

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church



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Our mission:

*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,
honor God, serve others, and grow in faith.*

Welcome. The forces of nature can overwhelm us with their power and ferocity. But greater still is the power of God who has authority over heaven and earth. Noah witnessed a devastating flood as God's judgment on human sin. But that judgment was followed by a new covenant and promise to show mercy. The disciples were afraid of Jesus because he could walk on water. But he had come, not to scare them, but to strengthen them by his presence. Lord, when we are tempted to fear, help us to trust in You.

Welcome guests! We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon, sign the guest book next to the front doors, and let us know how we can be of service to you. The order of service is printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. A cry room is available at the back left of the sanctuary for families with young children if there is a need.

Communion Note: We believe that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. Because unworthy reception of the sacrament can be harmful, those who are not yet instructed, are uncertain or doubtful, or hold to a different confession should speak to the Pastor before participating.

PREPARATION



PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Most merciful God,
C have mercy on us.

All: We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted You with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In Your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by Your Spirit that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and truth. Amen.

P With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.
C Thanks be to God!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE HYMN 533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

KYRIE *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

Pastor: In peace, in peace,

Musical score for the hymn "Lord, Have Mercy". It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is labeled "Assistant:" and the second and third staves are labeled "Congregation:". The lyrics are: "Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the third staff.

Pastor: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (Refrain)

Pastor: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word... (Refrain)

Pastor:

Musical score for the word "Amen". It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is labeled "Assistant:" and the second staff is labeled "Congregation:". The lyrics are: "Help, save and de - fend us, O God. A - - - men." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the second staff.

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1:


Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
peo - ple of God.


To refrain

Verse 2


Congregation or Congregation 2:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and




might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ




for ev - er. *To refrain*

Verse 3

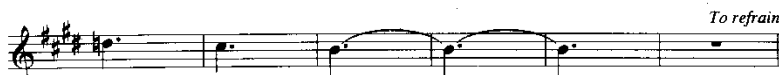
Congregation:



3. For God has come to dwell with us,



to make us peo - ple of God; to make



all things new. *To refrain*

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P
C
P

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

You gave Your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life.
Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments
that we may be nourished unto life everlasting;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C

Amen



OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 9:8-17 (see back cover)

PSALM: Psalm 136:1-9 (Spoken responsively)

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

C: Give thanks to the God of gods,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

P: Give thanks to the Lord of lords
for His steadfast love endures forever.

C: to Him who alone does great wonders,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

P: to Him who by understanding made the
heavens,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

C: to Him who spread out the earth above the
waters,

for His steadfast love endures forever.

P: to Him who made the great lights,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

C: the sun to rule over the day,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

P: The moon and stars to rule over the night,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

All: 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

EPISTLE: Ephesians 3:14-21 (see back cover)

ALLELUIA VERSE

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 6:45-56 (see back cover)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED (Inside the back cover of the hymnal.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P ...Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

Prayer Request List (Names are placed on the list by request only.)

For comfort:

Borden family	Death of Robert	Yost
Curtiss family	Death of William	Reside
Gordon/Atchley families	Death of William	Van Hise
Stellitano family	Death of Gary	Garrow
Banks family	Death of Cliff	Yost

For those with health concerns:

Betty Kay Foster	Rose	Kay Compton	Phillip Trivett
Pat Dietz	Zane	Ursula	Valerie Nebbie
Beverly	Pete Serone	Brennan	Grant and Noah
Rev. Gwisock Lee	Sandy Hammond	Carol Yost Band	John Scheblein
Claudio	Melissa	Shirley Yost	

For those with cancer:

Rosalie Reinbacher	Lance	Rich deDufour	Lynn
Rich Knechel	Rose Bonecki	Aaron Kline	Dick Butterfoss
Carol Tezla	Karen Shevchuk	Jason	Kathy
Barbara	Kathy Lamkin	Mary Ellen	Mary Ann
Andrea(Andy) Hoteling	Nancy Gilliland	Anna Mantel	Linda
Trudy	Kaleigh Moore	Steve Saumsiegle	Doris
Jane Fry	Jerry	Gerry Campbell	Brad Hoppe
Barbara Howard	Dottie		

For those with needs around the world:

Government officials and people of our nation	Prayers for peace, unity, safety, and wisdom
War in Europe	Prayers for peace and forgiveness
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine	Prayers for health, safety, and provision
War in Middle East	Prayers for God's guidance in U.S. response
Farmers and those experiencing weather disasters	Prayers for favorable weather and safety

For those serving in the armed forces:

LJ Lupinacci Carrick Porter Nate Fiske Jake Grube Jim Buckman (son)
Daniel Gewecke James Bannon Harper Usiskin

For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:

For the nursery school staff and families

For Nursery School summer programs

Birthdays:

Sue Teschke July 28 Andy Farley July 31
Leslie Klesat Aug 1

Anniversaries:

Robert and Lillian Maguire Aug 3

GATHERING OF THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Instrumental Offertory

Congregational Offertory:

Refrain

Congregation:



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.

