

ST. PETER'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service of the Word

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 4, 2024

9:30 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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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

+ GATHERING +

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

Congregational Hymn Sing

Please have hymnal favorites ready.

Welcome/Announcements

Pastor Linda Hanus

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 *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor (BRYN CALFARIA), No. 475*

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, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please sit.

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Linda Hanus

+ WORD +

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

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

L: A reading from Exodus.

L: ²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.” ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole

congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹² “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’” ¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:23-29

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



²³ So God commanded the | clouds above
and opened the | doors of heaven,

²⁴ **raining down manna upon | them to eat
and giving them | grain from heaven.**

²⁵ So mortals ate the | bread of angels;
God provided for them | food enough.

²⁶ **The LORD caused the east wind to blow | in the heavens
and powerfully led out | the south wind,**

²⁷ raining down flesh upon | them like dust
and flying birds like the sand | of the seas,

²⁸ **letting them fall in the midst | of the camp
and round a- | bout the dwellings.**

²⁹ So the people ate and | were well filled,
for God gave them | what they craved

Second Reading:

Ephesians 4:1-16

L: A reading from Ephesians.

L: ¹ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing

with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. ⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." ⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

John 6:24-35

P: The holy gospel according to St. John the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were beside the sea, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

Sermon

Pastor Linda Hanus

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day

I am the Bread of Life (I AM THE BREAD), No. 485

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: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Each petition closes with:

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

L: We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

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.

Offering

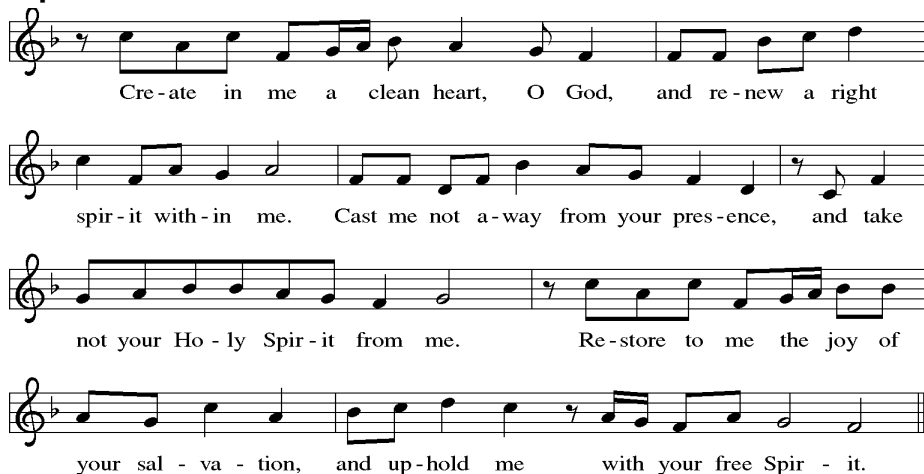
Offertory

God is Here with Me (Hogan)
Casey and Patrick McCarthy, vocal duet

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.

Please stand.

Offering Response



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Thanksgiving for the Word

P: Let us pray together.

C: We give you thanks, O God, for by your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile and wisdom for life with you. For your Word of Life, O God, we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

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.

+ SENDING +

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

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer (CWM RHONDDA), No. 618

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

A Rejoicing (A. Fedak)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS, COMMUNION WINE and BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God.

THIS MORNING WE THANK - Casey and Patrick McCarthy, for their amazing vocal duet performance. Join us next week for a musical offering by Jody Allen, flautist, and special music from the Women's Vocal Ensemble.

HYMN TUNE - We are now listing the hymn tunes (in ALL CAPS) in the bulletin for each hymn. The HYMN TUNE identifies the melody and harmony of the hymn, and the title technically just identifies the text. Often, the hymn tunes give background information about the hymns we are singing. This additional information about each hymn can provide more understanding about the music we use in worship.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS— Will occur Sunday, August 25 during the Children's Sermon at both services. **The Children and Youth** are invited to bring their backpacks for blessing. We will also offer a blessing for teachers and all school workers.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH DONATIONS NEEDED— For God's Work, our Hands Sunday, September 8. We are in need of the following items for our blessing bag donations: granola bars, small tissue packets, pocket sized hand sanitizers, individual packed hand wipes, lip balm/chapstick, peanut butter crackers, gallon zip lock bags. For Children and Youth Snacks: granola or cereal bars, individually packed gluten free snacks, individual packs of cookies, individual packs of Rice Krispy treats.

BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION - Sunday, September 8 at 9:15 a.m. we will have a few special events as we come back for another Christian education year. Children and youth will be part of our God's Work Our Hands activities in Augsburg Alley. Adults are invited to a breakfast meet and greet with Pastor Linda in the Family Life Center at 9:15 a.m. Food donations are needed for the breakfast: muffins, bagels, cookies, fruit. Please sign up below to donate or reach out to Sister Dottie.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4AAEA723A4F94-50407361-sept>. Regular classes will begin on Sunday, September 15 at 9:15 a.m.

