

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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As We Gather The Gospel presents to us what at first glance should undoubtedly be a contradiction: living stones. A stone has no life in it. Stones do not breathe; they cannot speak. They are virtually the definition of dead—how can a stone be living? Yet we hear that Jesus is a “living stone rejected by men” and in Christ Jesus we, too, are living stones (1 Peter 2:4–5). How can this be? God has made us from something that should be dead in sin into something alive in Christ. Christ, the foundation of the Church and of our lives, is the Cornerstone on which we are built. Christ has taken our feeble, sinful selves and made us a holy, kingly, priestly, and chosen people. Thanks and praise be to God!

People Have Asked, if they are not able to attend services, how can they continue to support the congregation with their regular giving? Whether we are holding regular Sunday worship services or not, the expenses will continue. We ask you to remember this is not a giving holiday. We have easy options.

1. You can mail you offering to the church or
2. You can sign up for Vanco giving. Vanco is a convenient way to give directly from your bank account or credit card. There is information about it on our website, or if it is easier for you, you can call them and they will walk you through the process on the phone. You will need to know the church address, 71 Loma Drive, Camarillo, and have your account information handy. Vanco moves your offering from your account directly into ours. We have been using this service for some time now and people have found it to be easy and one less thing to worry about.

You can sign up on our website, peacecamarillo.com, or call 1-800-675-7430. Choose option #1 for client services and they will help you get started.

Council also decided, to be good stewards of the resources we have available, that all major projects around the church will be put on hold for the present time.

If you have a special need we can help you with, please call the church office.

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Almighty King”



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

People: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Pastor: The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

People: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

Pastor: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

People: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Pastor: The righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

People: Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him.

Pastor: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings

People: that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God,

People: so that at the proper time He may exalt you. 1 Peter 5:6

Pastor: In repentant faith, we come before the Lord in confession.

(Silence for reflection)

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father,

People: we, who are by nature sinful and separated from You, confess our sinfulness. We have sinned by thinking only of ourselves, not others, by saying words that hurt, not heal, and our actions that do not show love, but indifference. How often we have failed to cast our anxieties on You. How often we have failed to live in the oneness You give. Forgive us for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor: Our sins have been washed away by the blood of Jesus, our Lord. That is the gospel, God's good news to all who believe in Jesus. Your faith, God's free gift in baptism, has saved you. All your sins have been forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOOD NEWS

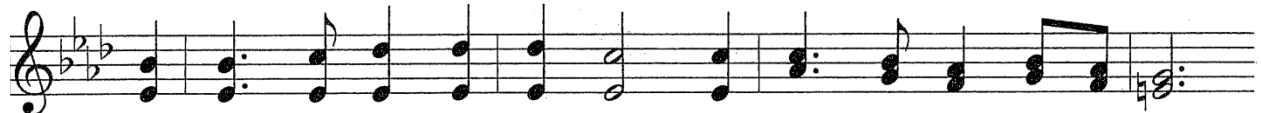
"I Love To Tell The Story"



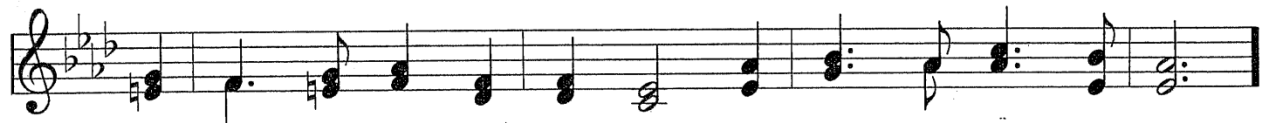
1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: How pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best



Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of Je - sus and his love.
What seems, each time I tell it, More won - der - ful - ly sweet!
Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the rest.

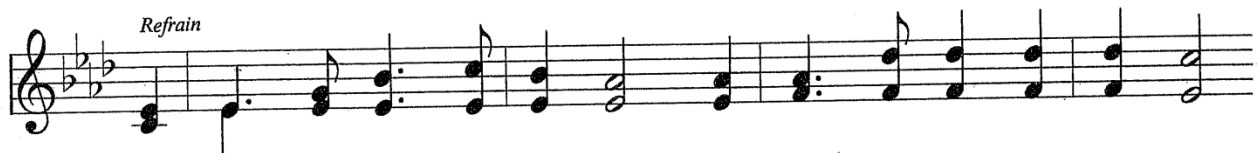


I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, For some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
The mes - sage of sal - va - tion From God's own ho - ly Word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry



And tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.

COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

King of glory, Lord of hosts, You are uplifted in triumph far above the heavens. We pray, do not leave us without comfort, but send us the promised Spirit of truth, that in Him, we may be one. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ WORD OF GOD +

FIRST READING

Acts 17:16–31

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶ And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷ that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸ for

“‘In him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“‘For we are indeed his offspring.’”

²⁹ Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰ The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE

1 Peter 3:13–22

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!



HYMN

"In Christ Alone"



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, — my song. This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less Babe. This gift of love and right - eous -
 world by dark - ness slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ — in me. From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fier - est drought — and storm. What heights of
 ness scorned by the ones He came — to save. 'Til on that
 day, up from the grave He rose — a - gain! And as He
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no scheme of man can ev - er pluck me from His



cease! My Com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the
 fied; For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the
 me. For I am His and He is mine, bought with the
 hand. 'Til He re - turns or calls me home, here in the



love of Christ I stand.
 death of Christ I live.
 pre - cious blood of Christ.
 pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Pastor : The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

15 [Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

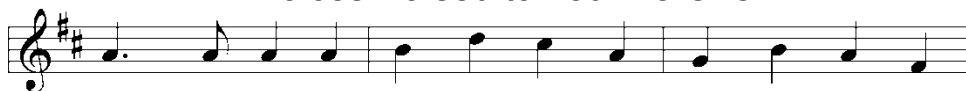
18 “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Voices Raised to You We Offer”



1 Voic - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise You; Earth and sky Your
 3 Christ, the song of Love in - car - nate, Touch - ing earth with
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, Kin - dle faith with -



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts You lend us,
 heav - en's grace, For Your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;



For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
 We re - turn to You to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
 For Your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through our hands Your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, Cre - a - tor, source of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, Re - deem - er, Lord of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, Help - er, breath of life!

- 5 How can any praise we offer
 Measure all the thanks we owe?
 Take our hearts and hands and voices—
 Gifts of love we can bestow.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Triune God, to You we sing!

MESSAGE Only If We Have Within Us He Who Is Above Us Are We Ready To
Make Our Way Through The World Around Us:
The Good News?
We Are Not Alone
John 14:15-31

CONFESSION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

All: 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious unto You. The Lord look upon You with His favor and +
give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

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Remember in Your Prayers

For health and healing: Edith Anderson, Lili Baehr, Mrs. Cheung (Veronica Lee's friend), Crystal (Phil Deck's niece), Remi Chatelain (Carol Yung's friend), Marshall Denninger, Dwayne Field, Bruce Fraser, Rory Hall (Jim & Lily Mainland's granddaughter), Ken Haugrud, Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), Jim Hogan (Robin Schmidt's brother-in-law), Vickie Hutter, Jan Irwin (friend of David Zinger), Karen Johnson, Dawn Logan (Pat Massey's niece), Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Michelle & family (friend of Melissa Hamilton), Seza Mirzarian (Phil Hamilton's son-in-law's aunt), Ken Nipstad, John O'Loony (friend of the Hamiltons), Linda Packham, Jim Pedersen, Hedy Pein, Ingrid Poehler, David Saunders (friend of Carol Yung), Llewyn Rae Spencer (infant grandson of Gary & Char Spencer), Leslie Stenke, Jon Volpei (Connie Morris' son), Carol Yung, Sue Zinger.

For peace and comfort:

Janet Saunders, (friend of Carol Yung) facing tough decision.

Jean Kohut, as she mourns the death of her husband Milton (Mickey).

Allen Burckhard and children as they mourn the death wife and mother Christy

Pray for all military men and women especially: Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Palos, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Amy Waddell, Lucas Wentlandt. Also remember their families in your prayers. Please keep the nation and all those in authority in your prayers, along with front line healthcare workers. We will get through this together, because we never go through anything alone.

Gary and Karen Taylor would like to thank the members of Peace for their prayers and concern during the illness and death of their sister-in-law Christy Burckhard.