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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

Our mission:

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

Welcome. The Law commands that you shall “love your neighbor as yourself” (Lev. 19:18). Christ Jesus is the Good Samaritan, who with divine compassion, takes your sin and death upon Himself and bears these in His body to the cross. He binds up your wounds with the healing balm of His Gospel, and He brings you into His Church, where He takes care of you at His own expense (Luke 10:34–35). Therefore, “you go, and do likewise” (Luke 10:37). By “your faith in Christ Jesus” and “because of the hope laid up for you in heaven” (Col. 1:4–5), you have the same love for others as the Lord Jesus has for you.

Welcome guests! We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon, and sign the guest book next to the front doors. 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 cry room 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.

PREPARATION



PRELUDE “Cornet Voluntary” – S. Goodwin

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. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Most merciful God,
C have mercy on us.

All: We confess that 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 trusted You with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In Your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by Your Spirit that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and truth. Amen.

P With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.
C Thanks be to God!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

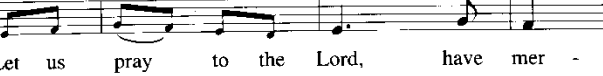
OPENING HYMN 869 With the Lord Begin Your Task (st. 1-3)

KYRIE *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

Pastor: In peace, in peace,

Assistant: Congregation:



Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy.

Pastor: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all... (Refrain)

Pastor: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word...
(Refrain)

Pastor: *Assistent:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O God.

Cong: *Congregation:*

A - - - men.

NOW THE FEAST

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1:

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great
peo - ple of God.

To refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er. *To refrain*

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new. *To refrain*

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P
C
P

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,

in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us.

Teach us to love You above all things

and to love our neighbors as ourselves;

for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

C

Amen



OLD TESTAMENT READING: Leviticus 19:9-18 (see back)

PSALM 41



¹ Blessèd is the one who consid- | ers the
poor!*

In the day of trouble the LORD
de- | livers him;

² the LORD protects him and keeps him
alive; he is called blessèd | in the land; *
you do not give him up to the will of
his | enemies.

³ The LORD sustains him on his | sickbed; *
in his illness you restore him to | full
health.

⁴ As for me, I said, "O LORD, be
gra- | cious to me; *
heal me, for I have sinned a- | gainst
you!"

⁵ My enemies say of me in | malice, *
"When will he die and his
name | perish?"

⁶ And when one comes to see me,
he utters empty words, while his heart
gathers in- | iquity; *
when he goes out, he tells | it abroad.

⁷ All who hate me whisper together
a- | bout me; *
they imagine the | worst for me.

⁸ They say, "A deadly thing is
poured | out on him; *
he will not rise again from | where
he lies."

⁹ Even my close friend in whom I | trusted, *
who ate my bread, has lifted his heel
a- | gainst me.

¹⁰ But you, O LORD, be gra- | cious to me, *
and raise me up, that I may re- | pay
them!

¹¹ By this I know that you de- | light in
me: *
my enemy will not shout in
triumph | over me.

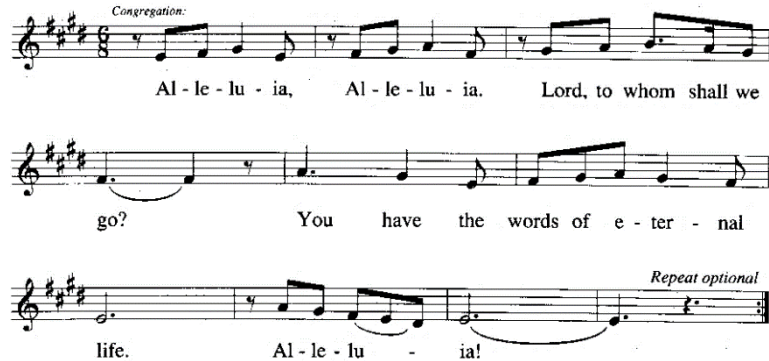
¹² But you have upheld me because of my
in- | tegrity, *
and set me in your presence for- | ever.

¹³ Blessèd be the LORD, the God
of | Israel, *
from everlasting to everlasting!
Amen and | Amen.

