

SUNDAY, LECTIONARY 26

Dove of Peace Lutheran Church
September 26, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Covid-19 Policy

Due to the threat of the Delta Variant, our policy has changed.

Masks are required for worshipers, except when receiving communion

Worship leaders may removed their masks to speak or to chant.

EXTRA PRECAUTIONS AREA

The northeast quadrant of the sanctuary is set aside for worshipers who are taking extra precautions to protect themselves and others.

1. Masks must be worn.
2. A physical distance of at least six feet must be maintained.
3. The exchange of peace is made only with words, and only at a distance of at least six feet.

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WELCOME

Pastor Stephen Springer

Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

PROLOGUE

Pamela Decker, piano

Prelude and Fugue No. 12 in F minor, BWV 857

(Das Wohltemperierte Klavier)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) began work on the first book of The Well-Tempered Clavier (Das Wohltemperierte Klavier) in 1722, during his period of serving as musical director for Prince Leopold of Köthen. This collection is the first volume of two books, each including 24 "prelude and fugue" types of works in all available keys (revealing the possibilities inherent in the then-new tuning system of "equal temperament," which allowed the development and evolution of the functional tonality on which much of history's western tonal music is based). The Well-Tempered Clavier also serves as a collection of many styles, techniques, and genres of the Baroque period, such as various types of dances, aria-like references to vocal music, motets, concerti, and other references.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Silence for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
 2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and
 3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -
 4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
 5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
 hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from
 perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
 I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with
 God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.
 thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.
 all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélemon, 1741–1808

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

***KYRIE**

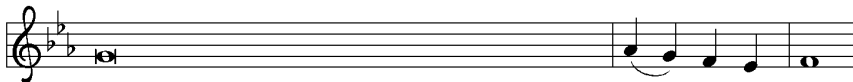
Setting One



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



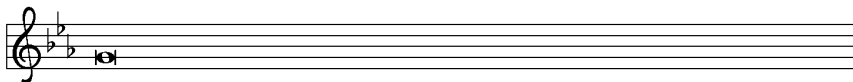
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



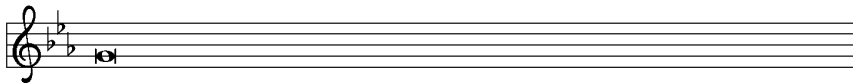
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

***CANTICLE: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

Setting One



Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high -

est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?

A reading from Numbers.

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?' ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

¹⁶So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But

they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

The word of the lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY (ELW): Psalm 19:7-14

The refrain is first introduced by the leader, then repeated by the assembly.



The com-mand-ment of the LORD gives light to the eyes.

Psalm 19:8

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⁷The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re-¹ lives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to¹ the simple.

**⁸The statutes of the Lord are just and re-¹ joyce the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light¹ to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and en-¹ dures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous¹ altogether.

**¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than¹ much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey¹ in the comb. REFRAIN**

¹¹By them also is your ser-¹ vant enlightened,

and in keeping them there is ¹ great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's ¹ own offenses?**

Cleanse me from my ¹ secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion ¹ over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a ¹ great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable ¹ in your sight,**

O Lord, my strength and ¹ my redeemer. REFRAIN

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

A reading from James.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Setting One

The assembly sings the acclamation before and after the verse of the day.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor:

Your word, O | Lord, is truth;*
sanctify us | in the truth. [John 17:7]

***GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50**

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

The Holy Gospel According to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than

to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Stephen Springer



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
 2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
 3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -



a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
 free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
 com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -



wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
 wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
 cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098–1179
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621
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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

(The prayer petitions are frequently written or modified by the assisting minister, and vary between the first and second worship services.)

*Each petition concludes, "Lord in your, mercy,"
and the assembly responds, "**Hear our prayer.**"*

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

After the assembly and the presiding minister exchange the peace, you are welcome to share the peace with others. Please do not presume that shaking hands or other touch is suitable for everyone. There is no physical exchange of peace in the extra precautions (NE) quadrant of the sanctuary.

