

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

Our mission:

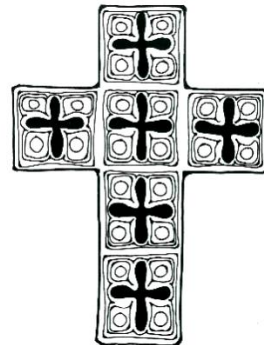
*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,
honor God, serve others, and grow in faith.*

Welcome. Human beings were made not just to work but also to rest. By resting we show that we value our physical health and the relationships God has blessed us with. Resting from our work is also an expression of trust that God is our ultimate provider. In today's Gospel Jesus invites us to the spiritual rest that comes when we stop striving to win God's favor and entrust our salvation to Jesus instead. The good works we do are the fruits of our faith in Jesus, not a substitute for it. Thank you, Jesus, for your gift of rest!

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 560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed

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 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 word "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)

Assistant: Congregation:

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

The musical score consists of two staves in G major 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 word "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.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father

Your mercy attends us all our days.

Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world,
and at life's end

grant us Your promised rest

and the full joys of Your salvation;

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: Zechariah 9:9-12 (see back)

PSALM 145:1-14 (*spoken responsively by whole verse*)

P: I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**C: Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

P: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

**C: One generation shall commend your
works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

P: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will
meditate.

**C: They shall speak of the might of your
awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

P: They shall pour forth the fame of your
abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness

**C: The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love.**

P: The LORD is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

**C: All your works shall give thanks to you,
O LORD,
and all your saints shall bless you!**

P: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,

**C: to make known to the children of man
your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your
kingdom.**

P: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all
generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.

**C: The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

EPISTLE: Romans 7:14-25a

ALLELUIA VERSE:

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*

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 699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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.)

Those who are homebound in our congregation:

Clair Haenisch	Margaret and Michele Manura,		
Mary Beck	Janice Nuneviller	George Pfeiffer	Christine Weiland

For those in need of comfort:

The Hoppe/Henning families	death of Barbara	Hoppe
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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
Mark McCracken	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:

John Farley	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.

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:

Riley Robinson	July 7	PJ Grube	July 9	Mark McAllister	July 10
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Anniversary:

Tom and Christine Dorsett	July 8
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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*

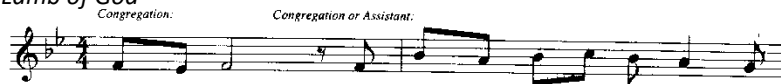
John 20:19

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



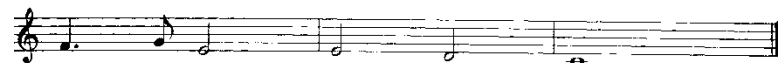
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
all:
peace:



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 752 Be Still, My Soul

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE





Announcements – Week of July 5, 2023
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 Kevin Lauricella (Communion Assistant and Reader), Bob Maguire and John Maguire (Ushers), Amy Van Hise (Live-streaming), Lillian Maguire and Amy Van Hise (Communion and coffee set-up and clean-up).

Today's service will be live streamed at this link: <https://youtube.com/live/RfHMnDn0sCU>
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 (7/5) 9:30a Worship; 11:00a Discussion Group
MONDAY-THURSDAY - Pastor away in Wisconsin
SUNDAY (7/12) 9:30a Worship; 11:00a Discussion Group

LCMS National Offering - Today and next Sunday (7/12) we will be collecting a door offering for the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's 2026–2029 National Offering. These gifts will directly benefit ongoing domestic work carried out at the local level by LCMS congregations, districts and others. Personal checks should be made out to St. Peter Lutheran Church with "2026 National Offering" in the memo line.

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 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.

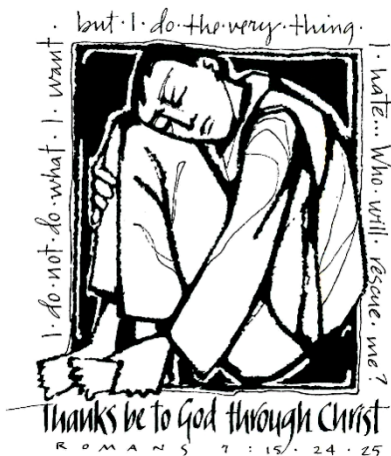
Service and Other

Faithfulness Report: 6/28 Attendance: 56 / 5 online Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$3118
Annual Nursery School Donation: \$11,000 Flowers: \$30
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 today in honor of Tom and Christine Dorsett’s anniversary!

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.



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading:

Zechariah 9:9–12

- ⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
- ¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- ¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
- ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Epistle: Romans 7:14–25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I

know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25–30

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”