

**Peace Lutheran Church**

# **A Month of Miracles**

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**AS WE GATHER...** “Who knows best?” Jesus’ disciple, Peter, always thought that he knew best. He came across as very self-confident when Jesus asked questions. He was the kind of guy who would jump out of the boat to walk on water when nobody else would. Today we are reminded of a moment when Jesus kept Peter’s pride in check. After an unsuccessful all-night fishing expedition, Jesus directs Peter to cast his net out into the deep water. Jesus knew best. Today’s miracle reminds us to keep our own pride in check and to rely on our Savior’s plan for our lives.

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING SONG: “Christ Be My Leader”** ***LSB 861***

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Christ be my Leader by night as by day;  
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future His care,  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ by my Teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting of doubting, for He is the truth.  
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,  
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

## OPENING SENTENCES

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom o secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **OPENING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You have promised to embrace all who repent and cry out to You for mercy. Grant that we, no matter our background or station in life, with all assurance come before You, confident that because of Your sacrifice on our behalf, our heavenly Father welcomes our prayers and petitions; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 56:1, 6-8***

Reader: Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my righteousness be revealed.

“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,

everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,  
and holds fast my covenant—

these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices

will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.”

The Lord GOD,

who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,  
“I will gather yet others to him  
besides those already gathered.”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**HOLY GOSPEL:** *Luke 5:1-11*

Reader: On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on (Jesus) to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**MESSAGE**

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**ALL: We believe in God, the Creator of all things, the source of all goodness and love.**

**We believe in Jesus, the Son of God, true God yet true man. He was crucified, died and was buried for our sin that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven, and will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the power of God at work inside of us. We believe in the church of God, the people of faith throughout the world. We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we will live together with God for now and throughout eternity. Amen.**

## PRAYER

P: Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ and for everyone in need.

P: Heavenly Father, give us Your Holy Spirit so that we deny our sinful selves, take up the crosses You give us the privilege of carrying, and follow Your Son through this troubled life into heaven. Prepare each of us to give up our lives knowing that Christ has already saved our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, forgive our inability and unwillingness to forgive those who sin against us. We hear Your promise that when we return to You, You will restore us. Melt our hard hearts, so that we confess our sin, relent of evil, turn to You in repentance, and confidently trust Your Son's saving work for us. Lord in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Heavenly Father, protect our nation and its people. Deliver us from drought and flood, from war and famine, and from terrorism and disaster. Provide good weather and a bountiful harvest. Watch over the members of our military, especially those now deployed or in harm's way, and care for their families. Lord in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we place ourselves and all those for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **BENEDICTION**

P: Now may the God of heaven and earth, of sky and sea, bless you and keep you. May his face shine upon you, his children, and be gracious unto you. May our Creator look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG: "You Are My All in All" (Recording from 3/1/2020)**

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You are my strength when I am weak,  
You are the treasure that I seek.  
You are my all in all.  
Seeking you as a precious jewel,  
Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool,  
You are my all in all.

Chorus: *Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your Name*  
*Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your Name.*

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame.

Rising again, I bless Your name.

You are my all in all.

When I fall down, You pick me up.

When I am dry, You fill my cup.

You are my all in all. Chorus

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