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# CELEBRATING 60 YRS OF SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE

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#### AS WE GATHER: CLINGING TO CHRIST

"Hold on!" is more than just a warning. It's sometimes the difference between staying steady and losing your grip. Life in Christ calls us to hold on to what's eternal. Here at Peace, as we climb toward the summit of our ministry expansion, we do so by clinging to Jesus, who is our sure foundation. Scripture calls us to hold fast the confession of our hope (Hebrews 10:23), to take hold of eternal life (1 Timothy 6:12), and to cling to faith and a good conscience (1 Timothy 1:19). As we gather today, may we hold tightly to Christ and to one another as He leads us forward by faith.

#### + PREPARATION +





#### **INVOCATION**

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

#### **OPENING SENTENCES**

Psalm 119:89-94

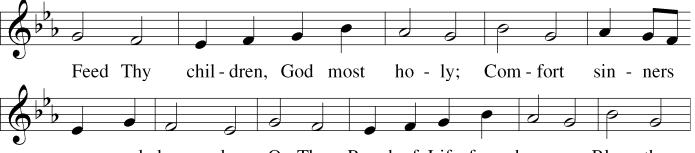
- P For truly I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move,
- And nothing will be impossible for you.
- **P** Forever, O LORD, Your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.
- **Q** Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You have established the earth, and it stands fast.
- P By Your appointment they stand this day, for all things are Your servants.
- If Your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.
- P I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have given me life.
- I am Yours; save me, for I have sought Your precepts.

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

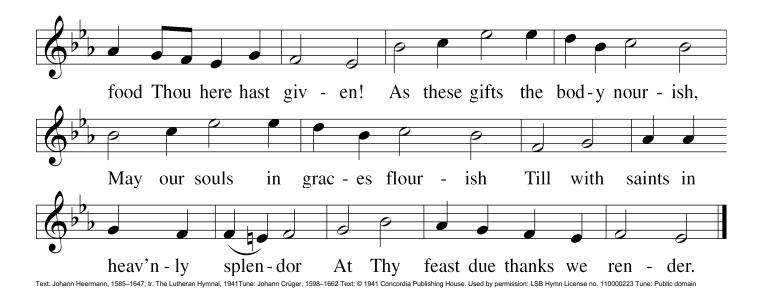
- P Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
- Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we do things we ought not do and do not live up to our calling as Your people. We are not always careful listeners to Your Word and take for granted those who faithfully proclaim it to us. We know that we justly deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. But trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is solely in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.
- P God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications and joyfully restores us to His fold. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# + WORD +

# 774 FEED THY CHILDREN, GOD MOST HOLY



poor and low - ly. O Thou Bread of Life from heav-en, Bless the



**INTROIT** 

Psalm 55:1, 12-14, 16; antiphon: v. 22

- L Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be moved.
- Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not Yourself from my plea for mercy!
- For it is not an enemy who taunts me: then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me: then I could hide from him.
- **■** But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend.
- L We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng. But I call to God, and the LORD will save me.
- 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.
- L Cast your burden on the LORD, and He will sustain you; He will never permit the righteous to be moved.

#### SALUTATION

**L** The Lord be with you.

• And also with you.

**PSALM** 

Psalm 119:81–88; antiphon: v. 81Kaph

<sup>81</sup>My soul longs for your salvation; I hope in your word. <sup>82</sup>My eyes long for your promise; I ask, "When will you comfort me?" <sup>83</sup>For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, yet I have not forgotten your statutes. <sup>84</sup>How long must your ervant endure? When will you judge those who persecute me? <sup>85</sup>The insolent have dug pitfalls for me; they do not live according to your law. <sup>86</sup>All your commandments are sure; they persecute me with falsehood; help me! <sup>87</sup>They have almost made an end of me on earth, but I have not forsaken your precepts. <sup>88</sup>In your steadfast love give me life, that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth.

**I** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**



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<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. <sup>17</sup>They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'" <sup>18</sup>For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? <sup>19</sup>Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. <sup>20</sup>The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. <sup>21</sup>"I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. <sup>22</sup>But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

<sup>23</sup>"Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup>Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' <sup>26</sup>How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, <sup>27</sup>who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"

**L** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE**Hebrews 11:17–31; 12:1–3

<sup>17</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, <sup>18</sup>of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." <sup>19</sup>He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. <sup>20</sup>By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. <sup>21</sup>By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. <sup>22</sup>By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

<sup>23</sup>By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. <sup>24</sup>By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, <sup>25</sup>choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. <sup>26</sup>He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

<sup>27</sup>By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. <sup>28</sup>By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

