

DOVE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES
June 29, 2025

COVER ART

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship Holy Communion, Setting One

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today we celebrate two great figures of the early church, Peter and Paul, who represent the spread of the gospel to both Jews and Gentiles and, according to tradition, were martyred on this date. The witness of Peter and Paul inspires us as we seek ways to faithfully proclaim the gospel in our contemporary context.

PROLOGUE

Jeffri Sanders, pipe organ

Tu es Petrus Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

Franz Liszt was a Hungarian composer, pianist, conductor and teacher. He wrote just a handful of major organ works, but also a few dozen smaller pieces for the instrument. Most are transcriptions or paraphrases of works — his own or by other composers — written for other instruments/ensembles. Tu es Petrus is his reworking of the eighth movement of his massive oratorio for choir and orchestra, Christus, which tells the story of Jesus' life from his birth through his passion and resurrection. The text of the choral version came from Matthew 16:18 ("You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.") and John 21:15-17 (the first part of today's Gospel reading).

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of \oplus Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**



- 1 Glo ries of your name are spo-ken, Zi on, cit y of our God;
- 2 See, the streams of liv ing wa ters, spring-ing from e ter nal love,
- 3 Round each hab i ta tion hov-'ring, see the cloud and fire ap pear
- 4 Sav ior, since of Zi-on's cit y I through grace a mem-ber am,



he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed you for his own a - bode. well sup - ply your sons and daugh-ters, and all fear of want re - move. for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near. let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in your name.



On the Rock of A - ges found-ed, what can shake your sure re-pose? Who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er will their thirst as-suage? Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day, Fad - ing are the world-lings' plea-sures, all their boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va-tion's walls sur-round-ed, you may smile at all your foes. Grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age. safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way. sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil-dren know.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

Music: AUSTRIA, Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732-1809

*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.

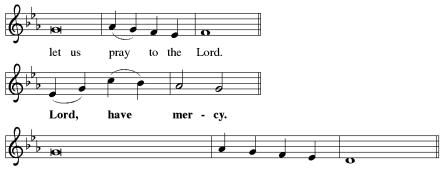
*KYRIE

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

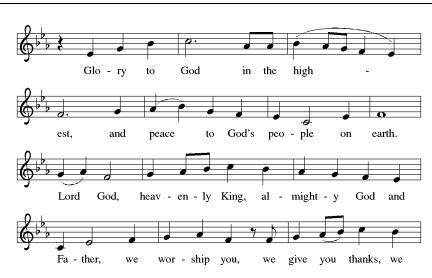


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

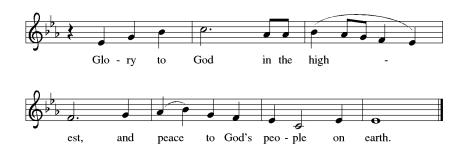


*CANTICLE OF PRAISE: GLORY TO GOD

Setting One







*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we praise you that your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdoms. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: ACTS 12:1-11

King Herod had James killed and had Peter put in prison, under heavy guard. In what Peter first believes is only a vision, an angel leads him past unseeing guards, out of the prison, and to freedom.

A reading from Acts.

¹ About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ² He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. ³ After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) ⁴ When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. ⁵ While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

⁶ The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. ⁷ Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸ The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹ Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹ Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the lewish people were expecting."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: PSALM 87:1-3, 5-7



Psalm 87:3
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On the holy mountain stands the city God has founded;

² the Lord loves the | gates of Zion more than all the dwell- | ings of Jacob. REFRAIN

³ Glorious things are spo- | ken of you, O city | of our God.

- ⁵ Of the city it shall be said, "Everyone was | born in Zion, and the Most High shall sus- | tain the city."
- ⁶ Enrolling the nations, the ¹ Lord records:
 - "These al- | so were born there."
- ⁷The singers and the danc- | ers will say, "All my fresh springs | are in you." REFRAIN

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 17-18

Paul has faithfully persevered in the mission the Lord had given to him. Near life's end he rests in the promise of eternal life, confident that the Lord who has rescued him in the past will bring him into the heavenly kingdom.

A reading from Second Timothy.

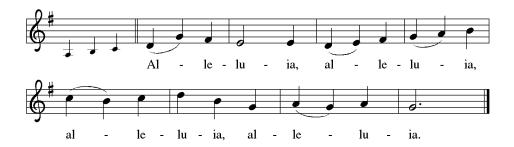
⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia is sung before and after the cantor chants the proper verse.



