men

Gracious, compassionate, merciful God  
Radiant, holy delight  
Beautiful Father, victorious son  
Source of unchangeable light

Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise  
Refuge of strength to the end  
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save  
He's the anchor of hope for the souls of men

You are light in the dark  
You are healing for the broken heart  
You are hope, You are Lord  
You are life, You are love that endures

Powerful, constant, unwavering God  
Shepherd who comes for the lost  
Rock of salvation, remarkable love  
Savior who died on the cross

Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise  
Refuge of strength to the end  
Righteous redeemer and mighty to save  
He's the anchor of hope for the souls, oh  
He's the anchor of hope for the souls, oh  
He's the anchor of hope for the souls of men

### OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made;

**People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Psalm 118:24*

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People: the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

*Psalm 113:3*

Leader: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

*Psalm 84:10*

Leader: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**People: Teach me Your paths.**

*Psalm 25:4*

Leader: Sanctify us in Your truth.

**People: Your Word is truth.**

*John 17:17*

Leader: from the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People: the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

*Psalm 113:3*

**People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Leader: Let us pray. Gracious God, who has given us this good earth in which to live and who sends rain and sun to cause plants to produce fruit and grain for harvest, continue to send Your life-giving Word to us so that we resist the cares of this world and return to a harvest of new sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*[Isaiah 55:10-13](#)*

Reader: 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,  
so 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.  
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.  
Instead 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.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*[Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23](#)*

Reader: That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. 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, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had

no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.”

“Hear then the parable of the sower: 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. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, 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. 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. 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.”

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE

## APOSTLES' CREED

**People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy Christian Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYER

Leader: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For..... (*additional concerns*) .....let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**People: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, 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.

**People: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Leader: 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.

**People: Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG**

## **“We Will Walk in the Light”**

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## **DISMISSAL**

## **POSTLUDE**