

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026

Our mission:

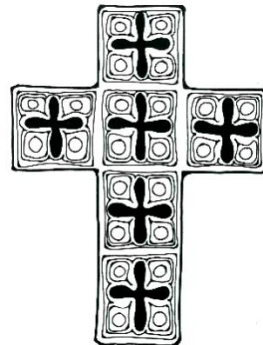
*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,
honor God, serve others, and grow in faith.*

Welcome. One of the biggest fears many people have in life is the fear of rejection. How many opportunities have we lost solely because we wanted to avoid the possibility of being turned down? Jesus doesn't sugarcoat matters as he prepares his disciples to go out in his name. The Gospel will not always be received with joy and faith. But God's favor is far more precious than the opinion of others. Fear not, dear child of heaven! Share the message of Christ with boldness!

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

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 837 Lift High the Cross (st. 1-4)

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.

The musical score consists of three staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is for the Assistant, and the second and third staves are for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the third staff.

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)

Assistant: Congregation:

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

The musical score consists of two staves in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is for the Assistant, and the second staff is for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "Help, save and de - fend us, O God. A - - - men." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the second staff.

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** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Let us pray.
O God,
because Your abiding presence always goes with us,
keep us aware of Your daily mercies,
that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love;
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: Jeremiah 20:7-13 (see back)

PSALM 91:1-10



- ¹ He who dwells in the shelter of
the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the
Al- | mighty.
- ² I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and
my | fortress;*
my God, in | whom I trust.”
- ³ For he will deliver you from the snare
of the | fowler*
and from the deadly | pestilence.
- ⁴ He will cover you with his pinions, and
under his wings you will find | refuge;*
his faithfulness is a shield and | buckler.
- ⁵ You will not fear the terror | of the night,*
nor the arrow that | flies by day,
- ⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks
in | darkness,*
- nor the destruction that wastes
at | noonday.
- ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten
thousand at your | right hand,*
but it will not come | near you.
- ⁸ You will only look | with your eyes*
and see the recompense of the | wicked.
- ⁹ Because you have made the LORD
your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—
- ¹⁰ no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.
- 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: Romans 6:12-23

ALLELUIA VERSE: *(to be sung before and after the Verse of the Day)*

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

*Verse of the Day (Cantor): Everyone who acknowledges Me be- / fore men *
I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in / heaven.
(Matthew 10:32)*

HOLY GOSPEL

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

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

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



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

HYMN OF THE DAY 738 Lord of All Hopefulness

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 those in need of comfort:

The Karabulut/Carmelio families	death of Debra	Dunbar
The Shiron family	death of Tony	Teschke

For those with health concerns:

Carol Farley	Pastor Ben Mallepalle	Emma Finan	Barbara Nixon	Jan
Rich Mount	Rita Piratzky	Bill Hotaling	Robert Mason	Doug
Susan Miller	John O'Neill	Norma Runkle	Olivia Moorhead	Claire
Don Hammond	Sue Bridenbough	Jeff Corelli	Dawn R.	Beverly
Lucy Borden	Lorraine Van Hise	Pat Dietz	Zane	Sid
Judy Dito	John Tarlo	Asta Lynch	Grant	Brennan
Pete Seronew	Rick Wright	Frank Lynch	Noah	Carlie
Diane Pullen	Kay Compton	Harry Naylor	Rose	Penny
Jane Schroeder	Alli Watson	Marge Keen	Susan	Mara
Neuza Smukler	Eric Teschke	Mark McCracken		

For those with cancer:

Isla Brummel	Robert Miller	Gerry Campbell	Howard Zahn	Trudy
Carol Tezla	Steve Saumsiegle	Joe Campbell	Rich Knechel	Lance
Kim McCollough	Nancy Gilliland	Aunt Jean	Chris Legere	Joe
Andrea(Andy) Hoteling	Kaleigh Moore	Sally Ashmen	Rita Piratsky	Jerry

Rich deDufour	Logan Mattessich	Frank Cignus	Barbara Holzhauer	Frank
Aaron Kline	Brad Hoppe	Judy Bacorn	Hilda Summers	Lynn
Joan Rawls	Arlene Bodholt	Carol Storr	Dana	Dora
Jane Forder	Terry Dunbar	Keith Watson	Jason	Mary Anne
Elvis Rowsey	Debra Mueller	Dave Elison	Doris	Lynn J.
John Farley				

For those serving in the armed forces and their families:

