

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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Our mission:

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

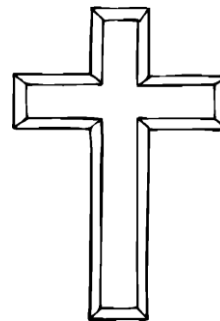
Welcome! Today's Epistle reading urges us to "pay much closer attention to what we have heard" (Heb.2:1). How true this is regarding what God has said about His gift of marriage! Do we regard our marriages as the holy partnership described in Genesis 2? Or do we imitate our culture's low view of marriage as a human contract, disposable for any reason? Lord, forgive our negligence to Your commands, and help us to be faithful in all our relationships as You are faithful 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: “Erhalt uns Herr” - J.G. Walther

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: 864 Shepherd of Tender Youth

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.

Merciful Father,

Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end.

Grant that by Your Holy Spirit

we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight;
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: Genesis 2:18-25 (see back cover)

Psalm: Psalm 128



¹ Blessed is everyone who | fears the
LORD,*
who walks | in his ways!

² You shall eat the fruit of the labor | of
your hands; *
you shall be blessed, and it shall
be | well with you.

³ Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
with- | in your house; *
your children will be like olive shoots
around your | table.

⁴ Behold, thus shall the | man be blessed *
who | fears the LORD.

⁵ The LORD bless you from | Zion! *
May you see the prosperity of
Jerusalem all the days | of your life!

⁶ May you see your children's | children! *
Peace be upon | Israel!

**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: Hebrews 2:1-13 (see back cover)

Gospel Reading:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 10:2-16 (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: 869 With the Lord Begin Your Task

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 Miller/Sterns family

Death of Blossom
Death of Richard
Death of Steve

Bloom
Dunbar
Van Hise



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	Sid	Phillip Trivett
Kay Compton	Michele Manura	Rose	Jamie
Jim Fresco	Margaret Brummel	John Oneil	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	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
Those coping with hurricane/disaster recovery	Prayers for provision and help
Those in need of employment	Provision of jobs
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
Daniel Gewecke	James Bannon	Harper Usiskin	Jesse Sowell	

For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:

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

Cathy Hicks	Oct 10	Andy Wright	Oct 10
Jenny Barrett	Oct 12		

Anniversaries:

Steve and Zen deDufour	Oct 12
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Gathering of the Offering and Offertory

Instrumental Offertory: "Interlude" – Anonymous (18th Century)

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: 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

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: 527 O Savior, Precious Savior

Announcements

Dismissal P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: “Vater unser in Himmelreich” – J.S. Bach





Announcements – Week of October 6, 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: Tyson Wilhelm (Communion and Live -streaming), Cheryl Gewecke (Reader and communion/coffee clean-up), Nathan Wilhelm (acolyte), Steve deDufour and Jim Steimle (ushers), Shirley Yost (communion and coffee set-up),

Today's service will be live streamed on You Tube at the following link:

<https://youtube.com/live/DCnQ2EVGNX0?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.

Please join us for another special St. Peter Service of Healing on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 7 PM. It is an evening of devotion, contemplation, song, and healing prayer, through interactive worship. Bring a friend!

Sunday Bible Study: This morning we conclude our 5-week study of "How We Got the Bible" with a lesson on how the Bible came to be translated into English. We'll discuss why church leaders tried to prevent the Bible's translation and how God used men like Wycliffe, Tyndale, and even King Henry VIII to give more people throughout the world access to the unadulterated Gospel of Christ. Join us!

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. Each session can stand alone – pop in any time. Invite your friends!

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

Weekly Schedule:

TUESDAY (10/8)	6:00am Men's Breakfast @ Orlando's
WEDNESDAY (10/9)	7:30pm Zoom Bible Study of Psalms
THURSDAY (10/10)	9:00-1:00pm Circuit Pastors Meeting @ Lanoka Harbor, NJ
SATURDAY (10/12)	7:30am Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY (10/13)	8:15am Bible Study; 9:30am Worship; 11:00am Readings Discussion Group; 6:30pm Impact Youth Group @ St. Paul, Flemington

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.

Women’s Ministry Fall Tea Coming Soon! On **Saturday, Oct. 19** join us here at church for our Second Annual Fall Tea from 10 am -12 pm. Bring your favorite tea cup and be ready for a party. There’s a sign-up on the bulletin board for those who would like to bring a tasty treat. Please RSVP to the church office by Sun, Oct 13 at (609)466-0939 or secretary@stpeternj.org, or just let Amy know.

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.

Lambertville Food Pantry. Please grab some non-perishable items at the grocery store to add to our food pantry collection box in the narthex. **October’s collection is Pasta** – penne, rigatoni, spirals, bow ties, spaghetti, linguini, lasagna, ziti... you name it! Pasta sauce too!

Faithfulness Report: Attendance 9/29: 54/6 online Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$3160
Nursery School reimb: \$654.92 Memorial: \$1225

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 Hymn of the Day, LSB 869 With the Lord Begin Your Task

This hymn has its origins in a little Saxon town in Germany named Waldenburg, in the early 1700’s. Gottfried Hoffman, a printer, and his son Christian, published travel books filled with helpful information such as “maps, tables of weights and measures, currency calculators, calendar comparisons, tables for interpreting sundials in different locations, and weather information,” all sorts of practical information a traveler might need. Most importantly, however, they also contained devotions, prayers, and hymns – admittedly not common in travel guides of today. This hymn first appeared in one of these guides. Interestingly, the town of Waldenburg was very near the village where the father and grandfather of C.F.W. Walther, the Missouri Synod’s first president and editor of the synod’s first hymnal, served as pastor. This hymn is a part of that hymnal!

-Concordia Publishing House. *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns.* (2019), p. 1351-1354

Memory Verse Challenge: Mark 10:14

Jesus...said to them, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2:18–25

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man."

²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Epistle: Hebrews 2:1–13

¹Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere,

"What is man, that you are mindful of him,
or the son of man, that you care for
him?"

⁷ You made him for a little while lower than
the angels;

you have crowned him with glory and
honor,

⁸ putting everything in subjection under
his feet."

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying,

"I will tell of your name to my brothers;
in the midst of the congregation I will
sing your praise."

¹³And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again,

"Behold, I and the children God has
given me."

Holy Gospel: Mark 10:2–16

²Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." ⁵And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸and they shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

¹⁰And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." ¹⁶And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.