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Special Mission Sunday: The Apple of His Eye

November 17, 2024

Our mission:

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

Welcome! Today's worship service has a special mission focus as we welcome Rev. Jordan Peiser from Apple of His Eye ministry. Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our non-Christian neighbors can feel like a daunting task. Where would I start? How would my words be received? Focusing on ourselves and thinking that everything hangs on how we perform only leads to discouragement and inaction. Ezekiel's vision of the Valley of Dry Bones reminds us that it is God's Spirit that breathes life into the spiritually dead. Jesus the Messiah came to be the Savior of all people, both Jew and Gentile. Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with love for those who are far away from You, give us the right words to say, and courage to speak!

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 One

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Prelude: “O Welt, ich muss dich lassen” – J. G. Walther

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship:

Psalm 133



¹ Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is*
when brothers dwell in | unity!

² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard, on the
beard of | Aaron,*
running down on the collar | of his
robes!

³ It is like the dew of Hermon, which
falls on the mountains of | Zion!*

For there the LORD has commanded
the blessing, life for- | evermore.

**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.**

Lighting of the Candles

P: Barukh attah Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam, asher Kiddishanu b'Y'shua HaMashiach, or Ha Olam

C: Blessed art Thou O LORD our God, King of the universe, who sanctifies us in Y'shua, light of the world.

Hymn of Invocation: 798 The God of Abraham Praise (v. 1-3)

Shema Yisrael:

(Deut 6:4, Ps 72:19, Deut 6:5; Lev 19:18; Matt 22:40)

P: Shemah Y'srael Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Echad.

C: Hear O Israel, the LORD our God the LORD is One.

P: Baruch Shem K'vod Malchuto L'olam V'ed. Veahafta et Adonai elohecha u'vkol l'vavecha, u'vkol nafshecha, u'vchol meodecha

C: Blessed be His name, whose glorious kingdom is forever and ever. And you shall love the LORD Your God with all your heart and all your mind and all your soul.

P: Veahafta lereicha k'mocha

C: And you shall love your neighbors as yourselves.

P: On these two commandments pivot all the law and prophets.

Avinu Malkeinu

P: Avinu Malkeinu, avinu malkeinu, avinu malkeinu haneinu v'aneinu, ki ayn banu ma-asim. Asey imanu tzedakah v'chesed, Asey imanu tzedakah v'chesed v'hosheinu.

(Our Father, our King, have mercy upon us, for we have no merit in ourselves to save ourselves.)

Confession of Sins (Messianic)

C: Eternal God who calls us to repentance, we are grateful for the opportunity to answer Your call, to forsake our sins, and to turn to You with all our hearts. Yet we know that repentance is sometimes difficult. We know that there have been times when we have resolved to mend our ways and did not succeed.

Even our admission that we have done wrong does not come easily: our pride is as tall as the mountains, our vanity is as wide as the sea; and excuses abound. But before You there are no secrets. To You all stands revealed. Our pettiness and our greed, our selfishness and our weakness, our running to do evil and our limping to do good – all these are known to You.

On this day, we yearn to become better than we have been, not because of our merit, but because of Your grace which is more than sufficient for us. For You, O Lord, have given us this great gift of redemption through Y'shua, our Messiah. Open our hearts to the call of this day. May our prayers remain with us and renew us through Your Spirit. Create in us clean hearts, O God, through our Messiah.

Absolution

(John 20:19-23)

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 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.

Hymn of Praise: LSB 798 The God of Abraham Praise (v. 4)

Blessing Before Scripture Reading:

P: Barkhu et Adonai ham 'vorakh.

Baruch Adonai ham 'vorakh L'Olam va'ed.

Baruch attah Adonai eloheinu memech ha-olam, asher bakarbanu mikol hamin, v'natanlanu et torahto.

Baruch attah Adonai, notain ha-torah.

C: Bless the LORD, the blessed One.

Blessed be the LORD the blessed One forever and ever.

**Blessed are You, O LORD our God, King of the Universe,
who chose us from all nations and gave us His Scriptures.**

Blessed are You, O LORD, Giver of the Scriptures.



Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ² And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³ And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹ Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 10:11-25 (see back cover)

Alleluia Verse (page 156)

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter. **C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Mark 13:1-13 (see back cover)

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

Nicene Creed (see inside back cover of hymnal)

Hymn of the Day: 507 Holy, Holy, Holy

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 Newton family	Death of Pastor Roger	Dunbar
Rev. Peter Manel and family	Death of Anna (wife)	

For those with health concerns:

Joe	Janice Nuneviller	Barbara	Carol Farley
Chris	Zane	Brennan	Valerie Nebbie
Beverly	Pete Serone	Carol Yost Band	Grant and Noah
Ursula	John O'Neil	Sid	Phillip Trivett
Kay Compton	Claire	Rose	Jamie
Cambria	Robert Bauer	John Tarlo	Steve Hauptman
Gail	Gordon		

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 Anne
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
Sonia	Barbara		

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/drought/disaster	Prayers for provision and help
Those in need of employment	Provision of jobs
Wars in Europe and Middle East	Prayers for peace, forgiveness, and guidance
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine	Prayers for health, safety, and provision

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	Mike Bahney

For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:

For staff and families of the school	For continuing increasing enrollment
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Birthdays:

MaryAnne Reside	Nov 19	Kristen Lorenzi	Nov 23
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The Service of the Sacrament



Gathering of the Offering and Offertory

Instrumental Offertory: “Adagio in G” - Anonymous

Congregational Offertory: LSB 781 We Give Thee But Thine Own (v. 1-2)

Order of Holy Communion (page 160)

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, God of pow’r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna. 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

Pax Domini (page 163)

Sharing of the Peace: (Please share the peace with one another with the words:

“The peace of the Lord be with you.”, “And also with you.”)

Agnus Dei **C: 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.**

Distribution Hymn: 673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Post Communion Cantic: Nunc Dimittis (page 165)

C: Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.

**My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people,
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.**

**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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Aaronic Benediction

(Numbers 6:24-26)

P: Yevarechecha Adonai Ve'yishmerecha
Ya'er Adonai panayv eylecha vi'chuneka
Yissa Adonai panayv eylecha ve'yaseym lecha shalom.

*(The Lord bless you and keep you
the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you
the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace)*

C: Amen

Closing Hymn: 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Announcements

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord; **C: Thanks be to God!**

Postlude: "Wer nun der lieben Gott last walten" – J. S. Bach



**Please join us in the fellowship hall following the service to hear more from
Pastor Peiser about the Apple of His Eye ministry.**

TAKE IT FURTHER: Today's Opening Hymn: 798 The God of Abraham Praise

This hymn is a Christianized paraphrase of the Hebrew hymn *Yigdal Elohim Hai*, which is based on the Thirteen Articles of Faith of Rabbi Moses Maimonides (1135-1204). *Yigdal Elohim Hai* is attributed to one of two Jewish poets who lived in the early fourteenth century, and is sung to this day at Sabbath eve services. Thomas Olivers (1725-1799) heard *Yigdal* sung during a visit to London's Great Synagogue, where both Jews and non-Jews were welcomed to hear the famous young tenor Meyer Leon who was hired to sing as *meshorret*, assisting the chief cantor. Olivers, a lay-preacher and cobbler, was moved to arrange it as an English hymn, providing Biblical references for each line. It was published first as a booklet, and then after several editions, was included in John Wesley's Pocket Hymn Book (1785). What a fitting beginning for today's special service!

-Concordia Publishing House. *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns*. (2019), p. 1186-1189

Memory Verse Challenge: Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

THE LORD

bless you and
keep you.

