



St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

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October 11, 2026

Our mission:

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

Welcome Throughout Scripture, heaven is often described as a place of joyful feasting. The readings for this Sunday offer both warning and comfort. The warning is that we not disregard God's gracious invitation -- issued through Christ -- to join His heavenly banquet table. The comfort is that, in Christ, death itself will be swallowed up. The feast is ready, come to the feast!

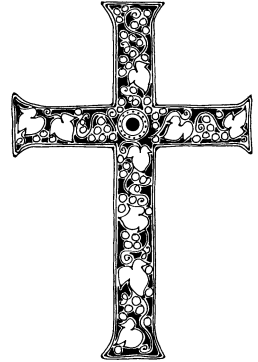
Welcome guests! We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon and fill out a green visitor card (in the pewback). The order of service is printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. A cryroom is available at the back left of the sanctuary for families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

Divine Service, Setting One

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The Preparation



Prelude

Words of Welcome

Invocation, Confession and Absolution (page 151)

Children's Church Blessing and Sending

Opening Hymn: 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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 Gloria in Excelsis (page 154)

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

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

Almighty God,

You invite us to trust in You for our salvation.
Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgement
but by the greatness of Your mercy;
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 25:6-9

Psalm 23



¹The LORD is my | shepherd;*
I | shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in
green | pastures.*
He leads me beside still | waters.

³He re- | stores my soul.*
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his | name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no
evil, for you are | with me;*
your rod and your staff, they | comfort
me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the
presence of my | enemies;*
you anoint my head with oil; my
cup | overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days | of my life,*
and I shall dwell in the house of the
LORD 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: Philippians 4:4-13

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

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

Verse of the Day (Cantor):

*The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." Let the one who / hears say, "Come." **

*Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the Water of life
with- / out price..*

(Revelation 22:17)

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

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

Holy Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Matthew 22:1-14

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.



Nicene Creed (found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)

Hymn of the Day: 516 Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

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.)

The Keen family

For comfort:

death of Marge

Teschke

For those with health concerns:

Carol Farley
Rich Mount
Susan Miller
Mark McCracken
Lucy Borden
Judy Dito
Pete Seronew
Diane Pullen
Jane Schroeder
Robert Mason

Shirley Yost
Olivia Moorhead
John O'Neill
Sue Bridenbough
Lorraine Van Hise
Harry Naylor
Betty Bush
Kay Compton
Alli Watson
Kim Robinson

Emma Finan
Bill Hotaling
Norma Runkle
Jeff Corelli
Pat Dietz
Asta Lynch
Frank Lynch
Liz Schorpp
Doug Schorpp
Joe Longo

Neuza Smukler
Eric Teschke
Barbara Nixon
Penny
Carlie
Susan
Zane
Grant
Noah

Jan
Doug
Claire
Beverly
Dawn R.
Brennan
Sid
Tim
Jeanine

For those with cancer:

Bob Maguire	Hilda Summers	Gerry Campbell	Herb Johns	Mary Anne
Howard Zahn	Steve Saumsiegle	Joe Campbell	Rich Knechel	Lance
Arlene Z.	Nancy Gilliand	Aunt Jean	Chris Legere	Joe
Andrea(Andy) Hoteling	Kaleigh Moore	Sally Ashmen	Robert Miller	Jerry
Rich deDufour	Logan Mattessich	Frank Cignus	John Farley	Frank
Aaron Kline	Brad Hoppe	Judy Bacorn	Michael B.	Lynn
Joan Rawls	Arlene Bodholt	Carol Storr	Lynn J.	Dora
Jane Forder	Terry Dunbar	Keith Watson	Trudy	Doris
Elvis Rowsey	Debra Mueller	Dave Elison	Dana	Jason
Richard Lum	Mary Ann Stein			

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:

Seeing Eye program	For dogs' successful training and placement
Victims of flooding and weather disasters	For safety and provision

For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:

For staff and families	For the strong start of school year
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Birthdays

Carol Farley	October 17
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Anniversaries

Stephen and Zen deDufour	October 12	Greg and Kim Robinson	October 13
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Gathering of the Offering and Offertory

Instrumental Offertory

Congregational Offertory: 785 We Praise You, O God (st. 1, 3)

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises
we sing.**

**With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will
guide us,
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.**

The Service of the Sacrament

Order of Holy Communion page 160

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 singing:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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

C: Our Father who art in heaven...

