

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

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July 20, 2025

Our mission:

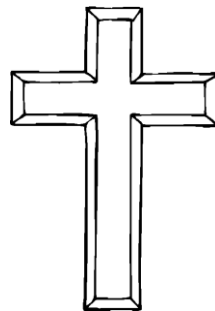
*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,
honor God, serve others, and grow in faith.*

Welcome. Though Abraham and Sarah were very old, nothing is “too hard for the LORD” (Gen. 18:14). His Word appointed the time and fulfilled the promise. In the same way, the Lord Jesus “entered a village” and received Martha’s hospitality (Luke 10:38). “Martha was distracted with much serving” because she was “anxious and troubled about many things” (Luke 10:40–41), but her sister, Mary, “sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching” (Luke 10:39). The service of love is no sin, but “one thing is necessary” for both faith and love — the Word of Christ (Luke 10:42). Thus, the ministers of Christ are sent “to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints” (Col. 1:25–26).

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 “Gavotte” – 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 904 Blessed Jesus, At Your Word

KYRIE *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

Pastor: In peace, in peace,

Assistant:

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

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.

O Lord,

Grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful
that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will;
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 18:1-10a (see back)

PSALM 27:7-14



⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;*
be gracious to me and | answer me!

⁸ You have said, | “Seek my face.”*
My heart says to you, “Your face,
LORD, | do I seek.”

⁹ Hide not your face from me. Turn not
your servant away in | anger,*
O you who have been my help. Cast
me not off; forsake me not, O God of
my sal- | vation!

¹⁰ For my father and my mother have
for- | saken me,*
but the LORD will | take me in.

¹¹ Teach me your way, | O LORD,*
and lead me on a level path because
of my | enemies.

¹² Give me not up to the will of my
adver- | saries;*
for false witnesses have risen against
me, and they breathe out | violence.

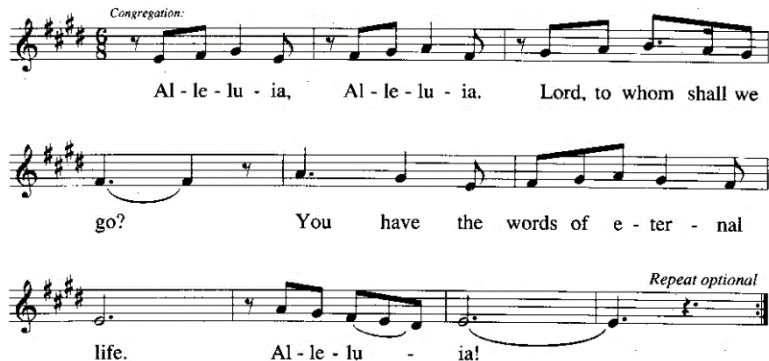
¹³ I believe that I shall look upon the
goodness | of the LORD*
in the land of the | living!

¹⁴ Wait | for the LORD;*
be strong, and let your heart take
courage; wait | for the LORD!

**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 1:21-29 (see back)

ALLELUIA VERSE:



HOLY GOSPEL

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

Luke 10:38-42

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 728 How Firm a Foundation

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

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	Adel	Rose
Gordon Anderson	Marge Keen	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	Kristin
Monica Benesch	Drew Klesat	Tony Shiron	Brennan	

For those with cancer:

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

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:

Jenn Garrow July 21
Lillian Maguire July 22

Tom Dorsett July 22
Dominic Martinez July 24

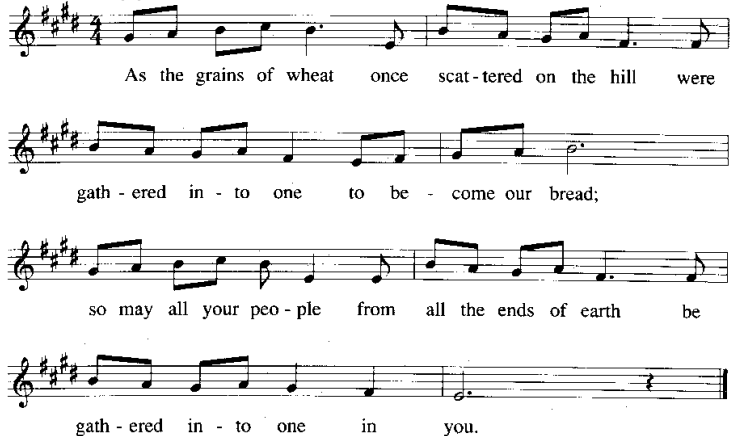
GATHERING OF THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Instrumental Offertory "Prelude in F" – M. Camidge

