I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?"

Chorus

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?"

Chorus

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BENEDICTION & CLOSING SONG

"THY WORD"

Chorus: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, Still You're there right beside me. And nothing will I fear As long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.

Chorus

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to Your side, and I will love you to the end.
Chorus

Have a blessed week!

St. Peter's Lutheran Church

N10685 Petersen Rd., Marion, WI 54950 Phone: 715-754-2690 stpetersbigfalls@gmail.com; www.stpetersstpauls.org

Senior Pastor Janice Kuder Youth Pastor Kay Knight Krista Enoch, Lay Reader The Brady Family, Greeters & Ushers July 17, 2022 OPENING SONG "IN CHRIST ALONE"

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all,

My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied. For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Brothers and sisters, all are welcome in this place. Each child is born of God, loved and cared for.

C: We are called to love each child, as God loves. We are called to bring our hearts and souls and allow God to love us so that we might love in return.

P: Come then brothers and sisters, together let us worship our wonderful god.

"HE IS EXALTED"

Chorus: He is exalted the King is exalted on High I will praise Him He is exalted forever exalted And I will praise His name

He is the Lord Forever His truth shall reign Heaven and Earth Rejoice in His holy name He is exalted The King is exalted on high Chorus

He is the Lord Forever His truth shall reign Heaven and Earth Rejoice in His holy name He is exalted the King is exalted on high REPEAT

He is exalted the King is exalted on high

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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. 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.

PRAYERS

Petitions are spoken, each ending: Pastor: Lord, in your mercy; People: Hear our prayer.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (Silence is kept for reflection) Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sings but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

ALL: Amen!

HOLY COMMUNION Words of Institution, Lord's Prayer, Communion Song "I Can Only Imagine"

"I CAN ONLY IMAGINE"

I can only imagine what it will be like When I walk by Your side I can only imagine what my eyes will see When Your face is before me I can only imagine, yeah

Chorus: Surrounded by Your glory What will my heart feel? Will I dance for You, Jesus Or in awe of You be still?

Will I stand in Your presence Or to my knees will I fall? Will I sing hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all? I can only imagine I can only imagine

I can only imagine when that day comes And I find myself standing in the sun/son I can only imagine when all I will do Is forever—forever worship You I can only imagine, yeah I can only imagine Chorus

Will I stand in Your presence Or to my knees will I fall? Will I sing hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all? I can only imagine I can only imagine

Chorus

Will I stand in Your presence Or to my knees will I fall? Will I sing hallelujah? Will I be able to speak at all? I can only imagine I can only imagine

> I can only imagine I can only imagine I can only imagine I can only imagine

I can only imagine When all I will do Is forever—forever worship You I can only imagine

SCRIPTURE READING

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Krista Enoch, Lay Reader **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Pastor Kay Knight

GOSPEL READING Matthew 24:36-39 SONG OF RESPONSE & OFFERING

MESSAGE **Pastor Kay Knight**

"HERE I AM LORD"

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Chorus: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain,