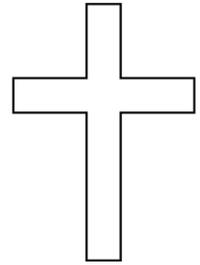


**Welcome to St. Peter's Lutheran Church  
On the  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 2, 2021**



**Officiant:** Rev. David H. Benke  
**Altar Assistant:** Vicar Henry Chanderdatt, Deacon David Chanderdatt &  
Vicar Jose Pinedo-Whatts  
**Music:** Stephen Marcus

**OUR ANNUAL THEME** in St. Peter's 123rd is "We Shall Not Be Moved." Our memory verse for today is **John 15:5** "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

**\*\*\*\*\* ORDER OF SERVICE \*\*\*\*\***

**Words of Welcome**

**The Pledge of Allegiance**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

**Thanks To Those Who Serve**

**Opening Hymn "Come and Go with Me to My Father's House"**

1. Come and go with me to my Father's house, to my Father's house, to my Father's house. Come and go with me to my Father's house, where there's joy, joy, joy!
2. It's not very far to my Father's house, to my Father's house, to my Father's house. It's not very far to my Father's house, where there's joy, joy, joy!
3. Jesus is the way to my Father's house, to my Father's house, to my Father's house. Jesus is the way to my Father's house, where there's joy, joy, joy!



4. Jesus is the light in my Father's house, in my Father's house,  
in my Father's house. Jesus is the light in my Father's house,  
where there's joy, joy, joy!
5. All is peace and love in my Father's house, in my Father's house,  
in my Father's house. All is peace and love in my Father's house,  
where there's joy, joy, joy!
6. We will dance and sing in my Father's house, in my Father's house,  
in my Father's house. We will dance and sing in my Father's house,  
where there's joy, joy, joy!
7. We will praise the Lord in my Father's house, in my Father's house,  
in my Father's house. We will praise the Lord in my Father's house,  
where there's joy, joy, joy!

### **Invocation**

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

**C. Amen**

P: The Son of Righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's Mercy.

### **Song Before Confession "Change My Heart, O God"**

Change my heart, O God; Make it ever true;  
Change my heart, O God; May I be like you.  
You are the Potter, I am the Clay,  
Mold me and make me; This is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God; Make it ever true;  
Change my heart, O God; May I be like you.

### **Confession**

P: Gracious God.

**All: We acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins – those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; work in us that which is pleasing in your sight, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.**

P: God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, 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.

## The Song

## “Wade in the Water”

**Refrain:** Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter chil - dren.  
Wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - ta trouble the wa - ter.

See that host all dressed in white, God's a - goin' - ta trouble the wa - ter.  
The lead - er looks like the Is - ra - 'lite, God's a - goin' - ta trouble the wa - ter.

**Refrain**

See that band all dressed in red, God's a - goin' - ta trouble the wa - ter.  
Looks like the band that Mo - ses led, God's a - goin' - ta trouble the wa - ter.

**Refrain**

Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see? God's a - goin' - ta trouble the wa - ter.  
The Ho - ly Ghost a - com - ing' on me, God's a - goin' - ta trouble the wa - ter.

**Refrain**

If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed, God's a - goin'-ta trouble the wa-ter.  
Just fol-low me down to Jor-dan's stream, God's a- goin'- ta trouble the wa-ter.

**Refrain**

## Prayer of the Day-All

**Lord God, you sent your Son into the world that we might live through him. May we abide in his risen life so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another and know the fullness of joy, as we remain attached to the Vine, who is Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

## The First Lesson Reading

**Acts 8:26-38**

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.” Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading: “He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he



was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?" And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him.

