

ST. PETER'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service of the Word and Sacrament
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, June 16, 2024
8:00 a.m.



Building a community of faith by God's grace

Welcome to St. Peter's, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are glad you're here! Please fill out the worship record sheet in the black book located at the end of the pew.

Materials for worship are found in this bulletin or in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* book. Page numbers, such as "p.172," refer to the small page numbers in the front of the book. "No." refers to hymn numbers in the latter part of the book. **Please see the ushers for large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices.**

Offerings are collected by passing the plates during worship, and immediately transported to the drop box safe. You can also give electronically at www.stpeterslutheran.org/give.

Communion is celebrated at 8:00 a.m. on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, at 9:30 a.m. services on 2nd and 4th Sundays, and both services on 5th and festival Sundays. Holy Communion is also celebrated on all Sundays in the Easter season. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Believing in the real presence of Christ, St. Peter's practices eucharistic hospitality, meaning all baptized persons, regardless of age, are welcome to commune here. **Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.**

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+ GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Musical Meditation

Consecration (John Ness Beck)

Welcome/Announcements

Pastor Craig Ross

Please stand.

Brief Order for Confession

L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

All People That on Earth Do Dwell, No. 883

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Canticle of Praise



1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray together.

C: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please sit.

+ WORD +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

L: A reading from Ezekiel.

L: ²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Read by the whole verse between the worship leader and the **congregation**.

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

²**to herald your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;**

³on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.

⁴**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

¹³**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;

¹⁵**that they may show how up-right the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

L: A reading from second Corinthians.

L: ⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. ¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward

appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26-34

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark the fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ²⁶Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰He also said, "With what can we

compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

Sermon

Pastor Craig Ross

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day

We All Are One in Mission, No. 576

Apostles' Creed

L: Let us profess our faith together.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

L: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

Each petition closes with:

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

L: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Please remain in place to share the peace.

Please sit.

+ THANKSGIVING+

We give thanks for the saving word and all the gifts of God.

Offertory

Sweet Hour of Prayer (Dale Wood)

Please stand.

Offerings can be made online by going to stpeterslutheran.org/give.

Members, include your envelope number as your member ID. Visitors, no need for a member ID.

Please use this time to contemplate how you will give of yourself this week in service to your community.

Please fill out the worship record sheet in the black book located at the end of the pew.

Setting the Table

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some dotted notes and rests. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Offering Prayer

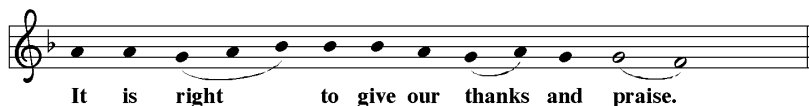
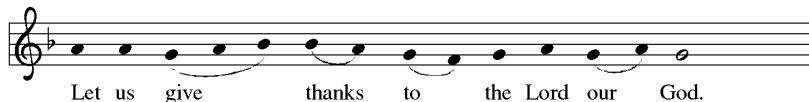
L: Let us pray together.

C: Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

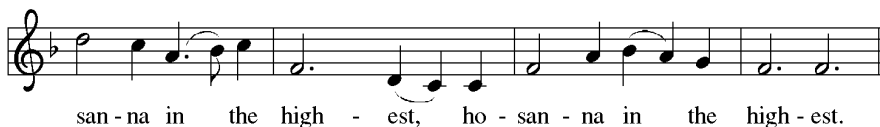
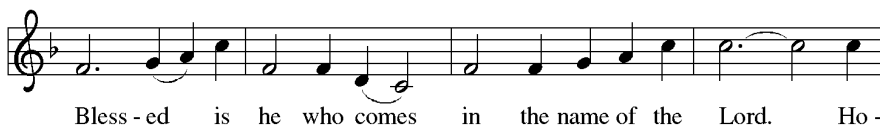
+ MEAL +

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Great Thanksgiving



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

Lord's Prayer

P: We pray together.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

L: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please sit.

Communion

All are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers, take a cup from the trays, and proceed to the altar to receive bread and wine or a blessing. For COVID safety purposes, please leave space at the rail between family groups. Please return to your seats via the outside aisles. If you desire to receive communion, but are not able to come forward, please alert the ushers.

Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

Music during communion as time allows.

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymns

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly, No. 461
Around You, O Lord Jesus, No. 468

Please stand.

Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

P: The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

Rise Up, O Saints of God!, No. 669

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune (R. Lau)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS, COMMUNION WINE AND BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God in celebration of our 54th wedding anniversary by Jill and Jeff Pretz.

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME— Dr. Ross Ellison, our guest organist. Dr. Ellison is a retired music faculty member from Millersville University, and a popular organ recitalist in the American Guild of Organists.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS— Our 2024 VBS - Under the Sea - July 7-11 - 6:00-8:00 p.m. Register via the QR code below and be sure to watch for more information!