**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: Colossians 1:1-14 (see back)

ALLELUIA VERSE:



HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Luke 10:25-37

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

NICENE CREED (Inside the back cover of the hymnal.)

HYMN OF THE DAY 646 Church of God, Elect and Glorious

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P ...Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

Prayer Request List (Names are placed on the list by request only.)

For comfort:

The Landis Family	death of Bill	Teschke
The Long Family	death of Tim	Steimle
The Luccarelli Family	death of Mike	deDufour
The Benesch family	death of son Nico	Van Beuzekom

For those with health concerns:

Tom Dorsett	Jim Yost	Carla Behnfeldt	Grant	Sid
Hank Van Beuzekom	Bill Akers	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	Pat McCann	Mary Cobriere	Irene	
Monica Benesch	Drew Klesat	Marge Keen	Kristin	

For those with cancer:

Keith Watson	Aaron Kline	Terry Dunbar	Judy Bacorn	Trudy
Rich Knechel	Karen Shevchuk	Gerry Campbell	Mary Anne	Lance
Carol Tezla	Steve Saumsiegle	Brad Hoppe	Jason	Linda
Kim McCollough	Nancy Gilliland	Aunt Jean	Joe	Jerry
Andrea(Andy) Hoteling	Kaleigh Moore	Sally Ashmen	Dora	Lynn
Rich deDufour	Logan Mattessich	Frank Cignus	Doris	
Jane Fry	Frumi C	Joan Rawls	Barbara	
Barbara Howard	Rosalie Reinbacher	Dave Bond	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/flooding
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

Birthdays:

Juliet Behnfeldt July 16
Chase Garrow July 18
Tyson Wilhelm July 18

Allison Cudmore July 18
Cole Garrow July 18

Sarah Cudmore July 18
Connie Hofer July 18

GATHERING OF THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Instrumental Offertory “Air” – M. Camidge

Congregational Offertory:

Refrain

Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be



gath - ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst, _____
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

To refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C And also with you.
C We lift them to the Lord.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...
C Amen.

SANCTUS *Holy, Holy, Holy (LSB p. 208)*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

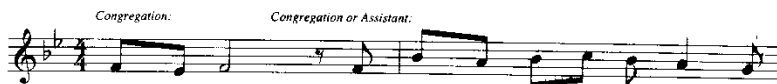
PAX DOMINI *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.


AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God*

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*

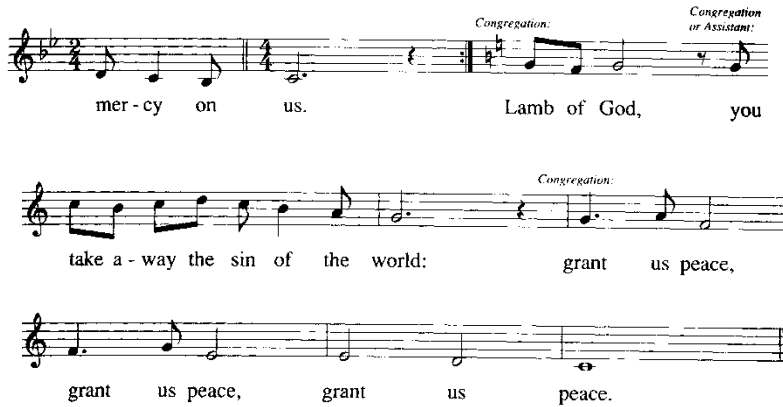


Lamb of God, you take a – way the sin of the
you are the bread of life for us
you are the way of jus – tice and

Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
all:
peace:



