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September 22, 2024

Our mission:

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

Welcome! The usual criterion for greatness is radically challenged by Jesus. Not only the words of Jesus but his life, death, and resurrection demonstrate the greatness which comes through servanthood. His challenge to his people is to display in their lives the same pattern of greatness. What Jesus has called us to demonstrate toward one another is nothing less than the love he has shown to us.

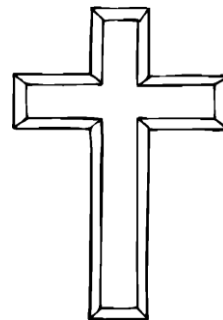
Welcome guests! We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon, sign the guest book next to the front doors, and let us know how we can be of service to you. The order of service is printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. A cryroom is available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

LSB page 167

The Preparation



Prelude: “Voluntary in A minor” - Anonymous

Words of Welcome

Invocation, 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.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for personal confession.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. 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 the 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.**

The Service of the Word

Entrance Hymn: 730 What Is the World to Me

Kyrie (page 168)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise This is the Feast (page 171)

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

O God,

whose strength is made perfect in weakness,
grant us humility and childlike faith

that we may please You in both will and deed;
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 11:18-20 (see back cover)

Psalm: Psalm 54



¹ O God, save me, | by your name,*
and vindicate me | by your might.

² O God, | hear my prayer;*
give ear to the words | of my mouth.

³ For strangers have risen against me;
ruthless men | seek my life;*
they do not set God be- | fore
themselves.

⁴ Behold, God is my | helper;*
the Lord is the upholder | of my life.

⁵ He will return the evil to my | enemies;*
in your faithfulness put an | end to
them.

⁶ With a freewill offering I will
sacri- | fice to you;*
I will give thanks to your name,
O LORD, for | it is good.

⁷ For he has delivered me from
every | trouble,*
and my eye has looked in triumph on
my | enemies.

**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: James 3:13 – 4:10 (see back cover)

Gospel Reading:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 9:30-37 (see back cover)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed (see inside the back cover of the hymnal)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day: 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

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:

The Zucker family
The deDufour family
The Robinson family
The Schmidt family
The Howard family

Death of Blossom
Death of Richard
Death of Ryan (nephew)
Death of Fred
Death of Mio

Teschke
Dunbar
Van Hise
Yost
Manura

For those with health concerns:

Roger Newton	Janice Nuneviller	Robert Bauer	Carol Farley
Chris	Zane	Brennan	Valerie Nebbie
Beverly	Pete Serone	Carol Yost Band	Grant and Noah
Ursula	Betty Kay Foster	Barbara Greenberg	Phillip Trivett
Kay Compton	Michele Manura	Rose	Jamie
Jim Fresco	Chris	Steve	

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	William

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

For those serving in the armed forces:

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

For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:

For staff and families of the school	For continued last minute enrollment
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Birthdays:

Jesse Dunbar	Sep 26	Andrew Hicks	Sep 26
Dave deDufour	Sep 28		

Gathering of the Offering and Offertory

Instrumental Offertory: "Air" - S. Goodwin

Congregational Offertory: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord" (page 955)

C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with Your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

The Service of the Sacrament

Order of Holy Communion (page 177)

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, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth... one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father who art in heaven...

P: Words of Institution

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.")

C: Agnus Dei **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn: 727 On Eagles' Wings

Post-Communion Canticle Thank the Lord (page 181)

C: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (page 183)

Benediction (page 183)

Closing Hymn: 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Announcements

Dismissal P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: "Jesu meine Freude" – J.S. Bach





Announcements – Week of September 22, 2024

Need assistance? The Church Office is staffed each week

MON, TUES and WED from 1:00 - 3:00

Worship, Sunday School, and Bible Study

Welcome! Serving in worship today are: Jim Steimle (Communion), Jane Heebner (Reader), Liam McAllister (acolyte), Scott Garrow (usher), Mark McAllister (usher and live-streaming), Maryanne Reside 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/uea26g0SvUo?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.

NEW Sunday Bible Study: How We Got the Bible. This morning we continued a 5-week study called How We Got the Bible. Each week we'll watch and discuss a video by Dr. Paul Maier that answers important questions like: Where did the Bible come from? Who wrote it, and why? Who decided which books to include? What about critics who question its reliability? Participants in this study will gain a new appreciation of God's Word as our primary source of truth and "profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (1 Timothy 3:16b).

A Study of the Psalms - Wednesdays via ZOOM. Join us on **Wednesdays at 7:30pm** as we dive into the Old Testament Book of Psalms. In this 12-week study, we'll learn how to read and appreciate Hebrew poetry as God's inspired Word. We'll also learn about the different kinds of psalms (e.g. praise, confession, royal, lament) and how they express the wide spectrum of emotions we feel as followers of Christ living in a broken - but still beautiful - world. This Zoom study is open to all - look for the link that was emailed out this week, or ask Pastor. Invite your friends!

After-Service Sermon Discussion continues today! Join us after service in the fellowship hall for a lively discussion!