P: The Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ ... This do, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of Me.

Pax Domini P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

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.")

Agnus Dei

C: 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: 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you...

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: 818 In Thee Is Gladness

Postlude





Announcements – Week of October 11, 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), Jim Steimle and Nathan Wilhelm (Usher), Tyson Wilhelm (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://youtu.be/vdbn6boWLKA> If you miss the service live, watch it on YouTube! The services are also posted to the church's website.

Wednesday Zoom Bible Study on 1 Corinthians. There will be NO Zoom Bible Study this week because Pastor has a NJ District board meeting. Join us next week!

Sunday Bible Study: Desert Spirituality. This Sunday at 8:15am we'll continue our 10-part series on Desert Spirituality as we talk about the common vice of pride and its counterpart, humility. We'll learn about the life of Abba Arsenius who left his service in the household of an emperor to find Christ. All are welcome!

Introducing Children's Church at St. Peter! Today we invite children ages 2 through 5th grade (and any parents who desire) to participate in our first Children's Church service! During the regular service you will be invited forward for a blessing and sending to the fellowship hall. There you will participate in a special introduction to this opportunity to come together as God's children to pray, praise, and find out what God's Word has for us today. You will return to your families in the regular service for the celebration of Holy Communion. We are very excited to offer this program for our children to learn more from God's Word.

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

Weekly Schedule:

TODAY (10/11)	8:15a Bible Study; 9:30a Worship; 11:00a Discussion group; 4-7pm IMPACT Hike @ Flemington
TUESDAY (10/13)	7:00p Confirmation class
WEDNESDAY 10/14)	NO Zoom Bible Study (NJ District Board Meeting)
THURSDAY (10/15)	9:50/11:40a Nursery Chapel; 5:30p Elders meeting
SATURDAY (10/17)	10:00a Women's Breakfast
SUNDAY (10/18)	8:15a Bible Study; 9:30a Worship; 11a Discussion Group; 2-6pm District Youth Event @ Basking Ridge

St. Peter Women's Breakfast Saturday, Oct. 17. Please join us for a breakfast and Bible Study fellowship time Saturday, October 17th at 10am in the big room downstairs. You can sign up to bring a dish to share, such as fruit, pastry, or your breakfast specialty. Bring yourself, bring a friend, see you there!

"Loudly Lutheran" District Youth Event. Join us on Sunday, October 18 from 2-6pm at Somerset Hills Lutheran in Basking Ridge for a Reformation-themed party. This event is open to grades 6-12. There will be games, worship, a service project, new friends to meet, and (as always) great food! Please see the sign up on the church bulletin board. And talk to Pastor Jon if you need a ride to the event.

Special Reformation Service. All are welcome to attend a Reformation Commemoration Service on Sunday, October 25 at 4:00pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lawrenceville. We are seeking singers for a choir piece in the service. Please talk to Pastor Jon if interested. Following the service will be a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share. During the meal, Pastor Rob Hartwell will share a presentation on his work with Lutheran Braille Workers. An offering will be taken for Lutheran Braille Workers as well.

Service and Other

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 this morning in honor of Steve and Zen deDufour's anniversary!

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.

Faithfulness Report: Oct 4: Attendance: 72 Gen Fund (plate and electronic): \$8509
Debt reduction: \$50 Flowers: \$50
Weekly giving needed for budget: \$6890

Food Pantry. We support the Lambertville Food Pantry with donations of food and other needs. **October's** collection is **Pasta** – any varieties of pasta, sauce, mac 'n' cheese, 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
The "Lutheran Hour" Broadcast lhm.org
LCMS World Relief and Human Care lcms.org/ca/worldrelief

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6–9

- ⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts
will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of
well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged
wine well refined.
- ⁷ And he will swallow up on this
mountain
the covering that is cast over all
peoples,
the veil that is spread over all
nations.
- ⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away
tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he
will take away from all the
earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
- ⁹ It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have
waited for him, that he might
save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited
for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his
salvation.”

Epistle: Philippians 4:4–13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:1–14

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”