Congregational Offertory:

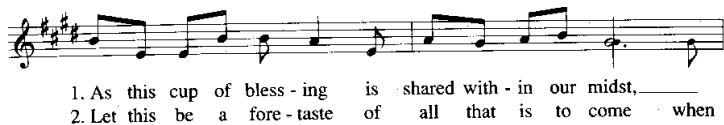
Refrain

Congregation:



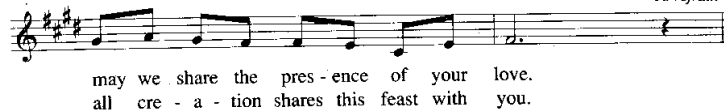
As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

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

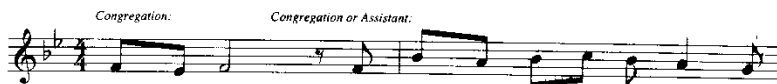
PAX DOMINI *The Peace of the Lord*

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:*

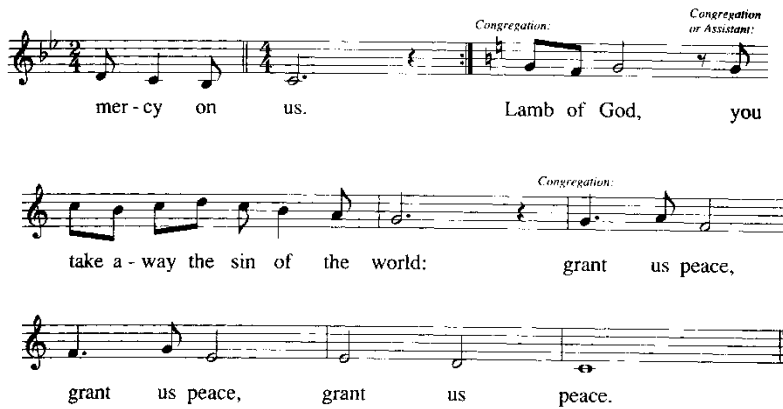


Lamb of God, you take a – way the sin of the
you are the bread of life for us
you are the way of jus – tice and

Congregation:



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



DISTRIBUTION HYMN 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 575 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE "Voluntary in G" – H. Heron





Announcements – Week of July 20, 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: Tyson Wilhelm (Communion Assistant), Jane Heebner (Reader), Nathan Wilhelm (Acolyte), Scott Garrow and Joe Gallagher (Ushers), Amy Van Hise (Live-streaming), Judy Grube and Jeanne Hoppe (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/O_AWO7kt9sE 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.

Weekly Schedule:

WED, July 16 - FRI, July 25

Youth Trip to New Orleans, LA for Youth Gathering

FRIDAY (6/25)

1p set-up for Sunday's OCC packing party

SUNDAY (6/27)

9:30a Worship; 11:00a Operation Christmas Child Packing Party!

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 – thank you.

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.

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

Continue to pray for the attendants as well as the impact of the National Youth Gathering of the LCMS in New Orleans, LA: Hope, Sarah, Sam, Joey, Juliet, and Nils. We look forward to their safe return on Friday, July 25.

Perhaps you'd like to join in with the "Prayer Nails" activity this week! Paint your fingernails (or just wear the designated color!) as you memorize a special scripture through the week:

BLUE: "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourself in Christ." Gal 3:27

PURPLE: "So you are no longer slave, but God's child; and since you are His child, God has made you also an heir." Gal 4:7

YELLOW: "When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

RED: "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace." Eph 1:7

ORANGE: "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you." 2 Tim 1:6

GREEN: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here. 2 Cor 5:17

WHITE: "...as far as the east is from the west He removed our transgressions from us." Psalm 103:12

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 7/13: 39/7 online Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$2980
Op Christmas Child: \$13 Youth Gathering: \$50 Debt relief: \$5,045

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 the 14th wedding anniversary of Chris Fusco and Trish Scalese!

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".

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading:

Genesis 18:1–10a

¹The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.”

Epistle: Colossians 1:21–29

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith,

stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:38–42

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”