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## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*August 10, 2025*

### **Our mission:**

*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,  
honor God, serve others*

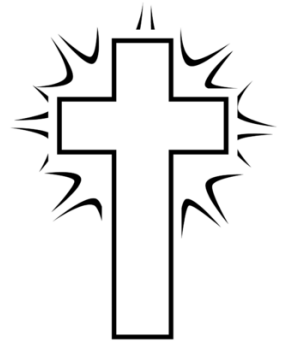
**Welcome!** "Kudos! Great job! Well done!" The appointed Scriptures for today abound with commendations for many of God's covenant people in the Old Testament. And what were their great accomplishments? They all trusted God when He promised them something they couldn't yet see with their eyes; they displayed the righteousness of faith. (Gen 15, Heb 11) Jesus laments the "little faith" of his disciples who worried themselves over material needs instead of trusting God to provide and "seeking His Kingdom" (Luke 12). Lord, help us to walk by faith and not by sight!

**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 Three***  
***LSB page 184***

***The Preparation***



**Prelude:** “Siciliana” - M. Camidge

**Words of Welcome**

**Invocation, Confession and Absolution** page 184

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** 809 Geat Is Thy Faithfulness

**Kyrie** page 186 (*sung*)

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Hymn of Praise:** Gloria in Excelsis page 187 (*sung*)

P: Glory be to God on high:

**C: and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **The Service of the Word**

**Prayer of the Day** page 189

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God,

it is by your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service.

Grant that we may walk by faith,

and not by sight,

in the way that leads to eternal life;

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 15:1-6 (see back cover)

**Psalm:** Psalm 33:12-22



<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,\*  
the people whom he has chosen as  
his heritage!

<sup>13</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven;\*  
he sees all the children of man;

<sup>14</sup> from where he sits enthroned he looks  
out\*  
on all the inhabitants of the earth,

<sup>15</sup> he who fashions the hearts of them all\*  
and observes all their deeds.

<sup>16</sup> The king is not saved by his  
great army,\*  
a warrior is not delivered by his great  
strength.

<sup>17</sup> The war horse is a false hope for  
salvation,\*  
and by its great might it cannot rescue.

<sup>18</sup> Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those  
who fear him,\*  
on those who hope in his steadfast  
love,

<sup>19</sup> that he may deliver their soul from  
death\*  
and keep them alive in famine.

<sup>20</sup> Our soul waits for the LORD;\*  
he is our help and our shield.

<sup>21</sup> For our heart is glad in him,\*  
because we trust in his holy name.

<sup>22</sup> Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be  
upon us,\*  
even as we hope in you.

**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.**

**Epistle Reading:** Hebrews 11:1-16 (see back cover)

**Triple Alleluia** page 190 (*sung*)  
**C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Gospel Reading:**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.  
**C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

**Luke 12:22-34** (see back cover)

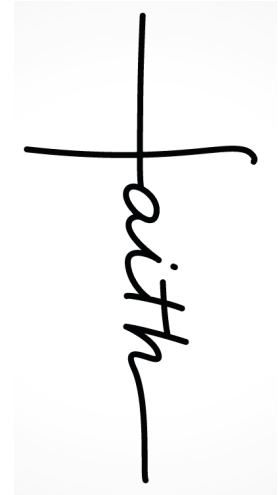
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed** (page 191 or the inside back cover of the hymnal)

**Children's Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** 735 Have No Fear, Little Flock

**Sermon**



**Prayer** Response after each petition P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

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

***For those in need of comfort:***

Hayes family	death of Bob	Teschke
Henderson family	death of Peggy	deDufour
Lemp family	death of Josh	Van Hise
Cousins/Weiland/McAllister families	death of James	McAllister

***For those with health concerns:***

Tom Dorsett	Sandy Hammond	Carla Behnfeldt	Greg	Sid
Hank Van Beuzekom	Bill Akers	Lolly Hoagland	Noah	Susan
Fran Byrzkinsky	Pete Serone	John Tarlo	Grant	Chris
Claudia Zucker	John O'Neil	Claire Haenisch	Adel	Rose
Gordon Anderson	Marge Keen	Catie Lauricella	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	Janice Nuneviller	Mary Cobriere	Irene	Kristin
Monica Benesch	Drew Klesat	Tony Shiron	Brennan	

***For those with cancer:***

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

***For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:***

For staff and families

for '25-'26 school year enrollment

**Birthdays:**

Michael Kianka August 11

Mark Lange August 11

Nathan Wilhelm August 11

Claire Haenisch August 15

**Anniversaries:**

Jon and Hope Dunbar August 12

Brad and Jeanne Hoppe August 14

John and Margaret Manura August 16

**Gathering of the Offering and Offertory**

**Instrumental Offertory:** "Schmucke dich, o liebe seele." – J. G. Walther

**Congregational Offertory:** Create In Me page 192 -193 (*sung*)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen.**

***The Service of the Sacrament***

**Order of Holy Communion** page 194

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God

**C: It is meet and right so to do.**

P: It is truly meet, right and salutary....evermore praising You and saying:

**C: (*sung*) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**C: (*spoken*) Our Father who art in heaven...**

Words of Institution (Consecration)

Pax Domini

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

**C: Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace (please greet one another with the words: "The peace of the Lord be with you.",  
responding "And also with you.")

