

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

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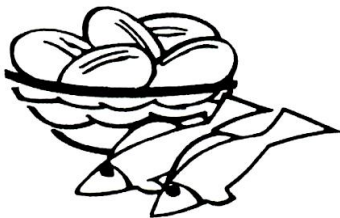
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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

Our mission:

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

Welcome. "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy (Isaiah 55:2)?" The LORD puzzles over our foolish choices when much better options are available to us. As human beings, we have been endowed by our Creator with the marvelous gift of reason. Yet, how quickly we'll toss reason out the window when panic, greed, or short-sighted gratification takes over. In today's lessons we hear God's parental voice calling us back home for dinner. His table abounds with the spiritual food that gives real nourishment - Jesus Christ, our living bread from heaven.

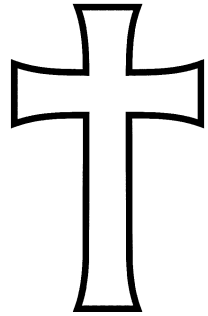
Welcome guests! We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Dunbar pastor, and fill out a green visitor card (in the pewback). The order of service is printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. A cryroom is available at the back left of the sanctuary 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.

Divine Service, Setting Three

LSB page 184

The Preparation



Prelude

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: 873 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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.

Heavenly Father,
though we do not deserve Your goodness,
still You provide for all our needs of body and soul.

Grant us Your Holy Spirit
that we may acknowledge Your gifts,
give thanks for all Your benefits,
and serve You in willing obedience;
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: Isaiah 55:1-5 (see back cover)

Psalm 136:1-9



¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is
good,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.

² Give thanks to the | God of gods,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever.

³ Give thanks to the | Lord of lords,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;

⁴ to him who alone does great | wonders,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;

⁵ to him who by understanding made
the | heavens,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;

⁶ to him who spread out the earth above
the | waters,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;

⁷ to him who made the | great lights,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;

⁸ the sun to rule o- | ver the day,*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever;

⁹ the moon and stars to rule o- | ver the
night,*
for his steadfast love 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 Reading: Romans 9:1-5 (see back cover)

Triple Alleluia page 190 (*sung before and after the Verse of the Day*)

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Verse of the Day (Cantor): Man ate of the bread of the / angels;
he set them food in a- / bundance.
(Psalm 78:25)*

Gospel Reading:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Matthew 14:13-21 (see back cover)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed (page 191 or the inside back cover of the hymnal)

Hymn of the Day: 801 How Great Thou Art

Sermon

Prayers 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:

The family of Marian	death of Marian	Teschke
The Boag family	death of Elinor	

For those with health concerns:

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

For those with cancer:

John Farley	Hilda Summers	Gerry Campbell	Howard Zahn	Mary Anne
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	Trudy	Lynn
Joan Rawls	Arlene Bodholt	Carol Storr	Dana	Dora
Jane Forder	Terry Dunbar	Keith Watson	Jason	Lynn J.
Elvis Rowsey	Debra Mueller	Dave Elison	Doris	Michael B.
Robert Miller				

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
Seeing Eye program	For dogs' 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:

Joseph Heebner	Aug 5	Shirley Yost	Aug 9	Michael Kianka	Aug 11
Mark Lange	Aug 11	Nathan Wilhelm	Aug 11		

Anniversaries:

Bob and Lillian Maguire	Aug 3
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Gathering of the Offering and Offertory

Instrumental Offertory

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... deliver us from evil.
(sung) For Thine is the kingdom...forever and ever. Amen.

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: 641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Post Communion Cantic: 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: 895 Now Thank We All Our God