RETIREMENT CELEBRATION— The time has come to say goodbye to our faithful Senior Pastor, Craig Ross, due to his retirement. His last day with us will be Sunday, June 30. We will have a combined service on June 30 at 9:30 a.m. in which we will honor him. Following the service, a light lunch will be provided in the Family Life Center where you can greet Pastor Ross and his family.

INTERIM MINISTRY— St. Peter's Church Council has entered into an agreement with Pastor Harold Hand to continue to serve St. Peter's as a part-time interim pastor with Pastors Linda and Cliff Hanus during the coming year. Pastor Hand has provided valuable ministry to our congregation during the past two years. We are delighted to have him continue to serve St. Peter's during the transition following Pastor Ross' retirement.

MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERING— At St. Paul Penryn: July 20 and August 17. There is a new monthly volunteering opportunity in support of the food pantry at St. Paul Penryn, where the youth supported with donations in January. We hope to send a small group of 1-2 car loads of youth volunteers 5th grade and up (will need 1-2 adults) every third Saturday of the month to the food pantry when it is open on Saturday mornings. First time volunteers are asked to report at 8:30 a.m. for a quick orientation. The food pantry runs from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The dates for summer volunteering are listed above.

ST. PETER'S POWER PACKS PROJECT COMMITTEE COULD USE YOUR HELP— We are beginning our summer sign ups, and would love for you to join us. Volunteers are needed for occasional help. We have divided our tasks into two jobs- picking up the packs and delivering them to St. Peter's around 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, and greeting the families at distribution to give them their packs from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you would like more information or are interested in helping, please contact Lynn Fyfe at (717) 951-3932 or lynnfyfe@comcast.net.

NEWS FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE— If the purchase of a cemetery plot or making plans to use the cremation garden at the cemetery is on your "to do" list, now is the time to complete the task! St. Peter's Lutheran Church cemetery rates will increase 20% on July 1, 2024, due to increases in cemetery maintenance and operational costs. Please contact the parish administrator for further information at office@stpeterslutheran.org.

ALTAR GIFTS— Please consider donating flowers, communion wine and bulletins during the summer months, a time with decreased support. Altar flowers are delivered to our shut-ins, so this is an important ministry. To donate, fill out the form on the bulletin board by the office, or on St. Peter's website. We thank you for your support. Please call the office with any questions.

PUB THEOLOGY— Our next pub theology will be Wednesday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Steve and Diane Gegg. They will be making burger sliders - we are asking each person to bring a side dish or dessert and a drink to share.


WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AT 8:00 a.m.

Lector:	Susan Ketchum
Greeters:	Lloyd and Marty Bull
Ushers:	Gene Olson, Don Wenrich
Welcome Center:	Ron and Joan Beck
A/V:	Mark Burkholder
Communion Assistants:	Karen Peiffer, Jennifer Schlener-Thomas
Altar Guild:	Melanie Burkholder
Altar Guild Coord:	Debbie Shue
Flower Delivery:	Cheryl Oeschger, Kathy Burke



CALENDAR

Happy Father's Day

	Sunday (6/16)	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship, Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary & Livestream) Pastor Craig Ross preaches
		9:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship, Service of the Word (Sanctuary) Pastor Craig Ross preaches
		10:00 a.m.	Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
Monday (6/17)	6:30 p.m.	Council Meeting (Conference Room)	
Tuesday (6/18)	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee (Conference Room)	
Wednesday (6/19)	6:30 p.m.	Pub Theology (Home of Steve and Diane Gegg)	
Thursday (5/20)		Office Open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
Friday (6/21)		Office Closes at 12 noon	
Sunday (6/23)	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship, Service of the Word (Sanctuary & Livestream) Pastor Harold Hand preaches	
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OUR MISSION

Building a community of faith by God's grace
"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."
John 15:12

OUR VISION

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church will show our love for God,
our love for neighbors, and our desire to make disciples.

Because we love God, we will:

- Worship and pray together.
- Help each other develop a meaningful relationship with God.
- Model our faith to children, youth, and others.

Because we love our neighbor, we will:

- Serve one another, especially the unseen and underserved within our congregation.
- Support those in need in our Lancaster community and in the world through our ties with the Lower Susquehanna Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.
- Love others boldly in a diverse and changing world, deepening relationships with our neighbors.

Because we desire to make disciples, we will:

- Seek to teach God's love through adult education, programs for children and youth, and our preschool.
- Offer small groups that connect God's Word to our everyday lives and create communities of faith.
- Share the good news in creative and authentic ways with the St. Peter's family and with neighbors in our community.

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MUSICAL ARTS Concert Series

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presents...

2024-2025 Concert Season

Lancaster British Brass Band – August 3, 7:00 p.m.

Quintessentially Mozart – October 20, 4:00 p.m.

Handel's Messiah – December 15, 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Temple Avenue Jazz Band – March 23, 4:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Choir Festival – May 18, 4:00 p.m.

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