Agnus Dei page 198 (*sung*)

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Distribution Hymn: 642 O Living Bread from Heaven

Post Communion Canticle: Nunc Dimittis page 199 (*sung*)

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Thanksgiving page 200

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord for He is good, C: **and His mercy endureth forever.**

P: (Prayer of Thanksgiving) C: **Amen.**

**Salutation and Benedicamus** page 201

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction** page 202

P: The Lord bless you... C: **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** 748 I'm But a Stranger Here

**Announcements**

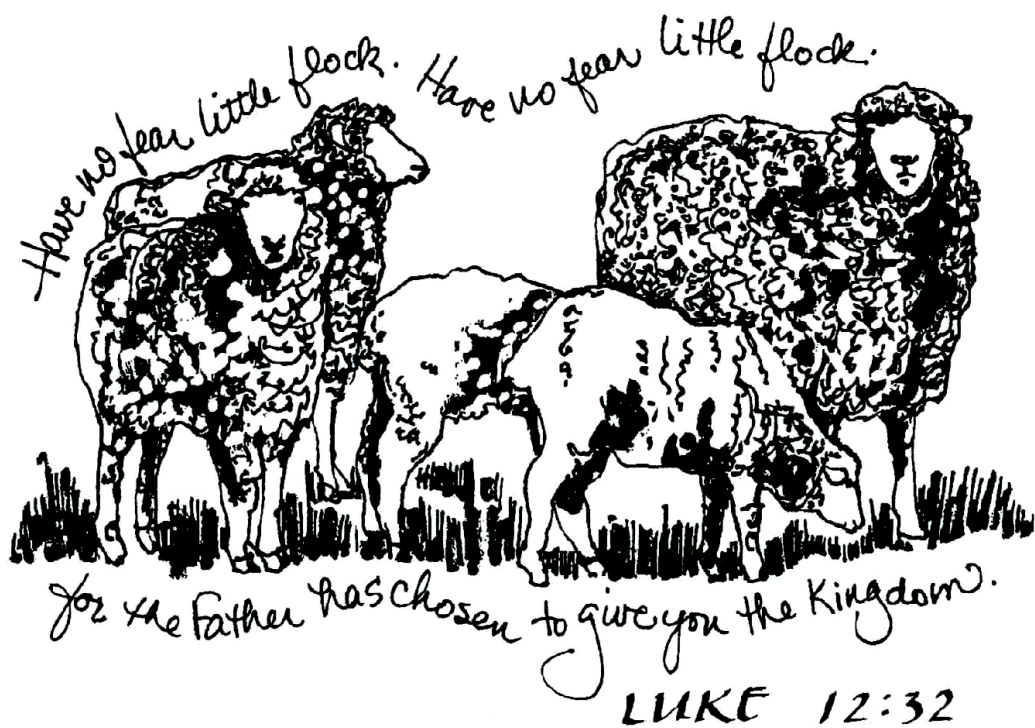
**Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude:** "Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier" - J. G. Walther





NOW FAITH IS THE  
THE CONVICTION OF  
ASSURANCE OF  
THINGS NOT SEEN  
THINGS HOPED FOR

H E B R E W S 11:1





## **Announcements – Week of August 10, 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: Joe Scheblein (Communion Assistant), Joey Dunbar (Reader), Nathan Wilhelm (Acolyte), Bob Maguire and Tyson Wilhelm (Ushers), Jesse Dunbar (Live-streaming), Judy Grube 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/kgJnByiZwd4> 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:**

TUESDAY (8/12)	6a Men's Breakfast @ Orlando's
SUNDAY (8/17)	9:30a Worship; 11:00a Discussion Group

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

**JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL ST. PETER PICNIC ON SEPTEMBER 7.** Yes, our annual picnic will take place following the service on Sunday, September 7. Sign up to bring specific needs (see list on the bulletin board) or just bring a side dish or dessert. It promises to be lots of fun - hope to see you there!

**Back-to-School Blessing for Teachers and Students.** Join us on Sunday, September 7th during our 9:30 service for a special Blessing of the Backpacks! As the new school year gets under way, we invite all students, teachers, and school staff to bring their backpacks, briefcases, or school bags to be blessed. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray for God's protection, guidance and wisdom over all who are returning to school. Let's lift up our students and educators as they embark on another year of learning and growth!

**New Jersey March for Life - September 25.** On Thursday, September 25 you have the opportunity to show your support for parents, children and God's love for life at every stage by attending the New Jersey March for Life at the state capitol in Trenton. The event runs from 11:00am to around 1pm. Parking will be difficult, so participants are strongly encouraged to use public transportation. Pastor Jon welcomes you to carpool with him to Messiah, Princeton where we will meet up with a group from our Lutheran partner churches and ride the bus into Trenton. We did this last year, and it worked very well!

**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. August's theme is *fruit, juices, and condiments*: canned fruits, fruit juices, mayo, mustard, ketchup, canned tuna, lunch bag items.

### **Faithfulness Report:**

Attendance 8/3: 40/ 7 online

Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$5365

Missions: \$30

**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 Julius and Gigi Mallepalle's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary!**

**Website and Facebook.** Come online to check us out! Our website is at [www.stpeternj.org](http://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".

### **Important web links:**

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod [lcms.org](http://lcms.org)

NJ District LCMS [njdistrict.org](http://njdistrict.org)

LCMS World Relief and Human Care [lcms.org/ca/worldrelief](http://lcms.org/ca/worldrelief)

The "Lutheran Hour" Broadcast [lhm.org](http://lhm.org)



## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1–6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

### Epistle: Hebrews 11:1–16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past

the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

### Holy Gospel: Luke 12:22–34

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."