Verses



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



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

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMN 752 Be Still, My Soul

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 803 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



TAKE IT FURTHER: Today’s Distribution Hymn, LSB 752 Be Still, My Soul -

Catherina Amalia Dorothea von Schlegel (1697-1768) is the writer of this hymn, which first appeared in a German hymnal in 1752 and later in the 1855 hymnal Hymns from the Land of Luther. Based on Psalm 46:10, it is a reminder of God’s care and provision throughout our lives, despite uncertain times and painful circumstances. Most reassuringly, we know that through faith in Christ we can look forward to an eternal heavenly home where we will experience the joy and certainty of God’s presence.

-Concordia Publishing House. *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns*. (2019), p. 1086-1088

Memory Verse Challenge: Psalm 46:10

Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

Announcements – Week of July 28, 2024

**Need assistance? The Church Office is staffed each week
Tues, Wed. and Thurs. from 1:00 - 3:00**

Worship, Sunday School, and Bible Study

Welcome! Serving in worship today are: Stephen deDufour (Communion and reading), Joe Gallagher and Fred Grube (ushers), Jason Bloom (live-streaming), Andy Wright (acolyte), Judy Grube and Cheryl Gewecke (coffee and communion set-up and clean-up).

Today's service will be live streamed on You Tube at the following link:
<https://youtube.com/live/BwNjXYVtXkI?feature=share> If you miss the service live, watch it whenever you like! The services are also posted after the fact to the church's website.

Wednesday Zoom Bible Study. Our weekly Zoom bible study is on break for the summer. You're encouraged to join our Sunday morning study of Genesis or choose a book of the bible to read independently.

Sunday Bible Study. Our weekly Sunday bible study is on break for the summer. You're encouraged to choose a book of the bible to read independently and stay strong in God's Word!

Weekly Schedule:

SUNDAY (8/4) - 9:30am Worship

Men's, Women's, Senior's, Youth and Family Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry. The Prayer Shawl ministry team continues to meet every other week, creating gifts to share. Consider joining them!

Prayer Chain. The Prayer Chain is ready to receive your prayer requests. Simply call Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928 to start or update a prayer.

Service and Other

Operation Christmas Child. Christmas in July! Our annual shoebox packing event is scheduled for TODAY, July 28th following the worship service. Would you be able to stay a few minutes after church to help to pack up our 100 boxes to share the message of Christ with children around the world? What a great way to reach out to those who are in need.

Flowers. If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in honor of someone, in thanksgiving for God's grace, or for a special occasion, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to do so. Suggested donation is \$25. You may take the flowers home following the service on the day you select.

Flowers are placed on the altar today in honor of Sue Teschke's birthday.

*****You may have noticed that the dying tree which used to grow along the lower driveway has been removed! Many thanks to ALL FAIR TREE SERVICE for doing that work for us at no cost! *****

You are invited! Many of you will remember our faithful interim pastor, Rev. Gregory Jans, who filled in during our vacancy. Rev. Jans will be installed as the new pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Somerset, NJ on Sunday, Aug 11 at 4:00 PM. A dinner will follow the service. If you would like to attend, please **RSVP by Aug 1** to 732-873-2888. See the poster on the bulletin board for more information.

Youth Mission Trip. Pastor Jon, Joey Dunbar and Juliet Behnfeldt have completed their mission trip to Tennessee with the Appalachian Service Project (July 20-27). Many thanks to all who helped to support these students and this important project! Ask them for more details, and check out Facebook by searching “Appalachia Service Project Johnson County, Tennessee Center” to see for yourself!

Sunday Sermon Discussion. "So...what did you think of today's sermon?" Starting August 4th, Pastor Jon will be hosting a 30-minute group discussion of the Sunday readings and sermon after the service. This is your chance to respond to what you heard in worship! What questions did God's Word raise in your mind? What did you find most convicting or comforting? What modern issues do you think it touched on? You're welcome to join this informal discussion time through the month of August!

Lambertville Food Pantry. Please grab some non-perishable items at the grocery store to add to our food pantry collection box in the narthex. **August's collection is Fruits, Juices, Condiments:** – canned fruit, fruit juices, mayo, mustard, ketchup, canned tuna or chicken, lunch bag stuff...

Website and Facebook. Our website is at www.stpeternj.org, and our Facebook page is Saint Peter Lutheran Church - the link is: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Peter-Lutheran-Church/337705479662612>. Come check us out!

Faithfulness Report: Attendance: 7/21: 56/5 online Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$3178
Flowers: \$25 ASP: \$25 Op Christmas Child: \$100 Missions: \$25

ARE YOU A LOAN ANGEL? This month begins the second year of our three-year interest only loan covering the cost of the new heating and air conditioning system. A huge thank you goes out to all the St. Peter Loan Angels, who have stepped in to pay the \$650 monthly interest bill. So far, we have made every payment while being able to “pay down” some principle. We are very blessed. There is still room for more loan angels. See Norm Klesat for more information or let Peter Johnson know of your desire to join this group of dedicated stewards.

Other Important web links:

- NJ District LCMS njdistrict.org
- The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod lcms.org
- LCMS World Relief and Human Care lcms.org/ca/worldrelief
- The “Lutheran Hour” Broadcast lhm.org

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9:8–17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Epistle: Ephesians 3:14–21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know

the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:45–56

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.