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

### **Hechos 8:26-38**

*Un ángel del Señor le dijo a Felipe: Ponte en marcha hacia el sur, por el camino del desierto que baja de Jerusalén a Gaza. Felipe emprendió el viaje, y resulta que se encontró con un etíope eunuco, alto funcionario encargado de todo el tesoro de la Candace, reina de los etíopes. Este había ido a Jerusalén para adorar y, en el viaje de regreso a su país, iba sentado en su carroza, leyendo el libro del profeta Isaías. El Espíritu le dijo a Felipe: Acércate y júntate a ese carro. Felipe se acercó de prisa a la carroza y, al oír que el hombre leía al profeta Isaías, le preguntó: ¿Acaso entiende usted lo que está leyendo? ¿Y cómo voy a entenderlo —contestó— si nadie me lo explica? Así que invitó a Felipe a subir y sentarse con él. El pasaje de la Escritura que estaba leyendo era el siguiente: Como oveja, fue llevado al matadero; y como cordero que enmudece ante su trasquilador, ni siquiera abrió su boca. Lo humillaron y no le hicieron justicia. ¿Quién describirá su descendencia? Porque su vida fue arrancada de la tierra. Dígame usted, por favor, ¿de quién habla aquí el profeta, de sí mismo o de algún otro? le preguntó el eunuco a Felipe. Entonces Felipe, comenzando con ese mismo pasaje de la Escritura, le anunció las buenas nuevas acerca de Jesús. Mientras iban por el camino, llegaron a un lugar donde había agua, y dijo el eunuco: Mire usted, aquí hay agua. ¿Qué impide que yo sea bautizado? Entonces mandó parar la carroza, y ambos bajaron al agua, y Felipe lo bautizó.*

P. Esta es la Palabra de Dios.

**C. Te alabamos Señor.**

### **The Second Lesson Reading**

### **I John 4:7-11**

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is



love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

**I Juan 4:7-11**

*Queridos hermanos, amémonos los unos a los otros, porque el amor viene de Dios, y todo el que ama ha nacido de él y lo conoce. El que no ama no conoce a Dios, porque Dios es amor. Así manifestó Dios su amor entre nosotros: en que envió a su Hijo unigénito al mundo para que vivamos por medio de él. En esto consiste el amor: no en que nosotros hayamos amado a Dios, sino en que él nos amó y envió a su Hijo para que fuera ofrecido como sacrificio por el perdón de nuestros pecados. Queridos hermanos, ya que Dios nos ha amado así, también nosotros debemos amarnos los unos a los otros.*

P. Esta es la Palabra de Dios.

**C. Te alabamos Señor.**

**Gospel Acclamation "He's a Peach of a Savior"** -a capella (Mine Eyes Have Seen)

He's a peach of a Savior, He's the apple of my eye  
He prunes back the branches when the branches get too high  
We bear fruit in season, and His love will never die –  
And that's why I'm bananas for the Lord:

Glory, glory, we're the branches  
Glory, glory we're the branches  
Glory, glory, we're the branches  
And that's why I'm bananas for the Lord.

**The Holy Gospel**

**John 15:1-8**

**C. Glory to You O, Lord.**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I



in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to You O, Christ.

**Juan 15:1-8**

*Yo soy la vid verdadera, y mi Padre es el labrador. Toda rama que en mí no da fruto, la corta; pero toda rama que da fruto la poda para que dé más fruto todavía. Ustedes ya están limpios por la palabra que les he comunicado. Permanezcan en mí, y yo permaneceré en ustedes. Así como ninguna rama puede dar fruto por sí misma, sino que tiene que permanecer en la vid, así tampoco ustedes pueden dar fruto si no permanecen en mí. Yo soy la vid y ustedes son las ramas. El que permanece en mí, como yo en él, dará mucho fruto; separados de mí no pueden ustedes hacer nada. El que no permanece en mí es desechado y se seca, como las ramas que se recogen, se arrojan al fuego y se queman. Si permanecen en mí y mis palabras permanecen en ustedes, pidan lo que quieran, y se les concederá. Mi Padre es glorificado cuando ustedes dan mucho fruto y muestran así que son mis discípulos.*

**The Sermon**

**"Glory, Glory, We're the Branches"**

**Pastor Benke**



**The Order of Holy Baptism for: Damian Jose Reyes &**

**Angel Emanuel Lisboa (10:30 AM)**

## Thanksgiving

P. The Lord be with you.

**C. And also with you.**

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

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

## Baptismal Prayer: Pastor Benke

### Profession of Faith

P. Do you renounce all the forces of evil?

**C. I renounce them.**

P. Do you renounce the devil?

**C. I renounce the devil.**

P. Do you renounce all the devil's empty promises?

**C. I renounce them.**

P. Do you believe in God the Father?

**C. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**C. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit And born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P. Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C. 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.**

*The Baptism of*

Laying On of Hands

Sign of the Cross



*Damian Jose Reyes &  
Angel Emanuel Lisboa*

**Prayer for Families: Rev. David H. Benke**

### **Commission and Welcome**

P. Through baptism God has added your name to the roll of all our ancestors in faith. You are a part of the priesthood we share in Christ Jesus. You have not been called in vain. Therefore, take up your cross and follow Jesus through the prairies and grasslands, in the desert wilderness, along the freeways and back alleys of suburb and city. You belong now to God, sent to witness for Christ before all the world.

**C. We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you with great joy to live with us in the body of Christ, to share with us in God's new creation, to work with us by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

### **The Nicene Creed (9:00 AM)**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



### **Prayers of the People of God**

#### **Song Before Prayer "God Hears Me When I Pray"**

1. God hears me when I pray, God hears me when I pray, out of all the people in this great big world, God hears me, God knows my voice, and He hears me when I pray.



2. God listens when I pray, God listens when I pray, when I kneel before his throne and cry in faith, God listens, God hears my voice and He listens when I pray.
3. God answers in his time, God answers in his time, He knows my needs and well provides for me, God answers, I'm in God's plan and God answers in his time.

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

#### **The Consecration of Holy Communion/*Santa Comunion***

#### **The Words of Institution / *Las Palabras de Institucion***

P. "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper."

**The response is:**

C: "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed."

#### **The Lord's Prayer Sung by All**

#### **The Sharing of the Lord's Peace/*La Paz***

#### **The Distribution of Holy Communion / *Distribucion de Sacramento***

#### **Hymns during Distribution / *Himnos Durante distribucion:***

##### **"One Bread, One Body"**

**Refrain:** One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
One cup of blessing which we bless, and we,  
though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. **Refrain**
2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. **Refrain**
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. **Refrain**

## **“Un Pan, Un Cuerpo”**

**Coro:** Un pan, un cuerpo, un solo Señor,  
Una copa de la bendicion.  
En nuestra propia diversidad,  
Un cuerpo somos en el Señor.

1. Siervo y Señor, hombre y mujer, Uno en Dios serán. **Coro**
2. Dones sin par, obras sin fin, Mas uno en el Señor. **Coro**
3. Granos de trigo se cosecharan, Para formar un pan. **Coro**

## **“Bind Us Together, Lord”**

**Refrain:** Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords  
that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together,  
Lord; bind us together in love.

1. There is only one God, There is only one King.  
There is only one Body; that is why we can sing. **Refrain**
2. You are the family of God. You are the promise divine.  
You are God’s chosen desire... you are the glorious new wine. **Refrain**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving / Oracion de Alabanza**

**The Benediction / La Bendicion**

**Announcements and Introductions / Anuncios y Introducciones**

**Offering to be left at the door or ONLINE**

**Closing Hymn / Himno de Clausura**

## **“How Great Thou Art”**

1. O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the world Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy pow’r thro’out the universe displayed.



**Refrain:** Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee.  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

2. When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. **Refrain**
3. And when I think that God His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin. **Refrain**
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: My God, how great Thou art! **Refrain**

### **"Señor, Mi Dios"**

1. Señor, mi Dios, al contemplar los cielos,  
El firmamento y las estrellas mil,  
Tu voz oyendo en los potentes truenos  
Y al ver brillar al sol en su cenit.

**Coro:** Mi Corazón se llena de emoción: Cuán grande es el!  
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Cuán grande es el! Cuán grande es el!

2. Al recorrer los montes y los valles,  
Y al ver las bellas flores al pasar,  
Al escuchar el canto de las aves  
y el murmurar del claro manantial. **Coro**
3. Cuando me acuerdo del amor divino  
Que desde el cielo al Salvador envió,  
Aquel Jesús que por salvarme vino  
Y en una cruz por mi su vida dio. **Coro**
4. Cuando el Señor me llame a su presencia  
Al dulce hogar al cielo de esplendor  
Le adorare, cantando la grandeza  
De su poder y su infinito amor. **Coro**

## Announcements

**WELCOME** in Jesus' Name to all who grace our home/online/sanctuary with their presence this morning! We have resolved that **WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED** in 2021, and that's our theme for the year "through it all."

**JOIN US** on Wednesdays at 7:00PM and on Sundays at 10:30AM through our website, [www.spbklyn.org](http://www.spbklyn.org), and then to Facebook Live and You Tube at St. Peter's Lutheran Brooklyn for words and songs of encouragement in the fellowship of the family of faith.

### **CONFIRMATION/FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES CONTINUE THIS WEEK!**

Vicar Jose and Deacon Sonia will continue reaching out to Communion and Confirmation students. Communion classes on Saturday at 9:00am and Confirmation classes on Thursday at 6:00pm both in a virtual way.