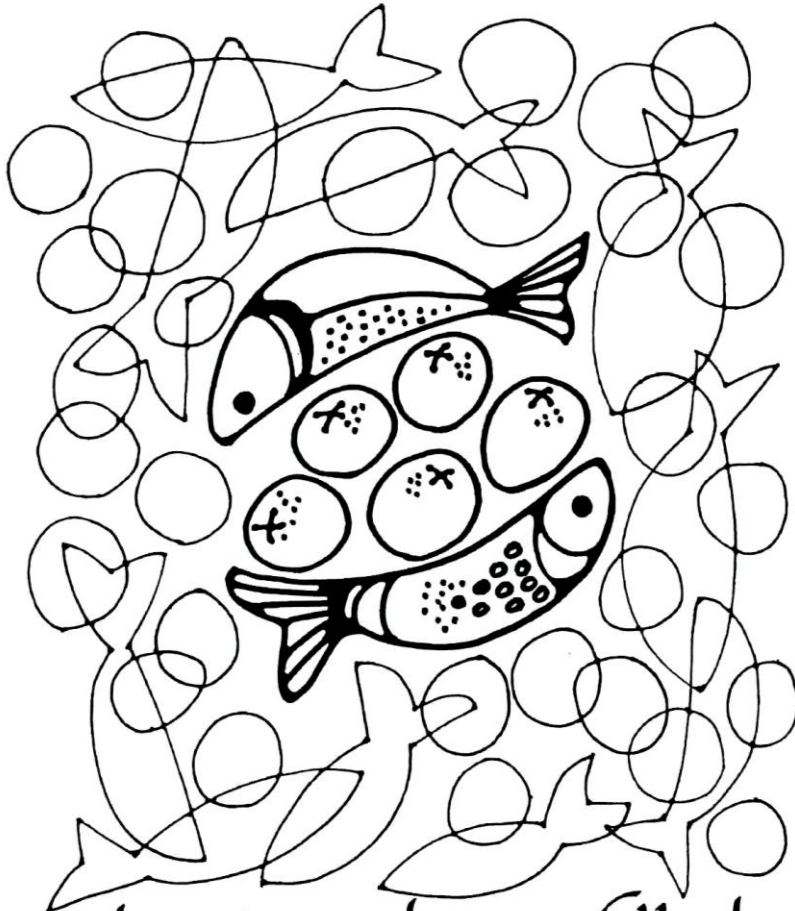
Announcements

Dismissal:

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude



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M A T T H E W 14:20



Announcements – Week of August 3, 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 Tyson Wilhelm (Communion Assistant), Cheryl Gewecke (Reader), Nicholas Wilhelm (acolyte), Mark and Liam McAllister (Ushers), Mark McAllister (Live-streaming), Hope Dunbar and Lesley deDufour (Communion and coffee set-up and clean-up).

Today's service will be live streamed at this link: <https://youtu.be/yHE5onf3Ybo> 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 (8/2)	9:30a Worship; 11a Discussion Group
TUESDAY (8/4)	6a Men's Breakfast @ Orlando's
SUNDAY (8/9)	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: 7/26: Attendance: 59 / 4 Gen Fund (plate and electronic): \$ 5210
Operation Christmas Child: \$99 + Thrivent card \$250 for shipping
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.

**Flowers are placed on the altar in thanksgiving
for Chris Fusco and Trish Scalese's 15th wedding anniversary!**

Food Pantry. We support the Lambertville Food Pantry with donations of food and other needs. August's collection is **Fruits and juices, condiments, and lunch bag stuff** – canned and individual serve fruits, juice bottles or cans, mayo, mustard, ketchup, canned tuna, treats for a lunch bag, etc. You can sign up on the bulletin board to deliver items by month as well. Any questions, please see Leslie Klesat.

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> .

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

NJ District LCMS njdistrict.org

LCMS World Relief and Human Care lcms.org/ca/worldrelief

The "Lutheran Hour" Broadcast lhm.org



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 55:1-5

- ¹ "Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without
price.
- ² Why do you spend your money
for that which is not
bread,
and your labor for that which
does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat
what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich
food.
- ³ Incline your ear, and come to
me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an
everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for
David.
- ⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to
the peoples,
a leader and commander for
the peoples.
- ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation
that you do not know,
and a nation that did not
know you shall run to
you,
because of the LORD your God,
and of the Holy One of
Israel,
for he has glorified you."

Epistle: Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in
Christ—I am not lying; my con-
science bears me witness in the
Holy Spirit—²that I have great
sorrow and unceasing anguish in
my heart. ³For I could wish that I

myself were accursed and cut off
from Christ for the sake of my
brothers, my kinsmen according
to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites,
and to them belong the adoption,
the glory, the covenants, the giv-
ing of the law, the worship, and
the promises. ⁵To them belong
the patriarchs, and from their
race, according to the flesh, is the
Christ who is God over all, blessed
forever. Amen.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about
the death of John], he withdrew
from there in a boat to a desolate
place by himself. But when the
crowds heard it, they followed him
on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he
went ashore he saw a great crowd,
and he had compassion on them
and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when
it was evening, the disciples came
to him and said, "This is a deso-
late place, and the day is now over;
send the crowds away to go into the
villages and buy food for them-
selves." ¹⁶But Jesus said, "They
need not go away; you give them
something to eat." ¹⁷They said to
him, "We have only five loaves
here and two fish." ¹⁸And he said,
"Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he
ordered the crowds to sit down on
the grass, and taking the five loaves
and the two fish, he looked up to
heaven and said a blessing. Then he
broke the loaves and gave them to
the disciples, and the disciples gave
them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all
ate and were satisfied. And they
took up twelve baskets full of the
broken pieces left over. ²¹And those
who ate were about five thousand
men, besides women and children.