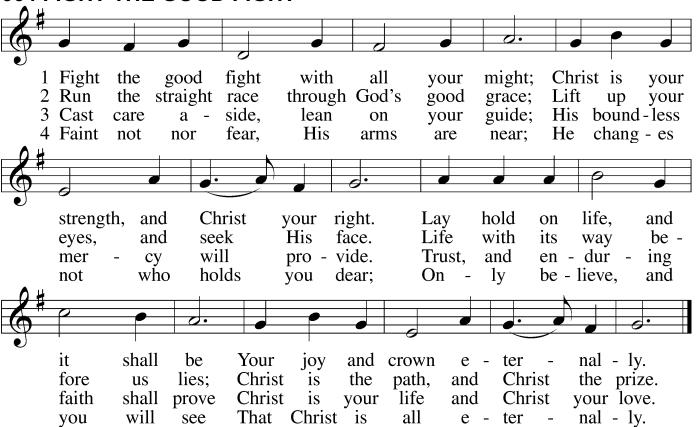
<sup>29</sup>By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### 664 FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT



HOLY GOSPEL
Luke 12:49–53

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>49</sup>[Jesus said:] "I came to cast fire on the earth and would that it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. <sup>52</sup>For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. <sup>53</sup>They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

## **MUSICAL MEDITATION**

#### **SERMON**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**☐** 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.

## OFFERING AND VIDEO

(At this time, please fill out the attendance sheet in the colored bulletin and place in the offering plate. Also at this time, on the back of the attendance slip, please refresh your thoughts or read what we believe, as you prepare to come to receive the Lord's Body & Blood or as you come forward to receive a blessing.)





#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the Church, that God's people may live confidently and joyfully share the message of salvation. Bless those who faithfully proclaim Law and Gospel among us, and guide our Ministry Expansion Campaign that we may boldly follow where Christ leads. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

L We pray for the nations of the world, that the presence of Christ would be known across the globe and that the Gospel would have free course. We ask for peace in the world and in our communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

## C hear our prayer.

L We pray for our land and all who produce and distribute food. Grant favorable weather, safety, and provision for the harvest. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

L We pray for our families, and for those who worship and serve alongside us. Especially bless our Early Childhood Education Committee as they explore the future of Christian education at Peace. Help us encourage one another in love and good works. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

L We pray for those with special concerns: the hospitalized, the grieving, the unemployed, and the shut-in. We also ask, Lord, that You send a generous and godly buyer for our current property, and that You richly bless our friends at The Summit in their new campus endeavor. Use all these efforts for Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

# C hear our prayer.

L God of the ages, we thank You for the faithful who have gone before us. Keep us in Christ until we, too, join the great cloud of witnesses around Your throne.



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#### + SACRAMENT +

#### **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. C

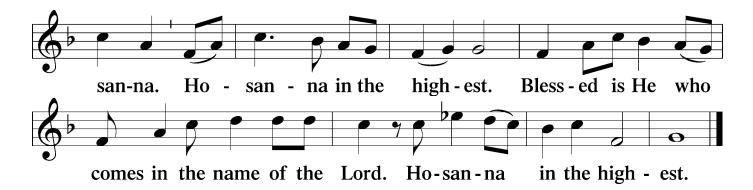
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should, at all times and in all places, give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have called us as Your people and have shown us Your kindness. Confident of Your love and assured of Your mercy, we come before You, asking that we may receive Your blessings with heartfelt thanksgiving. Pour out upon us the gift of Your Holy Spirit and grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord as a guarantee of our salvation and a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise, together with the Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.





# PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Send us Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit who brings to life the power of Jesus Christ. Bless us, Your children, that all we who partake of Christ's holy body and of His precious blood may be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy, so that, clinging to Christ our Lord, we may live in the hope of an eternity gathered around Your heavenly Table.

C Amen.

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

#### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

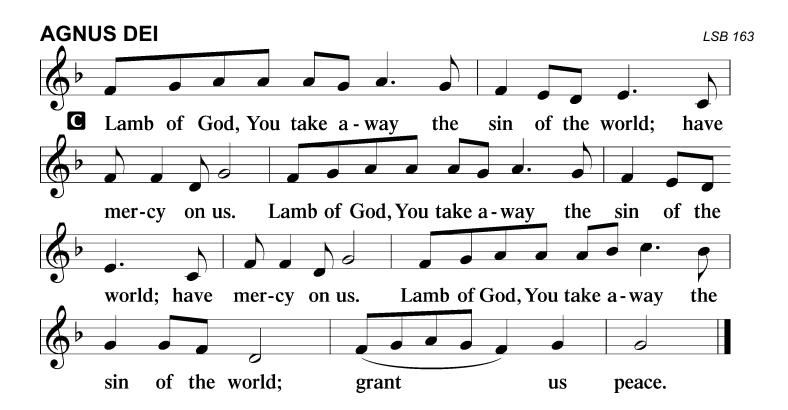
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## **PAX DOMINI**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



#### + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

JERICHO (video)

Andrew Ripp

Ooh, I been stacking up the years I spent, Trading punches with the enemy.

