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Our mission:

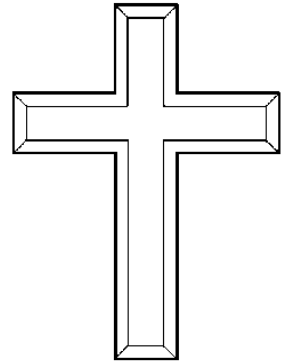
*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,
honor God, serve others, and grow in faith.*

Welcome. "Increase our faith!" How much we can identify with this request the disciples make of Jesus in today's Gospel (Luke 17). His response, however, reminds us that it's not the size or strength of our faith that makes the difference, but the almighty power of God Himself (Psalm 62:11). It's when we turn our focus off ourselves and our limitations, to refocus on God and His faithful saving deeds, that mountains get moved!

Welcome guests! We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon and fill out a green visitor card (in the pewback). 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.

PREPARATION



PRELUDE “Erhalt uns Herr” - J.G. Walther

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.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy name. 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.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN 873 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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

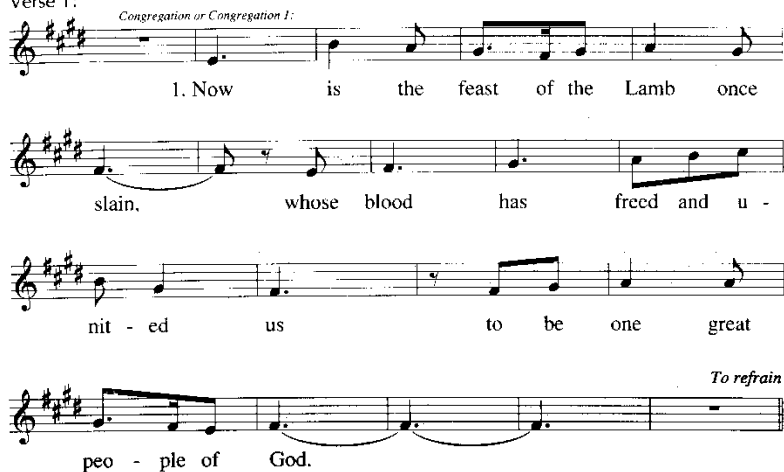
Congregation:



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 God, our refuge and strength,
the author of all godliness,
by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church.
Grant that those things which we ask in faith
we may receive through Your bountiful mercy;
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: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 (see back)

PSALM 62



¹ For God alone my soul waits
in | silence;*
from him comes my sal- | vation.

² He only is my rock and my salvation,
my | fortress;*
I shall not be greatly | shaken.

³ How long will all of you attack a man
to | batter him;*
like a leaning wall, a | tottering
fence?

⁴ They only plan to thrust him down
from his high position. They take
pleasure in | falsehood.*
They bless with their mouths, but
inwardly | they curse.

⁵ For God alone, O my soul, wait
in | silence;*
for my hope is | from him.

⁶ He only is my rock and my salvation,
my | fortress; *
I shall not be | shaken.

⁷ On God rests my salvation and
my | glory; *
my mighty rock, my refuge | is God.

⁸ Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart be- | fore him; *
God is a refuge | for us.

⁹ Those of low estate are but a breath;
those of high estate are a de- | lusion; *
in the balances they go up; they are
together lighter | than a breath.

¹⁰ Put no trust in extortion; set no vain
hopes on | robbery; *
if riches increase, set not your | heart
on them.

¹¹ Once God has spoken; twice have
I | heard this: *
that power belongs to God, ¹² and that
to you, O Lord, belongs | steadfast
love.

For you will render | to a man *
according | to his work.