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,



2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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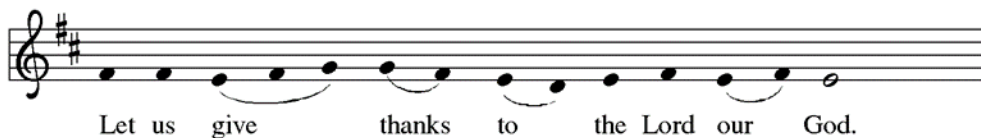
*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*DIALOGUE

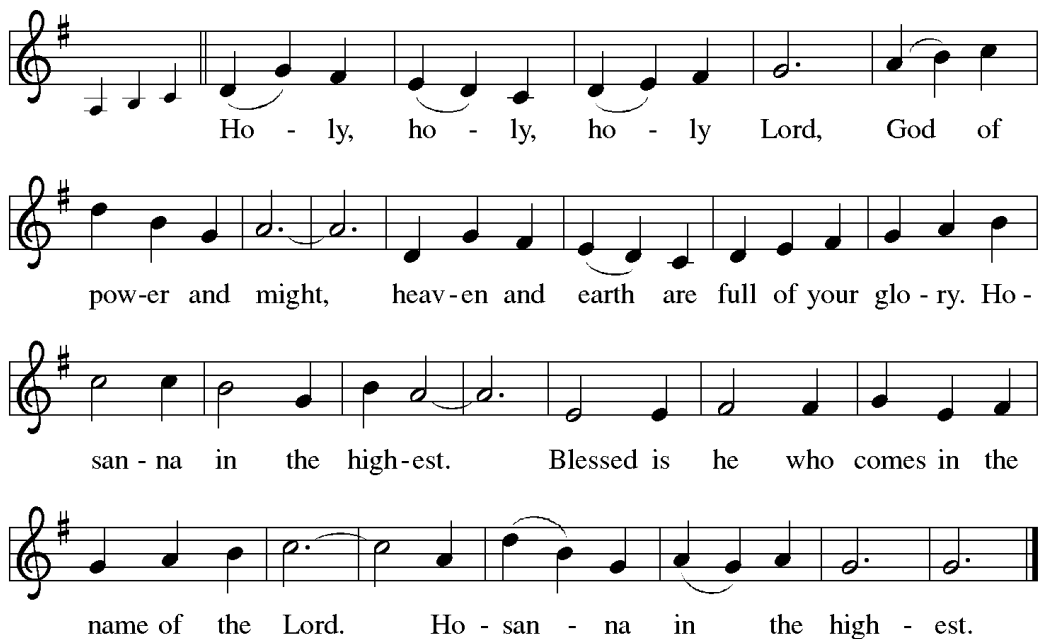


*PREFACE (Sundays)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Setting One



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*PRAYER AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

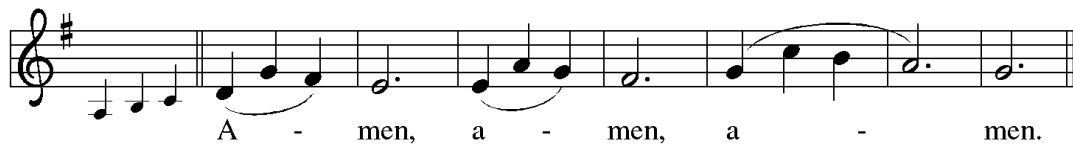
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
 his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
 and the promise of his coming again,
 we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
 not as we ought but as we are able;
 we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
 and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
 and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
 so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
 may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
 and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
 may be formed to live as your holy people
 and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

If you wish, you may join hands with members of your own household.

Please do not join hands with others unless you have prior consent.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

***LAMB OF GOD**

Setting One



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***INVITATION TO THE MEAL**

“The gifts of God for the people of God.”