Ooh, built myself a double thick stone tower of lies, Higher than the eye can see.

Trapped in my flesh and bone, Crying out to You, Lord.

I'm desperate. Love, come rattle this cage and set me free.

All of my fears like Jericho walls Gotta come down, come down.

All of my fears like Jericho walls Gotta come down, come down, oh Lord.

My prison turns to ruin, When Your love moves in.

All of my fears like Jericho walls Gotta come down, come down, come down.

Ooh, truth was crashing through the pride and the blame,

Cutting straight to the heart of me.

Ooh, long before I ever called Your name, You were fighting for my victory.

Carved in Your flesh and bone, The wounds that have said my soul's forgiven.

Oh, now I can feel the darkness trembling.

All of my fears like Jericho walls, Gotta come down, come down.

All of my fears like Jericho walls, Gotta come down, come down, oh Lord.

My prison turns to ruin, When Your love moves in.

All of my fears like Jericho walls, Gotta come down, come down, come down.

Rebuild me from the ground up. All I wanna see is You. Terrify the lies with truth.

All of my fears like Jericho walls, Gotta come down, come down. All of my fears like Jericho walls, Gotta come down, come down. Oh, Lord, my prison turns to ruin, When Your love moves in.

All of my fears like Jericho walls, Gotta come down, come down, come down. All of my fears gotta come down.

Jericho walls, gotta come down, come down, come down.

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# CHAIN BREAKER (video)

Zach Williams

If you've been walking the same old road For miles and miles. If you've been hearing the same old voice Tell the same old lies. If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside, There's a better life, there's a better life.

If you've got pain, He's a pain taker. If you feel lost, He's a way maker. If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison-shaking Savior. If you got chains, He's a chain breaker.

We've all searched for the light of day. In the dead of night. We've all found ourselves worn out, From the same old fight. We've all run to things we know just ain't right When there's a better life, there's a better life

If you've got pain, He's a pain taker. If you feel lost, He's a way maker. If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison-shaking Savior. If you got chains. Oh, He's a chain breaker.

If you believe it, if you receive it, If you can feel it, somebody testify. If you believe it, if you receive it, If you can feel it, somebody testify, testify. If you believe it, if you receive it, If you can feel it, somebody testify.

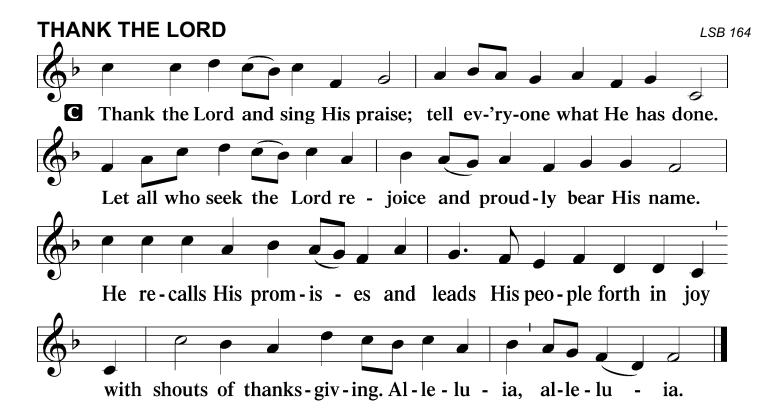
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Oh, if you need freedom or saving, He's a prison-shaking Savior. If you got chains, Oh, He's a chain breaker.

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# **POST-COMMUNION DISMISSAL**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.



## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P Let us pray. Grant, O Lord, that what we have received with our lips we may keep with pure hearts, and that through the gift imparted to us in this present life we may hereafter receive life everlasting; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
- 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.
- **G** Amen.

## 830 SPREAD THE REIGN OF GOD THE LORD





His heav'n-ly Ev -'ry - where His crea-tures call To ban - quet hall. His own dear Son He gave Us How from sin and death to save. re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him - self And sac - ri - fice. pay as iust and true, Work-ing both ho - ly, will and do. Strong and to

- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield. But the reapers, oh, how few, For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind; Let the gath'ring nations all, See Your light and heed Your call.

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## **CLOSING PEACE**

- **P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C Amen.

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