



"PEACE! BE STILL!"



THEN THE WIND  
(EASED),  
AND THERE WAS  
A DEAD CALM.

MARK 4:39, NRSV

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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*The Mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to honor our Lord Jesus Christ through worship and ministering to all God's people equipping them for service to God and to each other.*

**CREATIVE WORSHIP**  
with Holy Baptism

**As We Gather: Calling A Faithful Pastor**

O Gracious Father, You led Your holy apostles to ordain ministers for the proclamation of Your Word and the Faithful administration of the Sacraments of Christ. Grant to this congregation the guidance of the Holy Spirit to choose a suitable pastor according to Your will for the blessing of Your Church in this place; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**PRELUDE**

*Organist*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Peace Handbell Choir*

*"A Joyful Ring" – Barbara B. Kinyon*

**BAPTISM HYMN**

*"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy" LSB 590*

- 1 Baptized into Your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,  
Your Spirit now shall live within.

- 2 My loving Father, here You take me  
 To be henceforth Your child and heir.  
 My faithful Savior, here You make me  
 The fruit of all Your sorrows share.  
 O Holy Spirit, comfort me  
 When threat'ning clouds around I see.
- 3 My faithful God, You fail me never;  
 Your promise surely will endure.  
 O cast me not away forever  
 If words and deeds become impure.  
 Have mercy when I come defiled;  
 Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.
- 4 All that I am and love most dearly—  
 Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
 Let me confess my faith sincerely;  
 Help me Your faithful child to be!  
 Let nothing that I am or own  
 Serve any will but Yours alone.

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## HOLY BAPTISM

*LSB 268-271*

Pang Xiong and Khou Thao-Xiong

## INVOCATION

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

**C Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

*2 Corinthians 6:2b; Psalm 124:8*

P Behold, now is the favorable time;

**C behold, now is the day of salvation.**

P Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P “In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help.” Let us prepare to receive the Lord’s instruction and deliverance this day by recalling our brokenness and sin, begging our Creator and Redeemer for forgiveness and deliverance.

**C Almighty God, in our weakness we are tempted to complain about our troubles and sufferings. Yet we know all the pains we endure are the result of our own sin and waywardness. Speak now Your promised forgiveness to us. Give us the faith to endure, trusting solely in Your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## PSALM

124

P If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—  
 let Israel now say—

**C if it had not been the LORD who was on our side  
 when people rose up against us,**

P then they would have swallowed us up alive,  
 when their anger was kindled against us;

**C then the flood would have swept us away,  
 the torrent would have gone over us;**

P then over us would have gone the raging waters.

**C Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!**

P We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped!

**C Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

**C 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.**

### KYRIE

L In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the peace from above and for our salvation. Let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

### COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in

godly peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT

*Job 38:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Dress for action like a man;

I will question you, and you make it known to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone,

<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb,

<sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band,

<sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed?’”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

*2 Corinthians 6:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,  
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. <sup>12</sup>You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. <sup>13</sup>In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 4:35–41*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” <sup>39</sup>And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## MESSAGE HYMN

*“Jesus, in the Storm You Hear Us” (Tune: LSB 848)*

*C.F.W. Walther Translated by Robert E. Voelker*

- 1 Jesus, in the storm You hear us,  
Your disciples’ dreadful cries,  
Let Your gracious presence cheer us,  
Let Your sunshine fill our eyes.  
We are shouting, “Lord, we perish!”  
Caught in panic’s faithless cord,  
Turn and face death’s image garish,  
Show Yourself as God and Lord.
- 2 Though at first You chide the smallness  
Of the faith Your flock displays—  
Courage that stood once in tallness

Fills with doubt in darker days—  
Still You choose to treat the weakness,  
Not break off the reed with blame  
Nor blow out the cow'ring bleakness  
Of faith's flick'ring candle-flame.

3 You stand up; the wind and waters  
Heed the voice of Your command:  
"Peace! Be still!" and at Your orders  
All their troubling noise is banned!  
Silenced is the storm completely,  
Waves diminished from their height,  
All the clouds are parted sweetly,  
And the sea is mirror bright.

4 Awed, they marvel at their Master,  
Witnessing a deed divine.  
While averting their disaster  
You rekindle faith to shine.  
"Who is this," their hearts now wonder,  
"That the wind and sea obey?"  
Hon'ring You who rule the thunder,  
"Can this be the Christ?" they say.

5 I don't wonder, I believe it;  
Faith and witness are agreed—  
Best of blessings, I receive it,  
By the Spirit guaranteed;  
You're the One whom God appointed,  
Saviour and the Christ, alone  
Lord of hosts, and God's anointed  
Seated at God's heav'nly throne.

6 And without a hesitation

From the depths I cry to You  
When the seas' intense vexation  
Shakes the hull and keel right through,  
Ev'ry single sail is shredded,  
Ev'ry mast snapped off with fright:  
In the dark storms I have dreaded,  
As You promised, be my Light.

7 So whenever I am sinking  
In the storms my heart sustains  
Let your grace be in my thinking,  
In Your will my heart remains.  
Life without You is not living,  
With You death is not the fear  
That hell's fury would be giving  
But that You are always near.

#### MESSAGE

**"Peace! Be Still!"  
St. Mark 4:35-41**

#### APOSTLES' CREED

**C 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.**

### **OFFERTORY**

*“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” LSB 805*

△ 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

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### **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

Karen Twitty

### **INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS**

President – Tom Harrison  
Vice President – Richard Gross

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

### **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.**

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

### **HYMN “Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me” LSB 715**

- 1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me  
Over life’s tempestuous sea;  
Unknown waves before me roll,  
Hiding rock and treach’rous shoal.  
Chart and compass come from Thee.  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
- 2 As a mother stills her child,  
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
Boist’rous waves obey Thy will  
When Thou say’st to them, “Be still!”  
Wondrous Sov’ reign of the sea,  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
- 3 When at last I near the shore  
And the fearful breakers roar  
Twixt me and the peaceful rest,  
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,

May I hear Thee say to me,  
“Fear not, I will pilot thee.”

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### **CLOSING PRAYER**

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C 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**

*“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” LSB 722*

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me  
    Upon life’s way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me  
    From day to day.  
Without Your grace and favor  
    I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior,  
    And lead the way.

2 Lord, when the tempest rages,  
    I need not fear,  
For You, the Rock of Ages,  
    Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding,  
    I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding,  
    In peace I go.

3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen  
    And night has come,  
I know that You will strengthen  
    My steps toward home.  
Then nothing can impede me,  
    O blessed Friend;  
So take my hand and lead me  
    Unto the end.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Organist*