“Come; for all things are now ready.” [Luke 14:17b, KJV]

The assembly sits. Worshipers who wish to receive communion may approach the altar (see guidelines below)

Option One: Communion by intinction *(as before Covid)*

Worshipers may stand or kneel at the altar rail, and then may lower their mask to receive communion. The bread wafer will be placed in your hand by the pastor. When the chalice is offered, you may dip the tip of the wafer into the wine, and then consume the wafer.

Option Two: Packaged wafer and wine

A sealed packet will be available at (or near) the baptismal font. After taking the packet and returning to your seat, you may open the top of the packet to remove the wafer and consume it. Then, turn the packet over, remove the seal over the wine, and sip the wine.

Meditation on "Veni Creator Spiritus"
by Pamela Decker

Pamela Decker's Meditation on "Veni Creator Spiritus" was composed recently and intended to be a "fantasy" (in terms of musical form and procedure) on this well-known Gregorian chant melody that is connected with the liturgical time of Pentecost. References to the Holy Spirit in today's service make the piece on-target for this specific liturgical celebration. All composers develop individual musical languages through exposure to multitudes of influences from the past and present, with some being more prominently influential than others. The music of Pamela Decker has been influenced by the Baroque contrapuntists, as well as the language of the Swiss 20th-century composer Frank Martin, and the Spanish and South American composers Isaac Albeniz, Alberto Ginastera, and Astor Piazzolla (respectively).

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

COMMISSION

The Lord sends us forth into his world.

*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

*SENDING SONG

Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word

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- 1 Spread, oh, spread, al - might - y Word, spread the reign of God the Lord.
- 2 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, who, to save our hu - man race
- 3 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n now to guide us on to heav'n,
- 4 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



Send forth our Cre - a - tor's call, heav - en's gifts ex - tend to all.
and to pay re - bel - lion's price, gave him - self as sac - ri - fice.
strong and ho - ly, just and true, work - ing both to will and do.
let the gath - 'ring na - tions all see your light and heed your call.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774–1841; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.
Music: GOTT SEI DANK, J. A. Freylinghausen, *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704
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“Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten”

Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)

Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780) was a much-prized student of Johann Sebastian Bach (during Bach’s time in Leipzig). Like Bach, he was also an organist. The majority of his works are for the “King of Instruments,” a designation for the organ that was originated by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Bach’s music made an enormous impression on Krebs, whose language remained rather Baroque in nature despite the “galant” stylistic direction that began to prevail not long after the death of Bach. Krebs was also active as a composer of vocal music and chamber music. The title of the work for the epilogue of today’s service means “If You But Trust in God to Guide You.” The text of this Lutheran chorale (on which this organ work is based) assures the listener that God’s grace is accessible to those who trust in God.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

John Hoelter, assisting minister

Dianne Huston, lector

Eric Holtan, cantor

Pamela Decker, organist and pianist

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Dove of Peace Lutheran Church welcomes our new organist

Dr. Pamela Decker



Pamela is an accomplished and highly regarded organist, composer, and music educator. Her talent and reputation will not only enrich and enliven worship services, but will expand the reputation of our congregational music program in Southern Arizona.

She brings a wealth of practical worship experience to Dove of Peace. In recent years, she has served established

Southern Arizona congregations such as Grace St. Paul's (Episcopal) in Tucson, and the Church of the Risen Savior (Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod) in Green Valley. Her extensive ecumenical experience in liturgical churches makes her a fine match for the kinds of worship services that are at the heart of Dove of Peace.

Arizona Wildcats and their friends will be delighted that Pamela serves on the faculty of the Fred Fox School of Music at the University of Arizona, where she is Professor of Organ and Music Theory. Her connections in the regional music and university community will strengthen our congregation's capacity and opportunities for wider outreach.

As an organist, Pamela has concertized nationally and internationally, performing on many of the world's most significant organs. She is equally well known for her compositions for organ, many of which have been recorded in a five-volume series, "Decker Plays Decker," available on Spotify and other online platforms. Pamela and her compositions are also regularly featured on the public radio program "Pipe Dreams."

For decades, Dove of Peace Lutheran Church has been blessed with great church musicians. With Pamela joining our professional staff, we look forward to another season of blessing.