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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

Our mission:

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

Welcome. God will always have your back! This promise from Jesus would sustain the twelve disciples as they were sent out into the world testifying about God's Kingdom and calling all people to repent (Mk 6). The road of discipleship can be a difficult one to walk. Those who represent Christ and live out his teachings will not be welcomed everywhere. But don't let this discourage you. God has set His Spirit within you (Ezk 2). He has your back!

Welcome guests! We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to our guest pastor, Pastor Gewecke, 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.

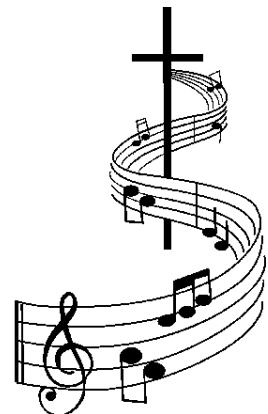
P Most merciful God,
C have mercy on us.

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 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus



KYRIE *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

Pastor: In peace, in peace,

Assistant: Congregation:

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

The musical score consists of three staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is for the Assistant, and the second and third staves are for the 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: Assistant:
Help, save and de - fend us, O God.

Cong: Congregation:
A - - - men.

The musical score consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is for the Pastor, and the second staff is for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "Help, save and de - fend us, O God." and "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


To refrain




for ev - er.

Verse 3

Congregation:




3. For God has come to dwell with us,



to make us peo - ple of God; to make

To refrain



all things new.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P
C
P

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God,

Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy.

Grant us the fullness of Your grace

that we may be called to repentance

and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures;

through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

C

Amen



OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5 (see back cover)

PSALM: Psalm 123 (Spoken responsively)

P: To You I lift up my eyes,
O You who are enthroned in the heavens!

C: Behold, as the eyes of the servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes look to the LORD our God, till He has mercy upon us.

P: Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have more than enough of contempt.

C: Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

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: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 (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

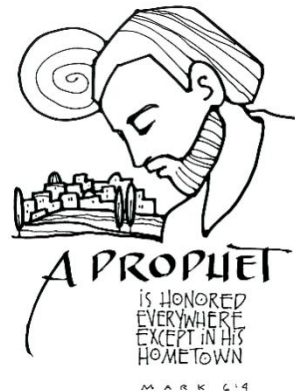
HOLY GOSPEL

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

Mark 6:1-13 (see back cover)

After the reading:

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



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

HYMN OF THE DAY 856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

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:

Danese family	Death of Greg	Teschke
Bridenbough/Gewecke families	Death of Larry	Gewecke
Ellis family	Death of Anna Marie	Teschke
Halstead family	Death of Doris	Teschke

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
Barbara	Sandy Hammond	Rocky	

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
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
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			

For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:

For the nursery school staff and families

For Nursery School summer programs

Birthdays:

Riley Robinson

July 7

PJ Grube

July 9

Mark McAllister

July 10

Anniversaries:

Tom and Christine Dorsett

July 8

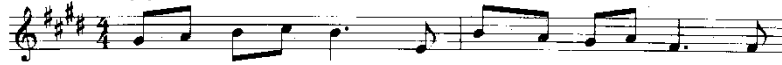
GATHERING OF THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

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



To refrain

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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C And also with you.
C We lift them to the Lord.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...
C Amen.

SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy (LSB p. 208)*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

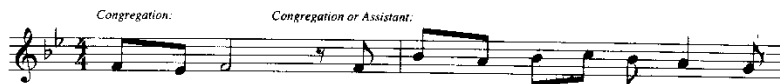
*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

PAX DOMINI *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God*



Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the
you are the bread of life for us
you are the way of jus - tice and



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
all:
peace:

Congregation:
Congregation
or Assistant:

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 741 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN America the Beautiful (see yellow insert)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE



TAKE IT FURTHER: Today’s Hymn of the Day, LSB 856 O Christ Who Called the Twelve - Herman Stuempfle (1923-2007) was another latecomer to hymn-writing, beginning in his 60s. He was a teacher of homiletics at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, and felt that hymns are a form of prayer, being influenced by Luther’s view that “to sing is to pray twice.” Each stanza of this hymn relates an action Christ used with his twelve disciples to a request for Him to so deal with us as His current-day disciples. You might recognize the tune as that of another familiar hymn, “This Is My Father’s World.”

-Concordia Publishing House. *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns.* (2019), p. 1325-1327

Memory Verse Challenge: 2 Corinthians 12:9

But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Announcements – Week of July 7, 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: Jason Bloom (Communion), (reader), Joe Scheblein and Scott Garrow (ushers), Jason Bloom (live-streaming), Lydia Bloom (acolyte), Lillian Maguire 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/CpoFUzB3yuk?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: (Pastor away on vacation July 1-12)

MONDAY (7/8) Mon-Thurs, 9-Noon SPLNS Summer Program
SUNDAY (7/14) 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

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 by the Maguire family in honor of Tom and Christine Dorsett's anniversary.

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.

Donations for Youth Mission Trip. We have an opportunity to support our youth, Juliet Behnfeldt and Joey Dunbar with their upcoming mission trip to Tennessee with the Appalachian Service Project (July 20-27). The trip costs \$300 per participant, so any help is appreciated! Any money beyond their costs will be donated to the work of ASP. (Checks can be made out to St. Peter with "ASP donation" in the memo line.)

Follow our progress! Keep up with what’s happening during this impactful trip by going to Facebook and searching “Appalachia Service Project Johnson County, Tennessee Center”

Operation Christmas Child. Christmas in July! Our annual shoebox packing event is scheduled for Sunday, 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 such need.

Lambertville Food Pantry. Please grab some non-perishable items at the grocery store to add to our food pantry collection box in the narthex. **July’s collection is Paper Products** – paper towels, toilet tissue, facial tissue, 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: 6/30: 68	Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$6025
Debt reduction: \$80 Missions: \$10	Confirmation flowers: \$33
Op Chr Child: \$108 ASP: \$735	Flowers: \$50

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading:

Ezekiel 2:1–5

¹He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” ²And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’ ⁵And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12:1–10

¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect

in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:1–13

¹[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” ⁵And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

⁷And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—⁹but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.