**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: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

ALLELUIA VERSE:



HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Luke 17:1-10

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

APOSTLES' CREED (Inside the back cover of the hymnal.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY 587 I Know My Faith Is Founded

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 Fry family

death of Jane

Teschke

For those with health concerns:

Don Hammond	Sandy Hammond	Carla Behnfeldt	Greg	Sid
Ursula Chirico	Bill Akers	Lolly Hoagland	Noah	Susan
Fran Byrzkinsky	Pete Serone	John Tarlo	Grant	Chris
Tom Dorsett	John O'Neil	Phil Unetic	Adel	Rose
Wendy Beckerman	Marge Keen	Catie Lauricella	Claire	Jan
George DiCostanzo	Tony Shiron	Rick Wright	Barbara	Mary
Katherine Eccleston	Kay Compton	Eric Teschke	Zane	JoAnne
Linda Wright	Pat Dietz	Sue Lauricella	Anna	Joanne
Kay Compton	Mary Cobriere	Beverly	Irene	Noah
Monica Benesch	John Bonasera	Kristin	Brennan	

For those with cancer:

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

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
 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

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 St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:

For staff and families

for '25-'26 school year

Birthdays:

Margaret Manura October 5

Cathy Hicks October 10

Andy Wright October 10

GATHERING OF THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Instrumental Offertory

“Interlude” – Anonymous (18th Century)

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.

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.

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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.

Sharing of the Peace

(Please greet one another, saying: “The peace of the Lord be with you”, responding “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:

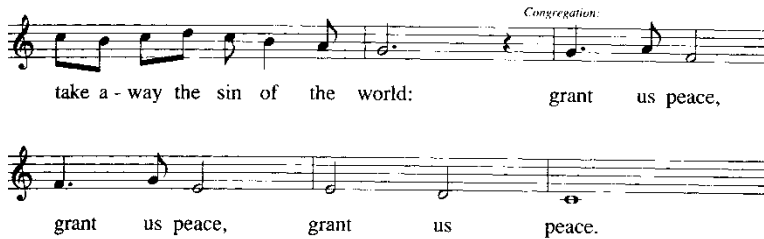


world: have mer – cy on us mer – cy on us

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*



mer – cy on us. Lamb of God, you



DISTRIBUTION HYMN 547 The Lamb

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

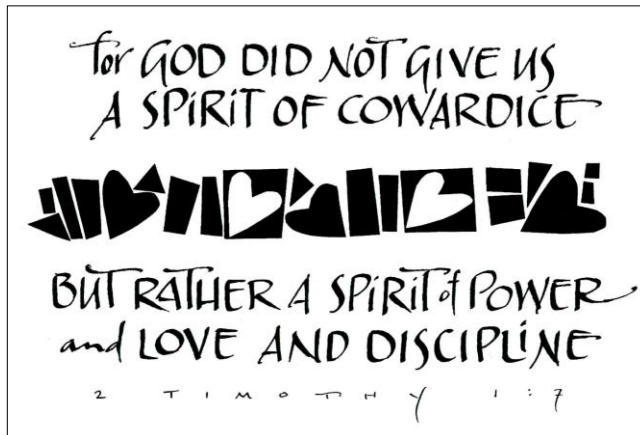
ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE “Vater unser in Himmelreich” – J.S. Bach





Announcements – Week of October 5, 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: Steve deDufour (Communion Assistant and reading), Nicholas Wilhelm (Acolyte), Joe Scheblein and Jim Steimle (Ushers), Amy Van Hise (Live-streaming), Audrey deDufour 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/OI7SdGG0Sis> If you miss the service live, watch it whenever you like! The services are also posted to the church's website.

Sunday Bible Study: Jonah - God's Reluctant Prophet. Today we continue the study of the book of Jonah. You probably know the prophet best from Sunday School as the man who tried to run away from God and got swallowed by a big fish! We dig deeper into the text and talk about God's mercy toward non-believers, the power of His Word to change hearts, and how Jonah's life bears a typological resemblance to Christ.

A Study of The Epistle of 1 John - Wednesdays via ZOOM. Join us on Wednesdays at 7:30pm as we read together 1 John. We are discussing its main themes which include the perennial newness of Christ's "old" command to love one another, the source of a Christian's assurance of salvation, and the distinction between genuine and spurious faith. Ask Pastor Jon to add you to his email list to receive the Zoom link if you'd like to join in.