The Lord make
his face shine
upon you
and be gracious
to you

NUMBERS 6 : 24 - 25



Announcements – Week of November 17, 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: Jason Bloom (Communion and Live-streaming), Lydia Bloom (Reader), Kevin Lauricella and Jim Steimle (Ushers), Sadie Bloom (Acolyte), MaryAnne Reside and Jeanne Hoppe (Communion/coffee set-up and clean-up)

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

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

Bible Study on Gospel of Luke. This Sunday at 8:15am we continue a 12-week study of selections from Luke's Gospel. **Our study lesson for this Sunday will be Luke 21:5-24, "Jesus Foretells Destruction of the Temple"**. The destruction of the Jerusalem temple by Roman armies in 70 AD brought a violent end to Jewish worship and its animal sacrifices. This act of divine judgment against Israel anticipated God's final judgment when Christ returns on the Last Day. How should believers today think about that Day, and what effect does that have on our witness to Christ?

Wednesday Zoom Bible. Our final Wednesday evening study of the Psalms will be on Nov 20th. We will resume with a new topic on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

Mission Sunday: Apple of His Eye Ministry. Today we welcome a special guest preacher, Rev. Jordan Peiser. While serving at Zion, Maywood, Pastor Jordan also works with Apple of His Eye Ministry sharing the Gospel of Jesus to the Jewish community. **After the worship service, he will share more about his work.** A door offering will be taken to support Apple of His Eye. *Checks should be made payable to "Apple of His Eye" with "Rev. Jordan Peiser" in the memo line.*

Weekly Schedule:

MONDAY (11/18)	Noon Elders Meeting
WEDNESDAY (11/20)	11:30am NOAH Lunch; 7:30pm Zoom Bible Study of Psalms (FINAL)
SUNDAY (11/24)	8:15am SS/Bible Study; 9:30 Worship; 11:00 Discussion Group; 5:00pm Community Thanksgiving Potluck; 6:30 Impact Youth Group at St. Paul, Flemington

Men's, Women's, Senior's, Youth and Family Ministry

Pennington Churches Thanksgiving Potluck! The Pennington Clergy Association is hosting its second annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Potluck on **Sunday, November 24th** starting at 5:00pm at St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Pennington. The event will include food, fellowship, singing and expressions of gratitude. Please see the poster on the bulletin board for more info and let Pastor Jon know if you're interested in attending.

The Prayer Shawl/Lap Blanket Ministry is a prayerful ministry which reaches out to those in need of comfort, and also to share the joy of those celebrating a marriage or the birth of a child. Blessings are prayed into the items for the recipients. These items are meant to be given away unconditionally and are NOT to be sold. Since the beginning of the ministry in 2015, we have given away a total of 384 items which include shawls, lap blankets, baby caps, and baby blankets. In addition to individuals, we have contributed lap blankets and shawls to the Disabled American Veterans Hospital; baby caps to hospitals; fidget blankets to Alzheimer patients; and red, white and blue blankets to Hospice in honor of WWII veterans. Finally, we would like to thank those of you who have contributed to this ministry for the purchase of supplies.

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

Opportunity to give toward Helene Disaster Relief through NJ District. The NJ District continues to match dollar for dollar any individual/family gift given through the District up to \$250. A designation has been set up on the District website (njdistrict.org) where people can give online. Once you are on the website scroll down and click on the "Give Now" button. Scroll down and click on the Hurricane Helene Disaster relief icon.

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 in honor of Madelyn Hailey O'Connor's first birthday, and the birthday of her grandmother MaryAnne Reside as well!

Lambertville Food Pantry. Please grab some non-perishable items at the grocery store to add to our food pantry collection box in the narthex. ***SPECIAL NEED – toilet paper! November's collection is Personal Products*** – body wash, bar soap, liquid hand soap, dish detergent, shampoo, conditioner, and sanitary needs.

Faithfulness Report: Attendance 11/10: 62/ 6 online Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$3826

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
World Relief and Human Care lcms.org/ca/worldrelief

NJ District LCMS njdistrict.org LCMS
The "Lutheran Hour" Broadcast lhm.org

(The Old Testament reading has been replaced with Ezekiel 37:1-14, found within the bulletin)

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading:

Daniel 12:1–3

¹At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Epistle: Hebrews 10:11–25

¹¹Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,"

¹⁷then he adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Holy Gospel: Mark 13:1–13

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" ²And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

³And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴"Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

⁹"But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. ¹¹And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. ¹²And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. ¹³And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."