

# St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*June 28, 2026*

### **Our mission:**

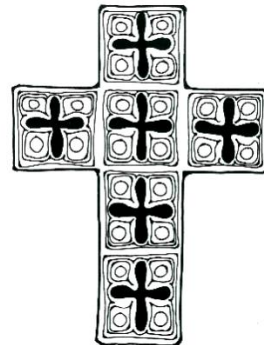
*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,  
honor God, serve others, and grow in faith.*

**Welcome.** Summertime is the wedding season when brides are walking down the aisle to meet their grooms in a new covenant of love and grace. In his letter to the Church in Rome, Paul describes our relationship to Jesus as a marriage covenant. With Jesus we get to experience a new beginning. His perfect, sacrificial love has set us free from sin to live and serve by the Holy Spirit. Our union with Jesus will last forever!

**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      644      The Church's One Foundation    (st. 1-3)

**KYRIE** *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

Pastor: In peace, in peace,

Musical score for the hymn "Lord, Have Mercy". It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is labeled "Assistant:" and the second and third staves are labeled "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)

Musical score for the Refrain. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is labeled "Assistant:" and the second staff is labeled "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**  
**C**  
**P**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

by the working of Your Holy Spirit,

grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us

and follow its directing;

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 28:5-9 (see back)

PSALM 119:153-160



153 Look on my affliction and de- | liver me,\*  
for I do not for- | get your law.

154 Plead my cause and re- | deem me; \*  
give me life according to  
your | promise!

155 Salvation is far from the | wicked,\*  
for they do not seek your | statutes.

156 Great is your mercy, | O LORD; \*  
give me life according to your | just  
decrees.

157 Many are my persecutors and my  
adver- | saries,\*  
but I do not swerve from your  
testi- | monies.

158 I look at the faithless | with disgust,\*  
because they do not keep | your  
commands.

159 Consider how I love your | precepts! \*  
Give me life according to  
your | steadfast love.

160 The sum of your | word is truth,\*  
and every one of your just and  
righteous decrees endures for- | ever.

**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 7:1-13

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):* Whoever finds his life will / lose it, \*  
And whoever loses his life for my sake will / find it.  
(Matthew 10:39)

**HOLY GOSPEL**

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

*Matthew 10:34-42*

**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** 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

**SERMON**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**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:**

|                  |         |                 |         |                  |         |
|------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| James Lauricella | June 29 | Gillian Lorenzi | June 30 | Annie Wilhelm    | June 30 |
| Josh deDufour    | July 1  | Greg Robinson   | July 1  | Catie Lauricella | July 2  |
| Trish Lorenzi    | July 3  | Kerstyn Johnson | July 4  |                  |         |

**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**  
**P**  
**P**

The Lord be with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C**  
**C**  
**C**

And also with you.  
We lift them to the Lord.  
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P**  
**C**

It is truly good, right, and salutary...  
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**  
**C**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
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,  
all:  
peace:

*Congregation:* *Congregation or Assistant:*

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:*

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

grant us peace, grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN** 528 Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

**POSTLUDE**



**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), Jesse Dunbar (Reader), Nicholas Wilhelm (acolyte), Joe Gallagher and Scott Garrow (Ushers), Amy Van Hise (Live-streaming), Leslie Klesat and Bonnie Jean Gallagher (Communion and coffee set-up and clean-up).

**Today's service will be live streamed** at this link: <https://youtube.com/live/M6hGHbLHwYU>  
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 and Wednesday Zoom Bible Study-** These bible studies are now on break for the summer. We'll resume in September.

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

**Weekly Schedule:**

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| TODAY (6/28)   | 9:30a Worship; 11:00a Discussion Group |
| MONDAY (6/29)  | 5:30p Planning Council                 |
| SATURDAY (7/4) | Independence Day                       |
| SUNDAY (7/5)   | 9:30a Worship; 11:00a Discussion Group |

**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](mailto: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 4x6 or 6x8 **pads of paper**, or even unlined steno pad style, 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 :** 6/21 Attendance: 50 / 9 online Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$3853  
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. July’s collection is **Paper Products** – paper towels, facial tissue, toilet tissue, etc. You can sign up on the bulletin board to deliver items by month as well. Any questions, please see Leslie Klesat.



## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

<sup>5</sup>Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

### Epistle: Romans 7:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup>Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. <sup>3</sup>Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

<sup>4</sup>Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup>For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup>But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

<sup>7</sup>What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin.

I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." <sup>8</sup>But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. <sup>9</sup>I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. <sup>10</sup>The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. <sup>11</sup>For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup>So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

<sup>13</sup>Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

### Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:34-42

<sup>34</sup>[Jesus said:] "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. <sup>36</sup>And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup>And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

<sup>40</sup>"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup>The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. <sup>42</sup>And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."