

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023**  
**ST. PEDER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**LARGE PRINT HYMNS & PRAYERS**

**Gathering Hymn**

**Gracious Spirit, Head Our Pleading**

**ELW 401**

- 1 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading,  
fashion us all anew.  
It's your leading that we're needing,  
help us to follow you.

*Refrain*

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.  
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

- 2 Come to teach us, come to nourish  
those who believe in Christ.  
Bless the faithful, may they flourish,  
strengthened by grace unpriced. *Refrain*
- 3 Guide our thinking and our speaking  
done in your holy name.  
Motivate all in their seeking,  
freeing from guilt and shame. *Refrain*
- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
nor rootless liberty;  
turn disquiet to contentment,  
doubt into certainty. *Refrain*
- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness;  
unswayed by earth's allure.  
Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
which you alone assure. *Refrain*

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## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
who greets us in this and every season,  
whose word never fails,  
whose promise is sure.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God  
and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have hurt our community.**

**We have squandered your blessings.**

**We have hoarded your bounty.**

In the name of Jesus,

**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Righteous God,

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**We have failed to be honest.**

**We have lacked the courage to speak.**

**We have spoken falsely.**

In the name of Jesus,

**forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.

God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy:

you are freed and forgiven

in the name of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **Kyrie**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and from our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

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.

Lord have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy

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

Amen, Amen.

## **Canticle of Praise**

Glory to God in the highest

and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and

Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 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.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone

are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Glory to God in the highest

and peace to God's people on earth.

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: **we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—  
<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;**  
**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**  
<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,**  
**human beings that you should care for them?**  
<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.  
<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;**  
**you have put all things under their feet:**  
<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,**  
**and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**  
<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Hymn of the Day**  
**Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth**

**ELW 735**

- 1 Mothering God, you gave me birth  
in the bright morning of this world.  
Creator, source of ev'ry breath,  
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
- 2 Mothering Christ, you took my form,  
offering me your food of light,  
grain of life, and grape of love,  
your very body for my peace.
- 3 Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one,  
in arms of patience hold me close,  
so that in faith I root and grow  
until I flow'r, until I know.

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**Offering Prayer**

God of field and forest, sea and sky, **you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**  
**Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling**

**ELW 582**

- 1 Holy Spirit, ever dwelling  
in the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding  
o'er a world of gloom and night;

Holy Spirit, ever raising  
those of earth to thrones on high;  
living, life-imparting Spirit,  
you we praise and magnify.

2 Holy Spirit, ever living  
as the church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving  
through us in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming  
in the church the mind of Christ:  
you we praise with endless worship  
for your gifts and fruits unpriced.

3 Holy Spirit, ever working  
through the church's ministry;  
quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,  
setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding  
age to age and soul to soul  
in communion never ending,  
you we worship and extol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874-1939, alt.

### **Sending**

Knowing God is behind us

**We are rooted in our heritage.**

Knowing God goes before us

**We embrace the future.**

Knowing Christ forgives us

**We joyfully live the Gospel.**

We engage the world around us

**with open hearts, open hands, and open doors.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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