



# St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*July 21, 2024*

### **Our mission:**

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

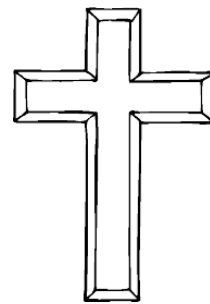
**Welcome.** The well-known and beloved Psalm 23 declares that God, our Good Shepherd, "makes us lie down in green pastures." That promise of divine nourishment would eventually be fulfilled on the green hills of Galilee where Jesus fed a crowd of 5,000 men with a miraculous provision of bread and fish. Today, don't be lured in by the spiritual "junk food" of false shepherds (Jer 23).

Feed on the Word of Christ every day, and you will never go hungry!

**Welcome guests!** We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to our guest pastor, Pastor Holsten, 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** “Gavotte” – S. Goodwin

### 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 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** 912 Christ is Our Cornerstone



**KYRIE** *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

Pastor: In peace, in peace,

Musical score for the Kyrie. It consists of three staves of music in G major and 2/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Assistant:' and contains the lyrics 'Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,'. The second staff is labeled 'Congregation:' and contains the lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have'. The third staff continues the melody with the lyrics '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)

Musical score for the Pastor and Congregation parts. The first staff is labeled 'Assistant:' and contains the lyrics 'Help, save and de - fend us, O God.'. The second staff is labeled 'Congregation:' and contains the lyrics '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




for ev - er. *To refrain*

Verse 3


*Congregation:*



3. For God has come to dwell with us,



to make us peo - ple of God; to make



all things new. *To refrain*

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P**  
**C**  
**P**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,  
though we do not deserve Your goodness,  
still You provide for all our needs of body and soul.

Grant us Your Holy Spirit  
that we may acknowledge Your gifts,  
give thanks for all Your benefits,  
and serve You in willing obedience;  
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:** Jeremiah 23:1-6 (see back cover)

**PSALM:** Psalm 23



<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my | shepherd;\*  
I | shall not want.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in  
green | pastures.\*  
He leads me beside still | waters.

<sup>3</sup> He re- | stores my soul.\*  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his | name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death, I will fear no  
evil, for you are | with me;\*  
your rod and your staff, they | comfort  
me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the  
presence of my | enemies;\*  
you anoint my head with oil; my  
cup | overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
me all the days | of my life,\*  
and I shall dwell in the house of the  
LORD for- | ever.

**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 2:11-22 (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 6:30-44* (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** 644 The Church's One Foundation

**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
Danese family	Death of Greg	Teschke
Bridenbough/Gewecke family	Death of Larry	Heebner

*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	Shirley Yost
Rocky	Barbara		

*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:*

Political unrest and division in our nation	Prayers for peace, 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

*For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:*

For the nursery school staff and families For Nursery School summer programs

*Birthdays:*

Tom Dorsett	July 22	Lillian Maguire	July 22
James Steimle	July 22	Dominic Martinez	July 24
Timothy Fog	July 27		

**GATHERING OF THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY**

**Instrumental Offertory:** "Prelude in F" – M. Camidge

**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

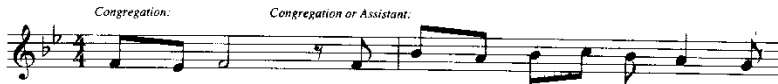
*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

## 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.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** 711 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN** 922 Go, My Children, With My Blessing

**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 Opening Hymn, LSB 912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone -

The words of this hymn are actually a paraphrase by John Chandler (1806-1876) based on the second half of a Latin composition which comes from around the eighth century! It clearly shows Christ as the true cornerstone of the “holy temple in the Lord” referred to in Ephesians 2:19-21. We are also an important part of that structure, along with the foundation of the apostles and prophets. You can take a peek at hymns LSB 921 and LSB 966 if you’d like to see two other hymns which use the same tune.

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

***Memory Verse Challenge:*** Ephesians 2:19-21

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

**Announcements – Week of July 21, 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: Stephen Behnfeldt (Communion and reading), Dave deDufour and Kevin Lauricella (ushers), Lesley deDufour (live-streaming), Liam McAllister (acolyte), Shirley Yost 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/0FzbngryvoM?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 ASP Mission trip July 20-27)

MONDAY (7/22)	Mon-Thurs, 9-Noon SPLNS Summer Program;
SUNDAY (7/28)	9:30am Worship, Operation Christmas Child Packing Party after service

**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**

**Operation Christmas Child.** Christmas in July! Our annual shoebox packing event is scheduled for next Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> 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 need.

**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 Dorsett family in honor of Lillian Maguire's and Tom Dorsett's birthdays.**

**\*\*\*You may have noticed that the dying tree which used to grow along the lower driveway has been removed! Many thanks to ALL FAIR TREE SERVICE for doing that work for us at no cost! \*\*\***

**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 on Sunday, Aug 11 at 4:00 PM. A dinner will follow the service. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by Aug 1 to 732-873-2888. See the poster on the bulletin board for more information.

**Youth Mission Trip.** Pastor Jon, Joey Dunbar and Juliet Behnfeldt have begun their mission trip to Tennessee with the Appalachian Service Project (July 20-27). Many thanks to all who helped to support these students and this important project! **\*\*\*Follow their progress! Keep up with what's happening during this impactful trip by going to Facebook and searching "Appalachia Service Project Johnson County, Tennessee Center"\*\*\***

**Sunday Sermon Discussion.** "So...what did you think of today's sermon?" Starting August 4th, 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 through the month of August!

**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](http://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: 7/14: 50      Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$4475  
Flowers: \$25      ASP: \$110      Op Christmas Child: \$140      Loan Angel: \$500      HVAC: \$2050

**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.

**Other Important web links:**

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| NJ District LCMS                   | <a href="http://njdistrict.org">njdistrict.org</a>                   |
| The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod | <a href="http://lcms.org">lcms.org</a>                               |
| LCMS World Relief and Human Care   | <a href="http://lcms.org/ca/worldrelief">lcms.org/ca/worldrelief</a> |
| The "Lutheran Hour" Broadcast      | <a href="http://lhm.org">lhm.org</a>                                 |





## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23:1–6

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

### Epistle: Ephesians 2:11–22

<sup>11</sup>Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—<sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to

the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

### Holy Gospel: Mark 6:30–44

<sup>30</sup>The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup>And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup>Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” <sup>37</sup>But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” <sup>39</sup>Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup>And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup>And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup>And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.