DISTRIBUTION HYMN 547 The Lamb

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

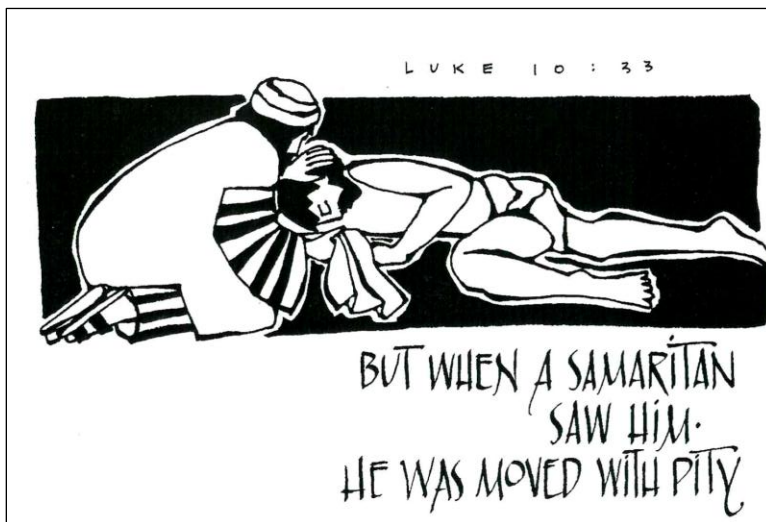
ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE "Trumpet Voluntary" – W. Boyce



Announcements – Week of July 13, 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 and Reader), Andy Wright (Acolyte), Bob Maguire and Joey Dunbar (Usher), Amy Van Hise (Live-streaming), Lillian Maguire and Lesley deDufour (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/I-DC5t6RzVM> If you miss the service live, watch it whenever you like! The services are also posted to the church's website.

Bible studies and Sunday School on break for the summer. Wednesday and Sunday morning bible studies and children's Sunday School are on break now through the month of August. You're encouraged to continue growing in God's Word by using Portals of Prayer or another favorite devotional.

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

Weekly Schedule:

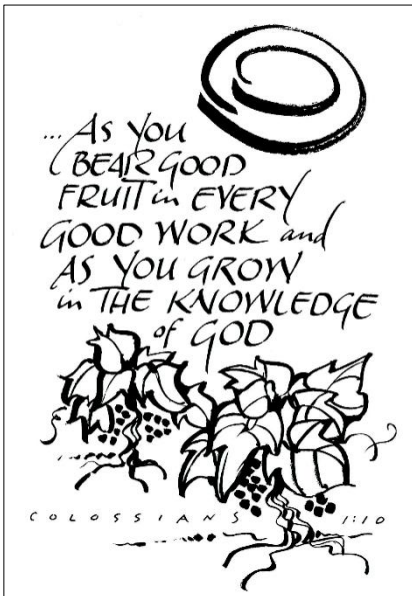
WED, July 16 - FRI, July 25
SUNDAY (7/20)

Youth Trip to New Orleans, LA for Youth Gathering
9:30a Worship, 11:00a Discussion Group

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

Operation Christmas Child packing party July 27! (NOTE THE CORRECTION OF THE DATE, MAKING IT THE LAST SUNDAY OF JULY) Still needed from the dollar store - 25 jump ropes, 25 small lego kits, 35 4"x 6" assorted colored paper note pads. Thanks for providing so many of the other needed items. There is also a jar in the narthex to make donations toward the shipping costs - thanks so much!

Request for help on Friday, July 25 at 1:00 to set up for the packing party above – Are you free to come by the church to help us streamline the process by setting up the tables and organizing the items that will go into the boxes? Thanks for making a difference!



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. July's theme is Paper products: paper towels, facial and toilet tissue.

Faithfulness Report:

Attendance 7/6: 40/1 online Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$5939
Flowers: \$25 Youth Gathering: \$100 Nursery School Annual Donation: \$10,000

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.

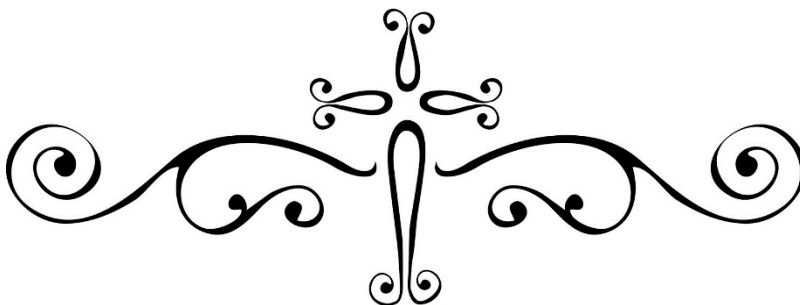
Flowers are placed on the altar in honor of Connie Hofer's birthday.

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



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading:

Leviticus 19:9–18

⁹“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

¹¹“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

¹³“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

Epistle: Colossians 1:1–14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has

made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:25–37

²⁵Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”