



DUST
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and unto
DUST
shalt thou
return

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Call to Worship

P: Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. (Joel 2:13)

C: Glory 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.

P: Brothers and sisters, our Lord Jesus said: “If any would come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” (Mark 8:34)

C: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. (Psalm 23:4)

P: Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus — the pioneer and perfecter of our faith — who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

C: Lord, we believe; help us in our unbelief. (Mark 9:24)

Opening Hymn

“Chief of Sinners, Though I Be”

Insert

Prayers of Confession and Repentance

P: Let us draw near to God with an honest heart, confessing our sins to God the Father, and appealing to him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness. Let us pause for a moment in silence reflection and let the Holy Spirit reveal any sin that needs to be confessed.

P: Almighty God,

C: We confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

P: We have received your many blessings with a lack of gratitude; and have failed to be good stewards of your Creation.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

P: We have followed our own selfish will and ways, and have failed to be your trusting and obedient servants.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

P: We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven, and have failed to be your witnesses in the world.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

P: We confess to you, Lord, all our unfaithfulness — our fear, our anger, our pride, and our trust in our own righteousness.

C: Accept our repentance, Lord.

P: We confess to you, Lord, our lack of concern for the needs of others, and our

sense of entitlement to all we possess.

C: Accept our repentance, Lord.

P: We confess to you, Lord, our negligence in worship, and our rejection of your Word in our lives.

C: Accept our repentance, Lord.

P: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.

C: Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Give us the joy of your saving help again, and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen

The Promise of Christ

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

C: that we may show forth your glory in the world.

P: By the cross and passion of your Son, our Lord,

C: bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. By his Holy Spirit, may he grant you true repentance, that you may live with him in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Joel 2:12-19

¹²“Yet even now,” declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. ¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord your God? ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. ¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say, “Spare your people, O Lord, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’” ¹⁸Then the Lord became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. ¹⁹The Lord answered and said to his people, “Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations.”

Psalm 51:1-20

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness;*
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

²**Wash me through and through from my wickedness*
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my transgressions,*
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you only have I sinned*
and done what is evil in your sight.**

⁵And so you are justified when you speak*
and upright in your judgment.

⁶**Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,*
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

⁷For behold, you look for truth deep within me,*
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

⁸**Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;*
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

⁹Make me hear of joy and gladness,*
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

¹⁰**Hide your face from my sins*
and blot out all my iniquities.**

¹¹Create in me a clean heart, O God,*
and renew a right spirit within me.

¹²**Cast me not away from your presence*
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

¹³Give me the joy of your saving help again*
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

[¹⁴**I shall teach your ways to the wicked,*
and sinners shall return to you.**

¹⁵Deliver me from death, O God,*
and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness, O God of my salvation.

¹⁶**Open my lips, O Lord,*
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

¹⁷Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice,*
but you take no delight in burnt offerings.

¹⁸**The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

¹⁹Be favorable and gracious to Zion,*
and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

²⁰**Then you will be pleased with the appointed sacrifices,
with burnt offerings and oblations;*
then shall they offer young bullocks upon your altar.]**

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

^{20b}We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. ⁶Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ¹For 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. ³We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

Gospel Acclamation-*Alleluia Lord*

P: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel.

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

¹{Jesus said,} "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.

²Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁵And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶"And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ¹⁹ Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sermon Song

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

Insert

Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the

Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and Son, he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and life of the world to come. Amen

The Prayers of the Faithful

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

Prayers

Sharing Christ's Peace

Prayers for the Offering of Gifts

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

P: We pray as Jesus taught us, Our Father,

C: 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

Lamb of God

C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace,
grant us peace.**

Distribution of Holy Communion

All who are baptized and believe that Jesus is present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Post Communion Canticle

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Post Communion Prayer

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Blessing

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 “Let Us Break Bread Together” Insert

Postlude

Go in peace and remember His sacrifice.

We shall remember His sacrifice!

WELCOME to St. Peter’s Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are glad to have you join us to worship this evening. We invite you to join us each Sunday at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. If you would like to request a meeting or arrange a visit from Pastor Tom, please call the office at 731-4433 or Pastor’s cell phone at 990-6244.

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