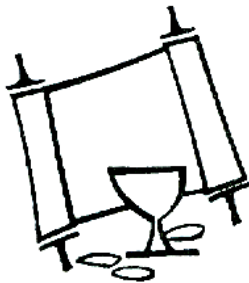


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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 2024

Our mission:

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

Welcome! "Did God really say that?" This was the sly, slippery question Satan posed to Adam and Eve as an enticement to ignore a clear commandment from God and start living by their own rules. Jesus tells the religious leaders they've fallen into a similar trap by imposing their own beloved traditions upon others while neglecting God's laws. (Mark 7) The apostle Paul lays out God's design for marriage, modeled on Christ's faithfulness to us. (Ephesians 5) These may challenge our own notions about male and female roles. But the Holy One of Israel only wants to guide us into a life of freedom and fulfillment, the source of which is faith.

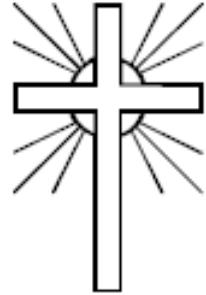
Welcome guests! We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon, sign the guest book next to the front doors, and let us know how we can be of service to you. The order of service is printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. A cryroom is available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

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: 543 What Wondrous Love Is This

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.

Almighty and merciful God,

defend Your Church from all false teaching and error

that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God

and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

. C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 29:11-19 (see back cover)



Psalm: Psalm14



¹The fool says in his heart, “There | is no God.”*
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds, there is none | who does good.

²The LORD looks down from heaven on the chil- | dren of man,*
to see if there are any who understand, who seek | after God.

³They have all turned aside; together they have be- | come corrupt;*
there is none who does good, not | even one.

⁴Have they no knowledge, all the evil- | doers*
who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call up- | on the LORD?

⁵There they are in great | terror,*
for God is with the generation of the | righteous.

⁶You would shame the plans | of the poor,*
but the LORD is his | refuge.

⁷Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of | Zion!*

When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, let Jacob rejoice, let Israel | be glad.

**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 5:22-33 (see back cover)

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

Gospel Reading:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.
C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Mark 7:1-13 (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: 853 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

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

For those with health concerns:

Roger Newton	Janice Nuneviller	Jared Casper	Carol Farley
Mio Howard	Zane	Valentina Teschke	Valerie Nebbie
Beverly	Pete Serone	Brennan	Grant and Noah
Rev. Gwisock Lee	Betty Kay Foster	Carol Yost Band	Phillip Trivett
Melissa	Rose	Kay Compton	Ursula

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	Dave Bond	

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

Evan Fog	Aug 26	Mika Ryan	Aug 29
Rick Wright	Aug 26	Roger Newton	Aug 30
Jane Heebner	Aug 27	Brad Hoppe	Aug 31
Jeffrey Jamison	Aug 29		

Gathering of the Offering and Offertory

Instrumental Offertory: “Air” – H. Purcell

Congregational Offertory: Create In Me page 192 -193 (*sung*)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen.

The Service of the Sacrament

Order of Holy Communion page 194

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God C: **It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right and salutary....evermore praising You and saying:

C: (*sung*) **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest.**

Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

C: (*spoken*) **Our Father who art in heaven...**

Words of Institution (Consecration)

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace (please greet one another with the words: “The peace of the Lord be with you.”,
responding “And also with you.”)

Agnus Dei page 198 (*sung*)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world; grant us Thy peace. Amen

Distribution Hymn: 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Post Communion Canticle: 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 (spoken)

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



Closing Hymn: 575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Announcements

Dismissal:

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

Postlude: “Trumpet Finale” – F. Manfredini

TAKE IT FURTHER: Today’s Opening Hymn, LSB 543 What Wondrous Love Is This -

Today’s Opening Hymn is beautifully described in the Lutheran Service Book Companion as having “origins nestled in the rugged folk hymns of Appalachia in the early nineteenth century.” What a lovely connection to the recent missions trip recently experienced by our youth and Pastor Dunbar. This hymn was first published in 1811 and is pertinent during so many church seasons. Its focus is on our redemption from sin through Christ, and our reconciliation to God through him. The tune is very old and probably has a connection to Scottish and Irish immigrants who settled in Appalachia.

-Concordia Publishing House. *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns*. (2019), p. 546-548

Memory Verse Challenge:* *Romans 8:31-32

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”



BUT
THEIR HEARTS are FAR
FROM ME.

Announcements – Week of August 25, 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: Kevin Lauricella (Communion and reader), Liam McAllister (acolyte), Bob Maguire and Mark McAllister (ushers), Mark McAllister (live-streaming), Lillian Maguire and Lesley deDufour (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/aiejkofQiSw?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?" Today, and again on August 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 (8/27) 6:00am Men's Breakfast @ Orlando's; 1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
SUNDAY (9/1) 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!

Air Hockey and Foosball Tables. Are you or someone you know interested in a free air hockey or foosball table? In an effort to tidy up our downstairs fellowship hall, we are searching for new homes for these two items. Both are in good working condition, other than a few minor broken pieces. Talk to Jenn Garrow or Pastor Jon if interested!

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.

Flowers are placed on the altar this week memory of Catherine Pfeiffer by Audrey deDufour.

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...

Faithfulness Report: Attendance: 8/18: 54/ 5 online Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$3193
Flowers: \$125 Building: \$50

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



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 29:11–19

¹¹The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

¹³ And the Lord said:

"Because this people draw near with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment
taught by men,

¹⁴ therefore, behold, I will again
do wonderful things with this people,
with wonder upon wonder;
and the wisdom of their wise men shall
perish,
and the discernment of their discerning
men shall be hidden."

¹⁵ Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your
counsel,
whose deeds are in the dark,
and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows
us?"

¹⁶ You turn things upside down!
Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,
that the thing made should say of its maker,
"He did not make me";
or the thing formed say of him who
formed it,
"He has no understanding"?

¹⁷ Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a
fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded
as a forest?

¹⁸ In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹ The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall
exult in the Holy One of Israel.

Epistle: Ephesians 5:22–33

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ

loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Holy Gospel: Mark 7:1–13

¹When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;

⁷ in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the
commandments of men.'

⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."

⁹And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' ¹¹But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban' (that is, given to God)—¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

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?