LJ Lupinacci	Carrick Porter	Emily Arndt	Jake Grube	Christopher Ryan Callahan
Daniel Gewecke	James Bannon	Jim Buckman	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
Armed forces, especially those deployed	Safety and protection as they carry out their duties
Those with employment and career needs	For provision of wisdom and jobs
Conflicts and disease throughout the world	For wisdom, healing, peace, and forgiveness
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine	For health, safety, and provision
Isla and the Seeing Eye program	For successful training and placement

For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:

For staff and families	For rest and productivity in preparation for fall
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Birthdays:

Bryan Hill	June 23	Richard Thieme	June 23
Steven Reside	June 24	Bill Kianka	June 25
		Haethyr Johnson	June 27

Anniversaries:

Rick and Sherry Wright	June 25
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GATHERING OF THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Instrumental Offertory

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*

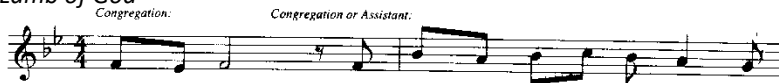
John 20:19

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

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*



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



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



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN 570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE





Announcements – Week of June 21, 2026
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 Jason Bloom (Communion Assistant), Jenna Bloom (Reader), Thomas Cresap (acolyte), Dave deDufour and Jim Steimle (Ushers), Lesley deDufour (Live-streaming), Judy Grube and Cheryl Gewecke (Communion and coffee set-up and clean-up).

Today's service will be live streamed at this link: <https://youtube.com/live/JwQoE1hzIDM>
If you miss the service live, watch it on YouTube! The services are also posted to the church's website.

Sunday 8:15 Bible Study This Sunday we will be discussing **James 5:7-20**. At he concludes his often fiery letter, James ends on a gentle note. He urges patience through times of suffering and reminds us about the efficacy of prayer.

(This will be our last class before taking a break for the summer. We'll resume in September.)

Wednesday Zoom Bible Study. *This bible study is now on break for the summer. We'll resume in September.*

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

Weekly Schedule:

TODAY (6/21)	8:15a Bible Study; 9:30a Worship; 11:00a Discussion Group
MONDAY-FRIDAY	Pastor Away in Indiana
SUNDAY (6/28)	9:30a Worship; 11:00a Discussion Group

Gering Gift: Many thanks to those who participated in, and led, our church-wide meeting last Sunday concerning this generous gift. What a fruitful time! All ideas are being compiled and will be discussed by the planning council. It's not too late to share your thoughts – fill in a form today and turn it in to the office to have your thoughts added to the list.

NJ District Youth Canoeing Down the Delaware! Join the NJD Youth Group on Thursday, July 16 for a 6-mile canoe trip down the Delaware (about 4-ish hours of river time). It is open to grades 6-12 as well as future college students. Cost is \$40 per person, and you will bring a bagged lunch. Be aware, the shuttle departs promptly at 10AM. **RSVP to Hope Dunbar by TUESDAY, JULY 7** at hdunbar77@gmail.com or (402)646-8725.

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.

Operation Christmas Child. On Sunday, July 26 we will hold our annual Operation Christmas Child “Christmas in July” event. We look forward to meeting after the service and filling shoeboxes for children around the world. They will be able to hear the Good News of Jesus as they receive a special Christmas gift from our congregation. We are especially looking for donations of TOOTHBRUSHES, toddler socks and toys (e.g. squeeze bath toys), costume jewelry, girls’ hair bands and barrettes.

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 : 614 Attendance: 77 / 6 online Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$4555
Debt relief: \$50
Weekly giving needed for budget: \$6890

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.

Food Pantry. We support the Lambertville Food Pantry with donations of food and other needs. June’s collection is **Baking and Cooking** – flour, sugar, salt, spices, oil, vinegar, baking powder, baking soda etc. You can sign up on the bulletin board to deliver items by month as well. Any questions, please see Leslie Klesat.



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 20:7–13

- ⁷ O LORD, you have deceived me,
and I was deceived;
you are stronger than I,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all the day;
everyone mocks me.
- ⁸ For whenever I speak, I cry out,
I shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
- ⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
there is in my heart as it were a burning
fire
shut up in my bones,
and I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
- ¹⁰ For I hear many whispering.
Terror is on every side!
"Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
say all my close friends,
watching for my fall.
"Perhaps he will be deceived;
then we can overcome him
and take our revenge on him."
- ¹¹ But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble;
they will not overcome me.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
- ¹² O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,
who sees the heart and the mind,
let me see your vengeance upon them,
for to you have I committed my cause.
- ¹³ Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hand of evildoers.

Epistle: Romans 6:12–23

¹²Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions.
¹³Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.
¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.
¹⁵What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!
¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience,

which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:5a, 21–33

^{5a}These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

²¹"Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²²and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."