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Our mission:

*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,
honor God, serve others*

Welcome! Sometimes this life can feel like a constant scramble due to the fact that we are always running out of things...food, money, time, patience. Today's readings offer us a divine remedy to this conundrum. When Elijah was feeling exhausted and hopeless, God sent ministering angels to revive him (1 Kings 19). Paul invites us to walk in Christ and experience by faith a daily renewal of our spirit (Ephesians 4). And in our Gospel reading Christ offers himself as the "living bread from heaven" giving us life with no expiration date! (John 6).

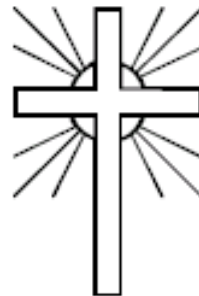
Welcome guests! We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon, sign the guest book next to the front doors, and let us know how we can be of service to you. The order of service is printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. A cryroom is available 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.

Divine Service, Setting Three

LSB page 184

The Preparation



Prelude: “Komm, heiliger Geist” – G. Bohm

Words of Welcome

Invocation, Confession and Absolution page 184

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

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.)

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: 905 Come, Thou Almighty King

Kyrie page 186 (*sung*)

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis page 187 (*sung*)

P: Glory be to God on high:

**C: And on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us;
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer;
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Service of the Word

Prayer of the Day page 189

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Let us pray.

Gracious Father,
Your blessed Son came down from heaven
to be the true bread that gives life to the world.
Grant that Christ,
the bread of life,
may live in us and we in Him,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-8 (see back cover)

Psalm: Psalm 34:1-8



¹ I will bless the LORD at | all times; *
his praise shall continually be | in my
mouth.

² My soul makes its boast | in the LORD; *
let the humble hear | and be glad.

³ Oh, magnify the | LORD with me, *
and let us exalt his name to- | gether!

⁴ I sought the LORD, and he | answered
me *
and delivered me from | all my fears.

⁵ Those who look to him are | radiant, *
and their faces shall never | be
ashamed.

⁶ This poor man cried, and the
LORD | heard him *
and saved him out of all his | troubles.

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around
those who | fear him, *
and de- | livers them.

⁸ Oh, taste and see that the | LORD is
good! *
Blessèd is the man who takes ref- | uge
in him!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:17-5:2 (see back cover)

Triple Alleluia page 190 (*sung*)
C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

John 6:35-51 (see back cover)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

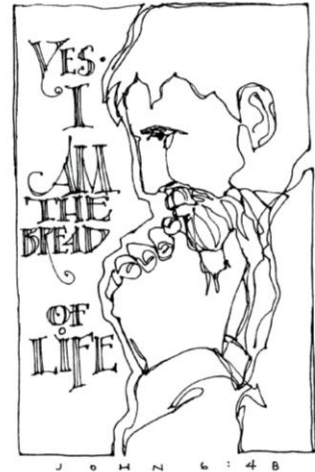
C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (page 191 or the inside back cover of the hymnal)

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day: 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Sermon



Prayer Response after each petition P: Lord in your mercy, C: **Hear our prayer.**

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

For comfort:

Stein family	Death of Chris	Mallepalle
Thurm family	Death of Andy	deDufour
Borden family	Death of Robert	Yost
Curtiss family	Death of William	Reside

For those with health concerns:

Roger Newton	Janice Nuneviller	Jared Casper	Phillip Trivett
Pat Dietz	Zane	Ursula	Valerie Nebbie
Beverly	Pete Serone	Brennan	Grant and Noah
Rev. Gwisock Lee	Betty Kay Foster	Carol Yost Band	John Scheblein
Melissa	Rose	Kay Compton	

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

Birthdays

Michael Kianka	Aug 11	Mark Lange	Aug 11
Nathan Wilhelm	Aug 11	Clair Haenisch	Aug 15

Post Communion Cantic: Nunc Dimittis page 199 (sung)

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Thanksgiving page 200

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for He is good, **C: and His mercy endureth forever.**
P: (Prayer of Thanksgiving) **C: Amen.**