Weekly Schedule:

MONDAY (9/23)	5:30pm Planning Council Meeting
TUESDAY (9/24)	6:00am Men's Breakfast @ Orlando's
WEDNESDAY (9/25)	7:30pm Zoom Bible Study of Psalms
THURSDAY (9/26)	11:00am NJ March for Life in Trenton
SUNDAY (9/29)	8:15am Bible Study; 9:30am Worship; 11:00am Readings Discussion Group; 4:00-6:00pm JamAfternoon

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

New Jersey March for Life. This Thursday, September 26 you can add your voice to this important issue by attending the New Jersey March for Life at the state capitol in Trenton. The event runs from 11:00am to around 1:00pm. Parking will be difficult, so participants are strongly encouraged to use public transportation. Those who wish to carpool with Pastor Jon should meet at 9:30am at the church. Please let him know if you're interested in attending!

Jamafternoon coming soon- next Sunday, September 29, 4-6 pm! Are you a lover of music, singer of songs, player of instruments? Or do you just enjoy a fabulous get-together with folks who are ready to spend an afternoon lifting their voices together? Leave the stress behind and come share in a good old-fashioned American folk tune (and more) sing- and play- along!

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.

Lambertville Food Pantry. Please grab some non-perishable items at the grocery store to add to our food pantry collection box in the narthex. **September's collection is Breakfast** - cereal, pancake mix, syrup, cereal bars, pop tarts, etc

Faithfulness Report: Attendance: 9/15: 66/5 online Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$4652
Loan Angel: \$650 Flowers: \$25 Memorial: \$450

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:

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod lcms.org NJ District LCMS njdistrict.org
LCMS World Relief and Human Care lcms.org/ca/worldrelief The “Lutheran Hour” Broadcast lhm.org

TAKE IT FURTHER: Today's Closing Hymn, LSB 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Ray Palmer (1808-1887) did not initially intend for this “private composition, deeply expressive of personal faith” to be shared publicly, let alone made into a hymn. At the tender age of 21, he was simply overwhelmed by the meaning and significance of Christ's “whole work of redemption and salvation” which made him, and each of us, a “ransomed soul” as he stated in the fourth verse. A chance meeting with Lowell Mason (1792-1872), the composer of the hymn, was the catalyst for the creation of this beautiful hymn. The certainty of our forgiveness and the sure welcome awaiting us by our heavenly Father assured in this piece can give it significance for each of us.

-Concordia Publishing House. *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns*. (2019), p. 954-956

Memory Verse Challenge: James 3:7-8a

Submit yourselves, therefore, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 11:18–20

¹⁸ The LORD made it known to me and
I knew;
then you showed me their deeds.
¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
I did not know it was against me
they devised schemes, saying,
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of
the living,
that his name be remembered
no more.”
²⁰ But, O LORD of hosts, who judges
righteously,
who tests the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon
them,
for to you have I committed
my cause.

Epistle: James 3:13–4:10

¹³Who is wise and understanding
among you? By his good conduct let
him show his works in the meekness
of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter
jealousy and selfish ambition in your
hearts, do not boast and be false to the
truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that
comes down from above, but is earthly,
unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where
jealousy and selfish ambition exist,
there will be disorder and every vile
practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above
is first pure, then peaceable, gentle,
open to reason, full of mercy and good
fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a
harvest of righteousness is sown in
peace by those who make peace.

^{4:1}What causes quarrels and what
causes fights among you? Is it not this,
that your passions are at war within
you? ²You desire and do not have, so
you murder. You covet and cannot
obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do
not have, because you do not ask. ³You
ask and do not receive, because you ask
wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

⁴You adulterous people! Do you not
know that friendship with the world is
enmity with God? Therefore whoever
wishes to be a friend of the world
makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or
do you suppose it is to no purpose that
the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously
over the spirit that he has made to
dwell in us”? ⁶But he gives more grace.
Therefore it says, “God opposes the
proud, but gives grace to the humble.”
⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from
you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will
draw near to you. Cleanse your hands,
you sinners, and purify your hearts,
you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and
mourn and weep. Let your laughter be
turned to mourning and your joy to
gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the
Lord, and he will exalt you.

Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30–37

³⁰[The disciples] went on from there
and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus]
did not want anyone to know, ³¹for
he was teaching his disciples, saying
to them, “The Son of Man is going to
be delivered into the hands of men,
and they will kill him. And when he
is killed, after three days he will rise.”
³²But they did not understand the
saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³And they came to Capernaum. And
when he was in the house he asked
them, “What were you discussing on
the way?” ³⁴But they kept silent, for
on the way they had argued with one
another about who was the greatest.
³⁵And he sat down and called the
twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone
would be first, he must be last of all and
servant of all.” ³⁶And he took a child
and put him in the midst of them, and
taking him in his arms, he said to them,
³⁷“Whoever receives one such child in
my name receives me, and whoever
receives me, receives not me but him
who sent me.”