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Holy Trinity

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Our mission:

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

Welcome. Who is God? The modern age offers many different and conflicting answers to this fundamental question. Without divine revelation, we have only our imaginations and limited reasoning to guide us. These are no adequate source of truth for such a deeply important question. Through His Holy Word, God has made Himself known as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - Trinity in Unity. No human mind could have ever conceived such a wonderful mystery. Thank You, LORD, for helping us know who You are!

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 Four

LSB page 203

Prelude: “Jesus, meine Zuversicht” – J. G. Walther

Words of Welcome

Invocation, Confession and Absolution (page 203)

P: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

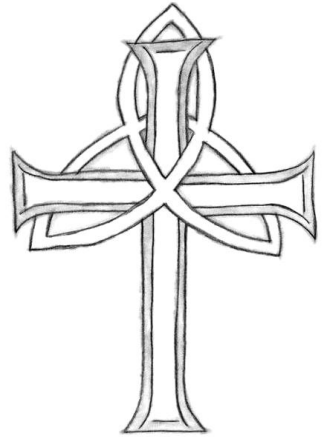
P: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 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.

Opening Hymn: 498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest (st. 1-3)



Kyrie (page 204)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord...

C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

(The congregation sings this in response to each petition.)

Hymn of Praise To God on High Be Glory (page 204)

To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth.
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing –
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior; You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.



Prayer of the Day (page 205)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,

You have given us grace

to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity

by the confession of a true faith

and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty.

Keep us steadfast in this faith

and defend us from all adversities;

for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign,

one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31 (see back cover)

Psalm 8



¹ O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!*

You have set your glory above
the | heavens.

² Out of the mouth of babes and infants,
you have established strength
because | of your foes,*
to still the enemy and the a- | venger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work
of your | fingers,*
the moon and the stars, which you
have | set in place,

⁴ what is man that you are mind- | ful of
him,*
and the son of man that you | care for
him?

⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower
than the heavenly | beings*
and crowned him with glory
and | honor.

⁶ You have given him dominion over the
works | of your hands,*
you have put all things under | his feet,

⁷ all sheep and | oxen,*
and also the beasts | of the field,

⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the
fish | of the sea,*
whatever passes along the paths | of
the seas.

⁹ O | LORD, our Lord,*
how majestic is your name in | all the
earth!

**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.**

Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36 (see back cover)

Alleluia and Verse (page 205)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading: John 8:48-59

Acclamations (spoken): **Glory to you, O Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.**

Athanasian Creed (p. 319, spoken responsively by whole verse in 3 parts: Pastor, Right side, Left side)

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day: 504 Father Most Holy

Sermon

Dedication of the Funeral Pall

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:

For the Wetterling/Cullen families	Death of the mother	Reside
For the McConnell family	Death of Bill	Teschke
For the Jones/Inderbitzin families	Death of Jim Jones	Farley

For those with health concerns:

Tom Dorsett	Pat McCann	Bill Akers	Grant	Sid
Hank Van Beuzekom	Donna Poucel	Lolly Hoagland	Noah	Susan
Fran Byrzkinsky	Pete Serone	John Tarlo	Greg	Chris
Claudia Zucker	John O'Neil	Claire Haenisch	Brennan	Rose
Gordon Anderson	Carl Lauricella	Terry Farley	Claire	Beverly
George DiCostanzo	Freda Potts	Rick Wright	Barbara	Mary
Katherine Eccleston	Kay Compton	Ursula Chirico	Zane	Joanne
Linda Wright	Pat Dietz	Phil Unetic	Anna	JoAnne
Kay Compton	Drew Klesat	Mary Cobriere	Kristin	
Monica Benesch	Barbara Nixon			

For those with cancer:

Keith Watson	Aaron Kline	Holly Bray	Joan Rawls	Trudy
Rich Knechel	Karen Shevchuk	Gerry Campbell	Mary Anne	Lance
Carol Tezla	Steve Saumsiegle	Brad Hoppe	Jerry	Linda
Nico Benesch	Nancy Gilliland	Aunt Jean	Sonia	Henry J.
Andrea(Andy) Hoteling	Kaleigh Moore	Sally Ashmen	Dora	Jason
Rich deDufour	Logan Mattessich	Frank Cignus	Doris	
Jane Fry	Marci Fehlhafer	Rosalie Reinbacher	Barbara	
Barbara Howard	Judy Bacorn	Dave Bond	Lynn	
Lexi Launchbaugh	Frumi C	Kim McCollough	Dana	

For those serving in the armed forces:

LJ Lupinacci	Carrick Porter	Emily Arndt	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 enrollment '25-'26

For those with needs around the world:

Persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ	For protection, strength, comfort, spread of Gospel
Government officials and people of our nation	For peace, unity, safety, and wisdom
Those coping with disasters	For provision and help
Those in need of employment	For provision of jobs
Wars in Europe and Middle East	For peace, forgiveness, and guidance
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine	For health, safety, and provision
Those who are traveling	For safety and provision

Birthdays:

Lauren (deDufour) Sweigart	June 17	Nate Behnfeldt	June 18
Barbara Greenberg	June 18	Kaycee Zelkovsky	June 18

Offering

Instrumental Offertory: “Auf, auf, mein Herz” – F. Zachau

Order of Holy Communion (page 208)

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 Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God... Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven...

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

**C: O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: 507 Holy, Holy, Holy

Nunc Dimittis



C: O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace;
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect p. 212

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen

Benedicamus and Benediction (page 212)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and...