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

You are invited to a free architectural walking tour of the Princeton University campus, led by University Architect Emeritus Jon Hlafter, member of the Lutheran Church of the Messiah in Princeton: **Sunday, Oct. 12, at 1:30pm.** Meet at the FitzRandolph Gate at the intersection of Nassau & Witherspoon Streets in Princeton. Parking is available in the nearby Spring Street parking garage behind the Princeton Public Library building. There is a limit of ~20 participants -- to register, email the name of each participant to Messiah's pastor, Martin Erhardt, at LCMprinceton@gmail.com . Please include one cell phone number per household. If you need to cancel, email Pastor Erhardt by 8:30am on Oct. 12 (no-shows will be on his Naughty List.) The tour will end at approximately 3:30pm.

Evening of Mercy and Meditation on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 7 PM. Join us for this time of devotion, contemplation, song, and healing prayer, through interactive worship. Don't miss what can be a rare opportunity for peace and renewal. Invite a friend!

Special Reformation Service. All are welcome to attend a special Reformation Commemoration Service on Sunday, October 26 at 4:00pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lawrenceville. We are seeking singers for a choir piece in the service. Please talk to Pastor Jon if interested. Following the service there will be a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share. An offering will be collected to fund baby care packages distributed by the local ChoiceOne pregnancy resource center.

Classical Violin Concert. This October, St. Peter will be hosting an evening of classical violin music, led by violinist (and granddaughter of the Grube's), Kate Arndt! She is the Assistant Concertmaster for the Colorado Symphony and a Doctoral Candidate at Yale. She also tours the country with a variety of ensembles. Kate will be accompanied by Dakota Cotugno on the cello, and our very own Allison Fog on the piano! Kate's performance at St. Peter will be on **Thursday, October 30th at 7pm**. It is open to the public and free admission. Mark your calendars and tell your friends about this unique opportunity to hear a world class musician!

Ladies' Fall Tea. You are cordially invited to attend our Ladies' Fall Tea, November 1st, 2025 at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a morning of devotion, songs, refreshments, and special musical program presented by Justin Nawn and Bronwyn Bird from The Birdhouse Center for the Arts in Lambertville. All ladies and young ladies of our congregation as well as guests are invited to attend. Please RSVP by calling 609-466-0939 or signing up in the Narthex. Attire is tea party dress.

IMPACT High School Youth Group meets twice monthly at St. Paul Flemington and brings together high school youth from area churches. It is entirely youth-led and includes food, games, devotions and time to hang out and build Christian friendships. Talk to Juliet Behnfeldt or Pastor Jon if you'd like to learn more or are interested in carpooling.

Weekly Schedule:

WEDNESDAY (10/8)	4:30p Confirmation Class; 7:30p Zoom Bible Study
THURSDAY (10/9)	9-2pm Circuit Pastor's Meeting; 5p Elders Meeting
SATURDAY (10/11)	7:30a Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY (10/12)	8:15a Adult Bible Study; 9:30a Worship; 11a Discussion Group; 6:30p IMPACT Youth Group @ St. Paul, Flemington

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. October's theme is ***Pasta***: spaghetti, elbows, ziti, penne, linguini, i.e. noodles of any shape, as well as pasta sauce

Faithfulness Report:

Attendance 9/28: 49/ 4 online	Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$ 3635
Flowers: \$50	Memorial gift: \$250

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 by the Dunbar Family
in memory of Margaret Brummel (Hope's mother).**

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> . Don't miss the **St. Peter YouTube Channel**, which 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
NJ District LCMS njdistrict.org
LCMS World Relief and Human Care lcms.org/ca/worldrelief
The "Lutheran Hour" Broadcast lhm.org

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading:

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

- ¹ The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.
- ² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?
Or cry to you “Violence!”
and you will not save?
- ³ Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
- ⁴ So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted. . . .
- ^{2:1} I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to
me,
and what I will answer concerning my
complaint.
- ² And the LORD answered me:
- “Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.
- ³ For still the vision awaits its appointed
time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.
- ⁴ “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not
upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his
faith.”

Epistle: 2 Timothy 1:1–14

- ¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,
- ²To Timothy, my beloved child:
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
- ³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the

laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Holy Gospel: Luke 17:1–10

¹[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”