Cantor: This Jesus | God raised up,*

and of that all of lus are witnesses. [Acts 2:32]

*GOSPEL: JOHN 21:15-19

Jesus invites Simon Peter to declare his love for him three times, in a manner reminiscent of the three times that Peter earlier denied Christ. Jesus commissions him to feed his sheep and predicts that he will die as a martyr for God.

The Holy Gospel According to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you

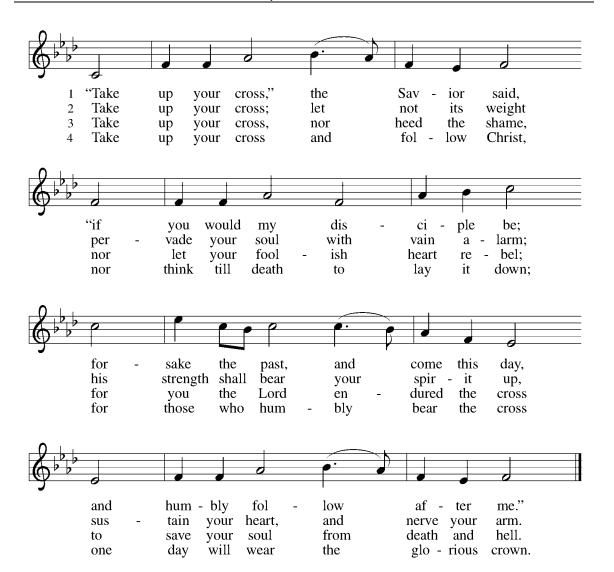
do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*SERMON

Pastor Stephen Springer



Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814-1877, alt.

Music: BOURBON, W. Hauser, Hesperian Harp, 1848

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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 the 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, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 the life of the world to come. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

After the final petition, the presiding minister concludes the prayers: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

*PEACE

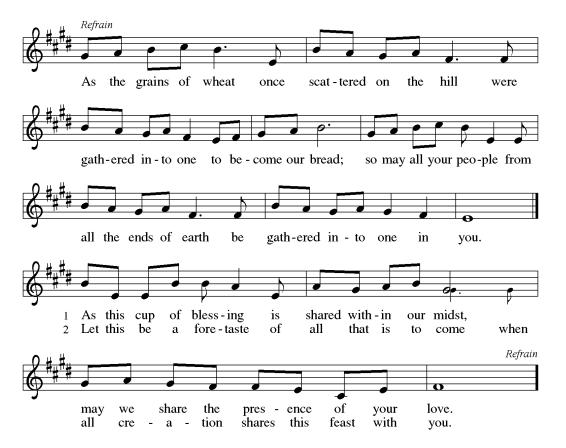
The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

After the assembly and the presiding minster exchange the peace, we share the peace with others. Some will shake hands, but others may not due to health concerns. Be flexible!

OFFERING

Please assist in the passing of the offering plates. You can also make a gift safely and efficiently online: www.doveofpeacetucson.org/donate



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***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

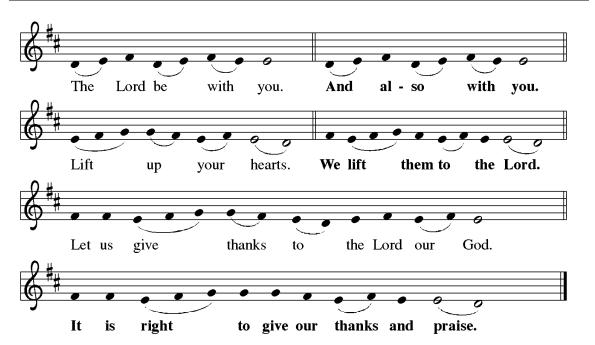
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor,

that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

*DIALOGUE

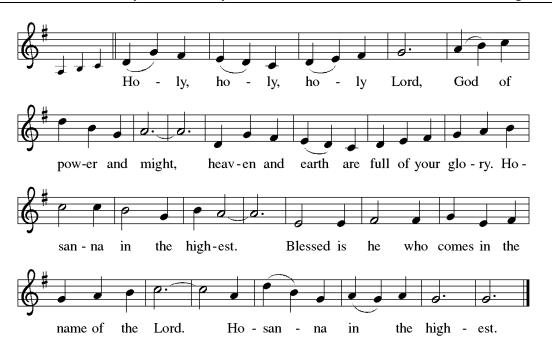
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It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through the great shepherd of your flock, our Savior Jesus Christ; who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the gospel and teach all nations, and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age. And so, with Peter, Paul, and the glorious company of the apostles, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ("SANCTUS")

Setting One



Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.



