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Our mission:

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

Welcome. It's no exaggeration to say we can trace all of the world's problems (and ours!) back to one fateful decision made by Adam and Eve in their garden home. Satan's lies led to an act of disobedience that would have devastating effects for all of humanity. But into this dark moment, God spoke a promise of coming Light - a descendent of Eve who would one day crush Satan's head! Today's Gospel proclaims Jesus Christ as the Truth who is stronger than Satan's lies. He came to fulfill God's ancient promise and deliver us from the curse of sin and death. Alleluia!

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 Four

LSB page 203

Prelude: “Gavotte” – M. Camidge

Words of Welcome

Invocation, Confession and Absolution (page 203)

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: 578 Thy Strong Word (st. 1-4)

Kyrie (page 204)

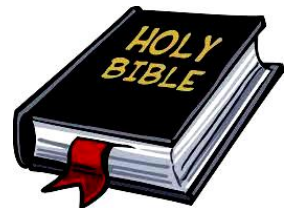
P: In peace let us pray to the Lord...

C: **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

(The congregation sings this in response to each petition.)

Hymn of Praise To God on High Be Glory (page 204)

To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth.
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing –
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav’nly King.



To You, O sole begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior; You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.



Prayer of the Day (page 205)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God,
Your Son Jesus triumphed over the prince of demons
and freed us from bondage to sin.

Help us to stand firm against every assault of Satan,
and enable us always to do Your will;

through 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 3:8-15 (see back cover)

Song: "Forever" by Hope Dunbar, Laura Carlisle, Ben Lange

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (see back cover)

Alleluia and Verse (page 205)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



Gospel Reading: Mark 3:20-35

Acclamations (spoken): **Glory to you, O Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

Children's Sermon

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HOME
FILLED WITH
STRIFE
and
DIVISION
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ITSELF

Hymn of the Day: 561 The Tree of Life



Sermon

Prayers After each petition of the prayer P: Lord in your mercy,
C: **Hear our prayer.**

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

For comfort:

Fry family	Death of Jimmy	Teschke
Beck family	Death of Ruth	Teschke
Gibbs family	Death of Linda	Teschke

For those with health concerns:

Betty Kay Foster	Barbara H.	Kay Compton	Stephen Gewecke
Pat Dietz	Claire Haenisch	Ursula	Valerie Nebbie
Beverly	Pete Serone	Phillip Trivett	Maryanne Reside
Brennan	Zane	Marci Fehlhofer	Rose

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	Judy Grube
Trudy	Kaleigh Moore	Steve Saumsiegle	Doris
Gunter	Jerry	Gerry Campbell	Brad Hoppe
Jane Fry			

For those with needs around the world:

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
Flooding, tornadoes, and disasters in US	Prayers for help and rebuilding

For those serving in the armed forces:

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

For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:

For the needs of the nursery school families	For full 2024-25 enrollment
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Anniversaries:

John and Cheryl Cudmore	Jun 10	PJ and Chrissy Grube	June 10
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Offering

Instrumental Offertory: “Interlude in D” - Anonymous

Order of Holy Communion (page 208)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God... Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven...

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...

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

C: Amen.

**C: O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: 572 In the Shattered Bliss of Eden

Nunc Dimittis

**C: O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace;
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**



Post-Communion Collect p. 212

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen

Benedicamus and Benediction (page 212)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and...

Closing Hymn: 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Announcements

Dismissal

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: “Jesu, meine Freude” – J.S. Bach



TAKE IT FURTHER: Today’s Distribution Hymn, LSB 572 Stephen P. Starke’s hymn “In the Shattered Bliss of Eden” was written in 2002, and is based on the scripture in Galatians 4:4-5. It contrasts God’s perfect creation with the corruption that sin wrought as it connects God’s promises from the Old Testament with their ultimate fulfillment in Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. This covering for sin only God could provide.

-Concordia Publishing House. *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns*. (2019), p. 620-621

Memory Verse Challenge: Galatians 4:4-5

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Announcements – Week of June 9, 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: Jim Steimle (communion and reading), Joe Scheblein and Joey Dunbar (ushers), Mark McAllister (live-streaming), Liam McAllister (acolyte), Audrey deDufour and Jeanne Hoppe (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/dkswClj_a7o?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. Next week (6/12) will be our last Wednesday bible study before taking a break for the summer. We'll discuss Acts 28:17-31 and bring our study of this book to a conclusion! Arriving in Rome after surviving many dangers, Paul shares the Gospel with the Jewish community there. Although only a few were receptive to his preaching, Paul never gave up his mission of bringing Christ to the world. (And neither should we!)

Sunday Bible Study. This Sunday we'll continue learning about God's Grace in Genesis. We'll read Genesis 3 and talk about how Adam and Eve's disobedience created ripple effects of brokenness throughout Creation that endure today. But even more importantly, we'll see how God responded with grace and a Gospel promise to fix what our sin had broken. **To prepare, read Genesis 3:1-24.**

Weekly Schedule:

TUESDAY (6/11)	6:00am Men's Breakfast @ Orlando's; 12pm Elders Meeting
WEDNESDAY (6/12)	7:30 Zoom Bible Study on Acts (FINAL CLASS)
THURSDAY (6/13)	NOAH Picnic
SUNDAY (6/16)	8:15am Bible Study/SS; 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

St. Peter's is Saved to Serve! Check out how you are shining Christ's light at work, in civic and social organizations, in your recreation, etc. and see where God is sending us out each Sunday after worship and through the week!

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.

Operation Christmas Child. As we look forward to this year's collection, we are focusing on certain supplies during each month. To round out this year's donations, we could use **children's or costume jewelry**, and **matchbox cars**, so if you can, pick up a few and drop them in the collection box in the narthex.

Lambertville Food Pantry. Please grab some non-perishable items at the grocery store to add to our food pantry collection box in the narthex. **June's collection is Baking and Cooking** – flour, sugar, salt, cooking oil, vinegar, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, etc

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: 6/9: 41 in person, 5 online
Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$3299 Building: \$25

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



St. Peter's is warmly invited to Jesse's Graduation Open House

Wednesday June 19th 5pm-9pm at the parsonage.

Come congratulate the graduate!



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 3:8–15

⁸They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,
"Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and
the woman,
and between your offspring and
her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel."

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we

look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Holy Gospel: Mark 3:20–35

²⁰Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." ²³And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house.

²⁸"Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. ³²And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you." ³³And he answered them, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!" ³⁵Whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."