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The Day of Pentecost

June 8, 2025

Our mission:

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

Welcome. On Pentecost Day (the 50th day of Easter), God issued a great reversal of His judgement against humanity at the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11). Instead of confusing our languages, God caused the one Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to be preached in a multitude of languages through an outpouring of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:6). Today, the Holy Spirit continues to teach, and brings to our remembrance the words of Jesus: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." (John 14:27).

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: “Komm Heiliger Geist” - 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: O Holy Spirit, Spirit of Truth, speak to our hearts, convict us of our sin, and lead us to true repentance.
(Silence for self-examination and confession)

P: For our reluctance to believe all that the Holy Spirit has told us.

C: Forgive us, O Lord!

P: For our proud self-sufficiency to the exclusion of the Spirit's help in our lives.

C: Forgive us, O Lord!

P: For our contentment with silence when the Spirit would lead us into making a bold confession concerning Christ.

C: Forgive us, O Lord!

P: Hear the promise of our Lord Jesus Christ, after he breathed his Spirit on his disciples: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven. If you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Trusting his promise, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and the Holy Spirit. Be at peace. You are free in the Spirit!

C: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful people and kindle in us the fire of Your love.



Opening Hymn: 497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

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.

O God,
on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people
by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit.
Grant us in our day by the same Spirit
to have a right understanding in all things
and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation;
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 11:1-9 (see back cover)

Psalm 143



¹ Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

² Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

³ For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life | to the ground;* he has made me sit in darkness like | those long dead.

⁴ Therefore my spirit faints with- | in me;* my heart within me | is appalled.

⁵ I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that | you have done;* I ponder the work | of your hands.

⁶ I stretch out my | hands to you;* my soul thirsts for you like a | parched land.

⁷ Answer me quickly, O LORD! My | spirit fails!*

Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down | to the pit.

⁸ Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in | you I trust.*

Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift | up my soul.

⁹ Deliver me from my enemies, | O LORD!*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

¹⁰ Teach me to do your will, for you | are my God!*

Let your good Spirit lead me on | level ground!

¹¹ For your name's sake, O LORD, pre- | serve my life!*

In your righteousness bring my soul out of | trouble!

¹² And in your steadfast love you will cut off my | enemies,*

and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your | servant.

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 2:1-21 (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 14:23-31

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

Apostles' Creed



Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day: 503 O Day Full of Grace

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:

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
Government officials and people of our nation
Those coping with disasters
Those in need of employment
Wars in Europe and Middle East
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine
Those who are traveling

For protection, strength, comfort, spread of Gospel
For peace, unity, safety, and wisdom
For provision and help
For provision of jobs
For peace, forgiveness, and guidance
For health, safety, and provision
For safety and provision

Anniversaries:

John & Cheryl Cudmore

June 10

PJ & Chrissy Grube

Offering

Instrumental Offertory: “Komm Heiliger Geist” - H. Scheidemann



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: 811 Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

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: 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Announcements

Dismissal

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude: "Komm Heiliger Geist"- J.S. Bach



Telugu - Genesis 11:7

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ఒకని మాట ఒకనికి తెలియకుండ
అక్కడ వారి భాషను తారుమారు
చేయుదము రండని అనుకొనెను.

*(Come, let us go down and there confuse
their language, so that they may not
understand one another's speech.)*

Spanish - Acts 2:11b

**...los oímos hablar en nuestros propios
idiomas de las maravillas de Dios.**

*(...we hear them telling in our own
tongues the mighty works of God.)*

Guide the nations
of the world
into justice and
truth and establish



P · E · A · C · E



The Day Of Pentecost



Announcements – Week of June 8, 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: Kevin Lauricella (Communion Assistant), Julius Mallepalle and John Miller (Special Readers), Juliet Behnfeldt (Acolyte), Stephen Behnfeldt and Bob Maguire (Ushers), Amy Van Hise (Live-streaming), Lillian Maguire and Hope Dunbar (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/1RO1RKZWNyo> 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 (6-8) we will continue our study of selections from the book of Romans. Our focus will be on Romans 6:1-14. Paul talks about the importance of our baptism into Christ and how God works through the Holy Spirit to help us live in a new way. We should consider ourselves "dead to sin, but alive in Christ."

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 (6-11) we'll be studying together 1 Peter 3:13-22. In these verses, Peter addresses how Christians are to give witness to their hope in Christ. He describes it as a "defense" (or explanation) of the hope we have in Christ. He also emphasizes that this should be done in a spirit of gentleness and respect. What steps can we take so we're prepared when those opportunities for witnessing do arise? What obstacles do we run into?

Join us!

Weekly Schedule:

TUESDAY (6/10) 6a Men's Breakfast @ Orlando's; 5p Elders meeting

WEDNESDAY (6/11) 7:30p Zoom Bible Study

THURSDAY-SATURDAY (6/12-14) - NJ District Convention in Edison, NJ

SATURDAY (6/14) 7:30a Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY (6/15) - 8:15a Adult Bible Study; 9:30a Worship; 11:00a Discussion Group

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 6/1: 63/3 online

Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$4655

Debt reduction: \$25

Loan angel: \$650

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 DAY OF PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 11:1–9

¹Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ²And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth.” ⁵And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. ⁶And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

Second Reading: Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted

up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

- ¹⁷ “‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;
¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.
¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens
above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the day of the Lord comes,
the great and magnificent day.
²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone
who calls upon the name of the Lord
shall be saved.’”

Holy Gospel: John 14:23–31

²³Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

²⁵“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. ³⁰I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, ³¹but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.”