PASTOR LINDA'S OFFICE HOURS - Monday-Sabbath day off, Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please note that Pastor Linda may be called away in the event of emergency pastoral care needs. You may call to schedule a time to meet with Pastor Linda outside of her posted office hours. The after-hours (EMERGENCY ONLY) phone number is 223-289-0093. Do not text your emergency, text messages will not be monitored.

SHARING WITH OTHERS - Psalm 24:1 reminds us that "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it". Have you found something this summer that reminds you of this Bible verse? Maybe a seashell, a leaf, a picture of family or friends, etc. Bring it along and put it on the table in the narthex to share with others and remind us of the wonders in our world and God's gifts to us.

ST. PETER'S COOKBOOK - "Up to Date Cookbook" brings classic recipes to our Herald. A copy of the "Up to Date Cookbook," published by St. Peter's in 1924, was recently received from Carl Bullock of Toms River, NJ. Carl sent us the book with recipes from 100 years ago! Keep an eye out for some of these recipes in our future Heralds. *Thank you, Carl!*

50+— Please join us for our annual summer picnic on Thursday, August 8 at Noon in the café for lunch and fellowship. Please sign up on the bulletin board and indicate whether you want a hamburger or hot dog. Let us know whether you will bring a salad or dessert. Place settings and beverages will be provided. In September, Pastor Linda will be our guest speaker. Bob Frick's lecture series on Supreme Court cases will run October to March. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Shue at [717-318-8848](tel:717-318-8848) or email djshue52@comcast.net.

DID YOU KNOW? - Research commissioned by the Churches Conservation Trust concluded that bell-ringing offers "improved agility, coordination, reaction time and balance, plus improved muscle endurance and cardiovascular fitness". Lucky for you, handbell choir sign-ups are now underway for the 2024-25 music season! Experienced ringers and beginners are both welcome. Contact tom.berdos@stpeterslutheran.org or visit the table outside the choir room for more information.

LYDIA'S CLOSET - We are need of gently used clothing, new socks, new underwear, (always in demand), and shoes, to prepare for back-to-school season! We need boys' clothing, but are especially short on girls' clothing, all sizes (starting at children's size 4 to adult). This ministry supports families who need help making sure their growing children have clothes for school and play. Please take some time to sort your clothing, and donate what you no longer need. There are families who would love to have your gently used items (or new). Please, no swimsuits or hats. If you see a great sale, snag the deal and pass it on to Lydia's closet! All donations can be placed in the bin, under the portico, at the church entrance. We are also looking for volunteers to sort clothing and staff the closet on the first Saturday of each month.



The first Saturday of August is one of the busiest giveaway days! Sign up here to help. Thank you in advance!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FA4A72DA3F58-47663078-lydias#/>

ELCA YOUTH GATHERING - St. Peter's, thanks you for your messages, prayers, and support, as we ventured to/from New Orleans for the ELCA Youth Gathering last week. Additionally, we are so appreciative of the financial assistance you offered to help cover our unexpected costs incurred to travel home. We have lots of stories to tell, and look forward to sharing all of them with you including our 31+ hour Amtrak journey home. The Gathering was an amazing event, and we were thankful to be able to attend. Cecilia, Helen, Maggie, Miriam, Rosie, Weston, Molly, Edwin & Amy.

MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERING - At St. Paul Penryn: 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.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AT 9:30 a.m.

Lector:	Judy Logan	Greeters:	Rich and Ann Larrick
Ushers:	Jane Musser, Brain Tolbert	Welcome Center:	Dave and Lis Wolf
A/V:	Bob Preston	Flower Delivery:	Cathy Graver, Becky Lutz

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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CALENDAR

Sunday (8/4)	7:50 a.m.	Congregational Hymn Sing (Sanctuary)
	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship, Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary & Livestream) Pastor Linda Hanus preaches
	9:20 a.m.	Congregational Hymn Sing (Sanctuary)
	9:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship, Service of the Word (Sanctuary) Pastor Linda Hanus preaches
	10:00 a.m.	Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
Tuesday (8/6)	7:00 p.m.	Musical Arts Committee Meeting (Choir Room)
Wednesday (8/7)	1:00 p.m.	Community Meal Preparation (Kitchen)
	7:00 p.m.	Sunday Music Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday (8/8)	12:00 p.m.	50+ Annual Summer Picnic (Café)
Friday (8/9)		Office Closes at 12 noon
Sunday (8/11)	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship, Service of the Word (Sanctuary & Livestream) Pastor Harold Hand preaches
	9:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship, Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary) Pastor Harold Hand preaches
	10:00 a.m.	Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)

MUSICAL ARTS Concert Series

at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church



presents...

2024-2025 Concert Season

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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