Salutation and Benedicamus page 201

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And with thy spirit.**
P: Bless we the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Benediction page 202

P: The Lord bless you... **C: Amen, amen, amen.**



Closing Hymn: 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen (v. 1, 4-5)

Announcements

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!
C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: “Basse de Trompette” – L. Clerambault

TAKE IT FURTHER: Today’s Hymn of the Day, LSB 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light -

In 1966, during a “relentless heatwave,” Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934) left St. Louis with her family to find refuge in her mother’s air-conditioned home in Houston (seems timely!). However, instead of packing, as she intended, she was caught up in reflection over Scripture passages she had been studying concerning having childlike faith. This grew into the first stanza of this hymn, the remainder of which she ultimately finished after arriving in Houston. The hymn was inspired by Ephesians 3:17 “...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith,” as well as 1 John 1:5 “...God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.” This popular hymn has been translated in Welsh, Japanese, Spanish, Dutch, and Hmong.

-Concordia Publishing House. *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns.* (2019), p. 218-220

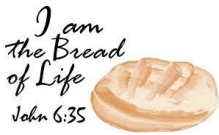
Memory Verse Challenge: *Ephesians 4:32*

*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you.*

*Taste and see that the Lord
is good.*



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Announcements – Week of August 11, 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: Joe Scheblein (Communion), Amy Van Hise (reader), Norm Klesat and Scott Garrow (ushers), Jesse Dunbar (live-streaming), Audrey deDufour and Leslie Klesat (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/MOWHxNtUVjg?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.

Sunday and Wednesday Zoom Bible Studies. Our weekly bible studies are 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!

Sunday Sermon Discussion. "So...what did you think of today's sermon?" August 18th and 25th, 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 during the month of August!

Weekly Schedule:

TUESDAY (8/13) - Noon Elders Meeting

SUNDAY (8/18) - 9:30am Worship; 11:00am Bible Readings Group Discussion

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

JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL ST. PETER PICNIC ON SEPTEMBER 8! Yes, our annual picnic will take place following the service on Sunday, September 8. Sign up to bring specific needs (see list on the bulletin board) or just bring a side dish or dessert. It promises to be lots of fun – hope to see you there!

Back-To-School Blessing for Teachers and Students. Join us on Sunday, September 8th during our 9:30 service for a special *Blessing of the Backpacks!* As the new school year gets under way, we invite all students, teachers, and school staff to bring their backpacks, briefcases, or school bags to be blessed. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray for God's protection, guidance, and wisdom over all who are returning to school. Let's lift up our students and educators as they embark on another year of learning and growth!

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.

ASP Trip Presentation. Today, Aug. 11th, join us in the fellowship hall after the worship service for a special presentation on the recent ASP trip to Tennessee. Joey Dunbar and Juliet Behnfeldt will share stories and pictures about their experiences. **Homemade treats will be provided!** You can also check out Facebook by searching “Appalachia Service Project Johnson County, Tennessee Center” to see for yourself!

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 today, Aug 11 at 4:00 PM. See the poster on the bulletin board for more information.

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...

ARE YOU A LOAN ANGEL? We are now in 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.

Faithfulness Report: Attendance: 8/11: 48/ 5 online Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$4090
Loan angel: \$650 Debt relief: \$25 Op Christmas Child: \$80

Website and Facebook. Come online to check us out! 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> .

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



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19:1–8

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

Epistle: Ephesians 4:17–5:2

¹⁷This I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰That is not the way you learned Christ!—²¹assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²²to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he

may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³²Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Holy Gospel: John 6:35–51

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

⁴¹So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—⁴⁶not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Discussion Questions for God's Word Today

Which of the three readings or psalm did you find most thought-provoking?

What questions came up in your mind from today's readings or sermon?

What was your main takeaway from today's sermon?

What did you hear that was convicting or comforting?

What modern issues do you think today's Word touched on?

Which one of today's readings will you spend more time thinking, reading, praying, or studying about this week?