C: Amen

Closing Hymn: 506 Glory Be to God the Father

Announcements

Dismissal

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: "Erschienen ist der Heilige Tag" – J. S. Bach

Dedication of New Funeral Pall

A funeral pall is a large, white cloth that covers a closed casket during the funeral service. Based on St. John's vision of the saints in heaven (Rev. 7:9), the pall symbolizes the white robe of righteousness given to all believers in Christ. It can remind us of the white garment sometimes given at Baptism and symbolizing the new life in Christ we receive there.

The funeral pall that we dedicate today is given by the family of Richard W. deDufour in his memory. It will be offered to families as an option for use when planning a funeral service for themselves or a loved one.



The Holy Trinity



Announcements – Week of June 15, 2025

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: Norm Klesat (Communion Assistant and Reader), Nathan Wilhelm (Acolyte), Tyson Wilhelm and Joey Dunbar (Ushers), Tyson Wilhelm (Live-streaming), Shirley Yost and Cheryl Gewecke (Communion and coffee set-up and clean-up).

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

<https://youtube.com/live/VIONGxYKa-g> If you miss the service live, watch it whenever you like! The services are also posted to the church's website.

8:15am Sunday Bible Study. This Sunday (6-15) we will continue our study of selections from the book of Romans. Our focus will be on **Romans 8:12-30**. Paul describes the Christian's life as one of waiting. We are waiting (and sometimes groaning) along with the rest of Creation as we await Jesus to come and restore all things.

Join us for the after-service Discussion Group. Dig deeper into today's scripture readings following the service in the fellowship hall.

Wednesday Zoom Bible Study. This coming week (6-18) we'll be studying together **1 Peter 4:1-19**. Here Peter talks about the Christian's place in the world as one of God's "stewards of grace". What does that mean for us in practical terms? He also addresses the place of suffering in the Christian life and the difference between troubles we encounter due to our own sinfulness and those that come from obedience to Christ. Join the conversation!

Weekly Schedule:

WEDNESDAY (6/18)	7:30p Zoom Bible Study
THURSDAY (6/19)	12p NOAH Seniors Picnic @ Yosts
FRIDAY (6/20)	5p Joey Dunbar Graduation Open House @ church parsonage 5-9p
SUNDAY (6/22)	8:15a Adult Bible Study; 9:30a Worship; 11:00a Discussion Group

You are invited! Installation Service for Rev. Luke David Elowsky at Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in East Brunswick, NJ will take place on Sun, June 29 at 3:00 pm. - RSVP by June 20 to 732)251-5454

Mark your Calendars: Recognition for our Music Director - Chris Fusco.



Last month marked ten years that Chris Fusco has so ably and faithfully served as St. Peter's music director. What a blessing he has been to our congregation with his many gifts! On **Sunday, June 29** we will express our appreciation to him with a presentation after the service and cake reception following. Join us!

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

Operation Christmas Child. Pick up the gold sheet on the narthex table with a list of the things we still need before the July 31 packing party. Place in the box in the narthex. There is also a jar in the narthex to make donations toward the shipping costs - thanks so much!

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.

The Prayer Shawl/Lap Blanket Ministry. Join us in making special blankets to bless those in need of comfort or in celebration of a life event! Please speak with Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928.

Service and Other

Lambertville Food Pantry. Please grab some non-perishable items at the grocery store to add to our food pantry collection box in the narthex. June's collection is Baking and Cooking products: flour, sugar, salt, cooking oil, vinegar, baking powder, baking soda etc

Faithfulness Report: Attendance 6/8: 47/5 online Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$4957

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.

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> .

St. Peter YouTube Channel. Increase St. Peter's online visibility by liking and subscribing to our YouTube channel (where we live-stream and record our worship services and Wednesday Zoom bible studies. It is linked to our church website, or go to YouTube and search "Saint Peter Lutheran Church".

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

St. Peter's is warmly invited to Joey's Graduation Open House

Friday, June 20th 5pm-9pm at the parsonage.

Come congratulate the graduate!



THE HOLY TRINITY

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

- 1 Does not wisdom call?
Does not understanding raise her voice?
2 On the heights beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
3 beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:
4 “To you, O men, I call,
and my cry is to the children of man. . . .
22 “The LORD possessed me at the beginning of
his work,
the first of his acts of old.
23 Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the
earth.
24 When there were no depths I was brought
forth,
when there were no springs abounding
with water.
25 Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,
26 before he had made the earth with its fields,
or the first of the dust of the world.
27 When he established the heavens, I was
there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the
deep,
28 when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the
deep,
29 when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his
command,
when he marked out the foundations of the
earth,
30 then I was beside him, like a master
workman,
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
31 rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the children of man.”

Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not
be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my

tongue rejoiced;

my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of
life;
you will make me full of gladness with
your presence.’

²⁹“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence
about the patriarch David that he both died and
was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that

God had sworn with an oath to him that he
would set one of his descendants on his throne,

³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of
the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus
God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of
God, and having received from the Father the
promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out
this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but
he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,

“Sit at my right hand,

³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.”’

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for
certain that God has made him both Lord and
Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Holy Gospel: John 8:48–59

⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right
in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a
demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a
demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor
me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is
One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹Truly,
truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he
will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to him,
“Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham
died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If any-
one keeps my word, he will never taste death.’”

⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who
died? And the prophets died! Who do you make
yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify
myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who
glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’”

⁵⁵But you have not known him. I know him. If
I were to say that I do not know him, I would
be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep
his word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he
would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So
the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years
old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to
them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham
was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw
at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of
the temple.