



St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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Our mission:

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

Welcome. "All good things must come to an end." So it is said, and so we tend to believe. It's common knowledge. But what did Jesus once say to a cynical bunch of Sadducees? "He [the LORD] is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." (Lk 20) Listen to Jesus, and you will gain *uncommon* knowledge. Wisdom that transcends our day-to-day reality. In Jesus, we receive a life that cannot be boxed in by the grave or reduced to dust. Eternal life in Jesus unites us with our ancient ancestors: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses - and all who held on to God's promises and staked their lives upon Him. "Praise the LORD!" (Ps 148)

A special welcome to all our visitors this morning. 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: As Lutheran Christians we practice "close communion." This means that all who participate in this holy meal are affirming the Lutheran understanding of the Lord's Supper; that Christ's body and blood are truly present in the bread and wine and that the forgiveness of sins is given to those who trust him as their Savior and desire to serve him with a holy life. Baptized believers who share this faith with us are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you are uncertain about the teachings on the Lord's Supper we encourage you to speak with the Pastor before participating.

Divine Service, Setting One

LSB page 151

The Preparation



Prelude

Words of Welcome

Invocation, Confession and Absolution (page 151)

Entrance Hymn: 802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (st. 1,4)

Kyrie (page 152)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise page 154 Gloria in Excelsis

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Service of the Word

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Living God,

Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity.

Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises

and live forever in Your presence;

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: Exodus 3:1-15 (see back cover)

Psalm: Psalm 148



¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from
the | heavens; *
praise him | in the heights!

² Praise him, all his | angels; *
praise him, | all his hosts!

³ Praise him, | sun and moon, *
praise him, all you | shining stars!

⁴ Praise him, you highest | heavens, *
and you waters above the | heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name | of the
LORD! *
For he commanded and they were
cre- | ated.

⁶ And he established them forever
and | ever; *
he gave a decree, and it shall
not | pass away.

⁷ Praise the LORD | from the earth, *
you great sea creatures and | all deeps,

⁸ fire and hail, | snow and mist, *
stormy wind fulfill- | ing his word!

⁹ Mountains and | all hills, *
fruit trees and all | cedars!

¹⁰ Beasts and all | livestock, *
creeping things and | flying birds!

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all | peoples, *
princes and all rulers | of the earth!

¹² Young men and maidens to- | gether, *
old men and | children!

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is ex- | alted; *
his majesty is above earth and | heaven.

¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for | all his saints, *
for the people of Israel who are near
to him. | Praise 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 Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17 (see back cover)

Alleluia Verse (page 156) *(sung before and after the Verse of the Day)*

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Verse of the Day (Cantor): Alleluia. He is not God of the dead, but of the / living,
for all / live to Him. Alleluia * (Luke 20:38)*

Gospel Reading:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 20:27-40 (see back cover)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.



Nicene Creed (see inside of the back cover of the hymnal)

Hymn of the Day: 730 What Is the World to Me

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:

The Behnfeldt family

death of Dan

Behnfeldt

The Haldeman family

death of Mike

Teschke

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 health concerns:

August Gewecke

Eric Teschke

Sid

Grant

Clara McMahon

Andy Farley

Rose

Noah

Don Hammond

Carla Behnfeldt

Jan

Zane

Sue Lauricella

Bob Aneskievich

Claire

Brennan

Shirley Yost

John Tarlo

Pat Dietz

Susan

Jenny Dillinger

Rick Wright

John O'Neil

Beverly

Catie Lauricella

Kay Compton

Pete Serone

For those with cancer:

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

For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:

For staff and families

for '25-'26 school year

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

For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:

For staff and families

for '25-'26 school year

Birthdays:

John Cudmore

Nov 11

Chris Lorenzi

Nov 14

The Service of the Sacrament

Gathering of the Offering and Offertory: 781 We Give Thee But Thine Own (st 1&2)

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!**

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, Lord of heaven and earth... one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father who art in heaven...

P: Words of Institution

Pax Domini (page 163)

Sharing of the Peace: (Please share the peace with one another with the words:

“The peace of the Lord be with you.”, “And also with you.”)

C: Agnus Dei **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn: 727 On Eagles’ Wings

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction (page 166)

Closing Hymn: 798 The God of Abraham Praise (st 1,3-4)

Recognition of Veterans

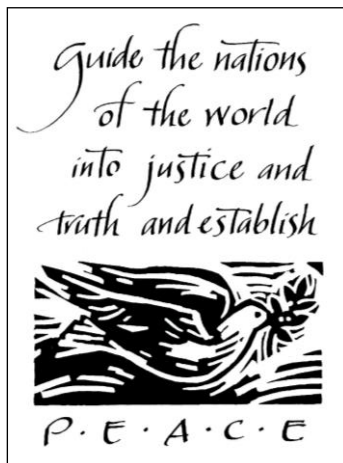
Announcements

Dismissal

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude





Announcements – Week of November 9, 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: Norm Klesat (Communion Assistant and Reader), Nathan Wilhelm (Acolyte), Joe Scheblein (Usher), Tyson Wilhelm (Usher and 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 this link:

<https://youtube.com/live/88n9hnWRW2M> If you miss the service live, watch it whenever you like! The services are also posted to the church's website.

Sunday Bible Study: Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. This morning we continue our study on the best sermon ever preached! Covering chapters 5-7 of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus' Sermon on the Mount lays a foundation for what it means to be his disciples. We'll discuss the two major themes of the sermon, blessing and calling, and how these help sustain and shape our lives as Christians seeking to live faithfully today. Topics that Jesus addresses here include witnessing, the application of God's laws, prayer, fasting, and much more.

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

NOAH November happenings: Our NOAH November event is on Friday, November 14th. We are planning to have lunch at the Yardley Inn starting at noon, in a private room. Join us for food and fellowship! Please let Jim Yost know if you plan on attending, or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board: Yardley Inn, 82 E Afton Ave, Yardley, PA 19067

Community Thanksgiving Potluck! The Pennington Clergy Association is hosting its third annual Thanksgiving Potluck on **Thursday, November 20th starting at 6:00pm** at St. James Catholic Church in Pennington. The event will include food, fellowship, singing and expressions of gratitude. It is a great way to connect with other Christians in our area, and reach one of our strategic goals as a congregation - that "everyone would know who we are at St. Peter"! See the poster on our bulletin board for more info. It has a QR code where you can RSVP to attend.

Weekly Schedule:

TUESDAY (11/11)	<i>Veterans Day</i>
WEDNESDAY (11/12)	4:30p Confirmation Class; 7:30p Zoom Bible Study
THURSDAY (11/13)	9:30-Noon Circuit Pastors Meeting @ St. Peter; 5p Elders Meeting
FRIDAY (11/14)	Noon NOAH Lunch @ Yardley Inn
SUNDAY (11/16)	8:15a Adult Bible Study; 9:30a Worship; 11a Discussion Group

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

Faithfulness Report: Attendance 11/2: 53 / 4 online Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$ 3280
Flowers: \$30 Debt reduction: \$275 Youth: \$ 50 Memorial: \$50

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> . 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".

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



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 3:1–15

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

¹³Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

³Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. . . .

¹³But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

Holy Gospel: Luke 20:27–40

²⁷There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰And the second ³¹and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³²Afterward the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

³⁴And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him." ³⁹Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well." ⁴⁰For they no longer dared to ask him any question.