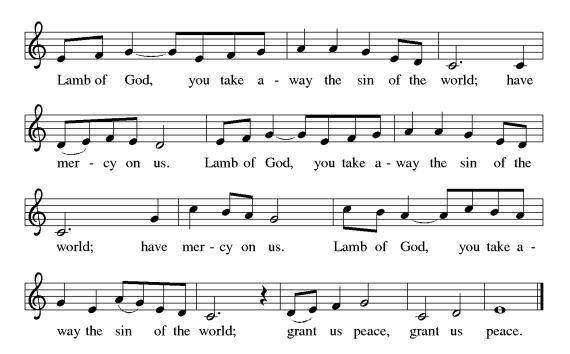
*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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



*INVITATION TO THE MEAL

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

SHARING BREAD AND WINE

The assembly sits; those who wish to receive communion may approach the altar. Worshipers may stand or kneel at the altar rail; 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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Jeffri Sanders, pipe organ

Les Vêpres du Commun des Martyrs, Op. 51 Vincent d'Indy (1851-1931)

Paul Marie Théodore Vincent d'Indy was a French composer and teacher. He was a student of César Franck, and a co-founder of the Schola Cantorum de Paris, where his students included Arthur Honegger, Darius Milhaud, and Erik Satie. "The Vespers of the Common of Martyrs," from 1899, is a suite of eight pieces built on Gregorian chant melodies sung during the evening service on feast days celebrating martyrs (such as Peter and Paul). I am playing a selection of movements from the suite.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

BLESSINGS AND THANKSGIVINGS FOR JUNE

Birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and other occasions for joy.

Commission

Final reflections and announcements before God sends us out.

Message from Social Ministry Team about July "Peanut Butter Party" with Interfaith Community Services.

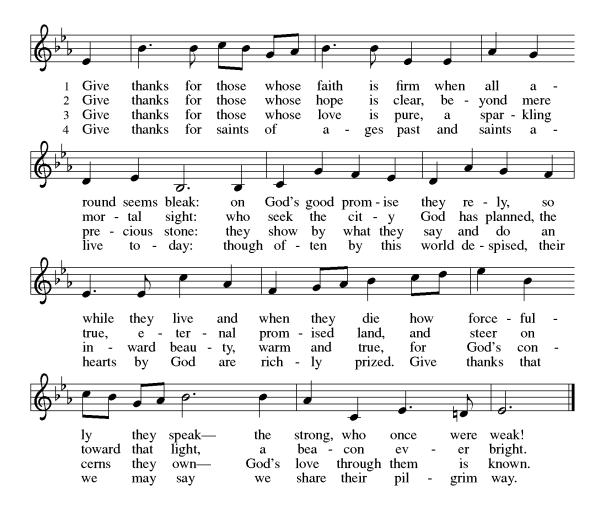
*BLESSING

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 \pm give you peace.

Amen.



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On the road to Damascus Daniel Pinkham (1923-2006)

Daniel Pinkham was an American composer, organist and harpsichordist, and was music director for 42 years at King's Chapel in Boston. This is the final movement of his 1978 suite, Epiphanies (used in its original Greek sense: an appearance or a becoming manifest, especially of a deity). It is a meditation on Paul's conversion experience, as related in Acts 26:12-18 ("I saw a light from the sky, more brilliant than the sun" ... "We all fell to the ground, and then I heard a voice ..."). The piece is not intended to be a literal description, but rather a reflection on the affect or emotional state of the Biblical passage. So ponder Paul's reaction to what must have been a frightening, overwhelming experience as you listen to what Pinkham called a "tumultuous and rhythmically complicated, triumphal dance."

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Thank you to our worship leaders		
	June 29, 2025.	July 6, 2025.
	(today)	(next Sunday)
Assisting Minister	Dianne Huston	Onita Davis
Lector	Todd Scholer	Chris Alexander
Chalice Servers	Renée Hultz	Jo-Ann Bronson
	Bob Oropeza	Shannon Priest
Ushers	Tom Gribb	Connie Farugia
	Bob Oropeza	Todd Van Haren
Greeters	Connie Farugia	Jo-Ann Bronson
	Chris Kennedy	Shannon Priest
Cantors	Eric Holtan	Eric Holtan
	Perla Casas Villa	Perla Casas Villa
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