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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

Our mission:

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

Welcome. The prophet Amos and John the Baptist are two examples of courage in today's readings. Both men were willing to speak up in defense of the truth even when it proved costly to do so. Cowardice and conniving have always existed within the halls of power. But they cannot stop God's servants from speaking. Christ is our greatest defender and advocate! Lord, give us the courage to follow where he leads.

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 “Cornet Voluntary” - J. Madison

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 873 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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.

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)

Assistant: Congregation:

Pastor: Help, save and de - fend us, O God.
Cong: A - - - men.

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 Lord,

You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil
and courage to proclaim repentance.

Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully
even into suffering and death;

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: Amos 7:7-15 (see back cover)

PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13



⁸Let me hear what God the | LORD will
speak,*
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his saints; but let them not turn
back to | folly.

⁹Surely his salvation is near to those
who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet;*
righteousness and peace kiss
each | other.

¹¹Faithfulness springs up | from the
ground,*
and righteousness looks down | from
the sky.

¹²Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,*
and our land will yield its | increase.

¹³Righteousness will go be- | fore him*
and make his foot- | steps a way.

**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: Ephesians 1:3-14 (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 6:14-29 (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.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 738 Lord of All Hopefulness

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:

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	Claudio	

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	Jane Fry
Trudy	Kaleigh Moore	Steve Saumsiegle	Dottie
Gunter	Jerry	Gerry Campbell	Brad Hoppe
Mr. Borden			

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:

Juliet Behnfeldt	July 16	Connie Hofer	July 18
Sarah Cudmore	July 18	Chase Garrow	July 18
Allison Cudmore	July 18	Cole Garrow	July 18
Tyson Wilhelm	July 19		

GATHERING OF THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Instrumental Offertory: "Air" - H. Purcell

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

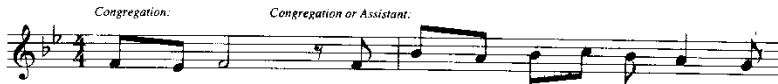
*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

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:

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.

Congregation:

Congregation or Assistant:

DISTRIBUTION HYMN 638 Eat This Bread

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 917 Savior Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE “Voluntary in G” - H. Heron

TAKE IT FURTHER: Today’s Hymn of the Day, LSB 738 Lord of all Hopefulness -

The text for this hymn was written by poet and author Jan Struther (Joyce Anstruther) in 1931. She was asked to provide a hymn for a new hymn book by her neighbor, the cleric Percy Dearmer. He asked her to use the Irish tune ‘Slane’, which we recognize as that of another familiar hymn, “Be Thou My Vision.” Struther’s hymn “prays the singer through morning, noontide, evening, and night,” representing each stage of the journey through life. She conveys the Christian’s faithful reliance on God and all He provides throughout our lives. (Jan Struther gained recognition as the author of the book Mrs. Miniver, which was adapted into an acclaimed 1942 motion picture.)

-Concordia Publishing House. *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns.* (2019), p. 1046-1048

Memory Verse Challenge: Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

Announcements – Week of July 14, 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: Norm Klesat (Communion), Allison Fog (reading), Tyson Wilhelm and Scott Garrow (ushers), Jesse Dunbar (live-streaming), Juliet Behnfeldt (acolyte), 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/Hns7ovLoXNA?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:

TUESDAY (7/16)	6:00am Men's Breakfast @ Orlando's
SATURDAY (7/20)	Pastor away on ASP Mission trip July 20-27
SUNDAY (7/21)	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.

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: 7/7: 45+5 online Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$3965
Debt: \$30 Flowers: \$25 ASP: \$190 Sub organist: \$300 Operation Christmas Child: \$55

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Amos 7:7–15

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass by them;
⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made
desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be
laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of
Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.'

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Epistle: Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14–29

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.