

# ST. PETER'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service of Holy Communion

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, July 20, 2025

9:30 a.m.



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*Building a community of faith by God's grace*

# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## + GATHERING +

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

### **Musical Meditation**

He Hideth My Soul (W. Kirkpatrick, arr. P. Keveren)

### **Welcome**

Dedication of Communion rail cushions

*Please stand.*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**C: Amen.**

### **Gathering Hymn**

**Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (WESTMINSTER ABBEY), No. 645**

(Stanza 1, 2 and 4)

### **Greeting**

P: 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray together.

**C: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## Children's Sermon

Pastor Hanus

### + WORD +

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

## First Reading

Genesis 18:1-10a

L: A reading from Genesis.

L: <sup>1</sup>The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10a</sup>Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 15

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

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup> **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.  
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

## Second Reading:

Colossians 1:15-28

L: A reading from Colossians.

L: <sup>15</sup> Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. <sup>21</sup> And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, <sup>23</sup> provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel. <sup>24</sup> I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup> I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**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

Luke 10:38-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the tenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: <sup>38</sup> Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Hanus

*Please stand.*

**Hymn of the Day**

**Jesus, the Very Thought of You (ST. AGNES), No. 754**

## **Apostles' Creed**

P: 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**

P: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Each petition closes with:

P: God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name 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.*

### Offering

### Offertory

Give Me Jesus (traditional, arr. P. Johnston)

*Offerings can be made online by going to [stpeterslutheran.org/give](http://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.*

### 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.

### Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray together.

**C:** Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

+ MEAL +

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

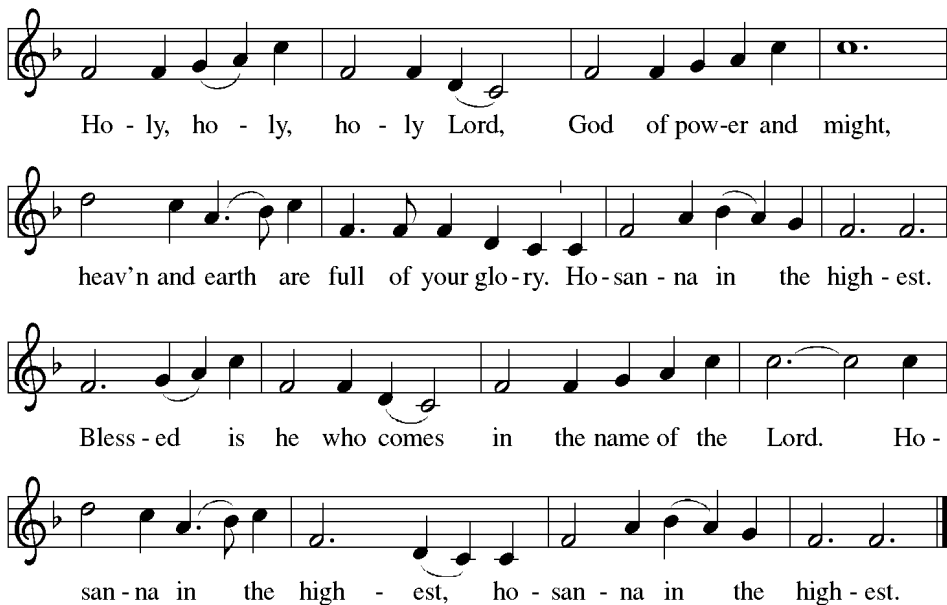
**Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.”

## Lord’s Prayer

P: As our Lord has taught us 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

P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice. All are welcome!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please sit.*

## Communion is continuous.

*All are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers, take a cup from the trays, and proceed to the ministers to receive bread and wine or a blessing. Please return to your seats via the outside aisles, depositing your used cup in the basket. If you desire to receive communion, but are not able to come forward, please alert the ushers. If you wish to kneel at the rail after communing, you are welcome to do so.*

***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

**Let Us Break Bread Together (BREAK BREAD TOGETHER), No. 471**

**Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (UNION SEMINARY), No. 470**

**All Who Hunger Gather Gladly (HOLY MANNA), No. 461**

**Now We Join in Celebration (SCHMÜCKE DICH), No. 462**

*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: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

**C: 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**

**For All the Faithful Women (KUORTANE), No. 419**

(stanza 1, 3 and 5, last)

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C: We will. Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

Shine, Jesus, Shine (G. Kendrick, arr. P. Keveren)

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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AT 9:30 a.m.**

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Lector:</b>               | Beth Glassford               |
| <b>Guest Pianist:</b>        | Jennifer Schlener-Thomas     |
| <b>Greeter:</b>              | Scott Glassford              |
| <b>Ushers:</b>               | Alan and Beverly Swanson     |
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| <b>A/V:</b>                  | Bob Preston                  |
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| <b>Altar Guild:</b>          | Pam Preston                  |
| <b>Flower Delivery:</b>      | Cheryl Oeschger, Kathy Burke |

## **CALENDAR**

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|-------------------------|------------|--|
| <b>Sunday (7/20)</b>    | 9:30 a.m.  | Traditional Worship, Service of Holy Communion<br>(Sanctuary & Livestream) Pastor Hanus preaches<br>Jennifer Schlener-Thomas, Guest Organist |
|                         | 10:00 a.m. | Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)  |
|                         | 5:30 p.m.  | VBS  |
| <b>Monday (7/21)</b>    | 12:00 p.m. | Just for Fun (Fiorentino's)  |
|                         | 5:30 p.m.  | VBS  |
| <b>Tuesday (7/22)</b>   | 10:30 a.m. | Widows Group (Cry Room)  |
|                         | 5:30 p.m.  | VBS  |
| <b>Wednesday (7/23)</b> | 1:00 p.m.  | Community Meal Prep (Kitchen)  |
|                         | 5:30 p.m.  | VBS  |
| <b>Thursday (7/24)</b>  | 5:30 p.m.  | VBS  |
| <b>Sunday (7/27)</b>    | 9:30 a.m.  | Traditional Worship, Service of Holy Communion<br>(Sanctuary & Livestream) Pastor Hanus preaches   |
|                         | 10:00 a.m. | Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)  |

## **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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**ALTAR FLOWERS, BULLETINS,  
COMMUNION WINE and BREAD** are given to

the Glory of God and in memory of my late husband Jerry Beyer, Sr. birthday on July 31 by Barb Beyer.

**THIS MORNING WE THANK:** Jennifer Schener Thomas for providing music.

**VBS and VOLUNTEERS:** It's never too late to sign up using the QR code if you would like to volunteer for VBS. VBS starts today and runs through July 24 at 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The theme is True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.



### **ITEMS NEEDED FOR RIVER'S PLACE**

**AND MTSD CARE CLOSET:** We're collecting clothing (K-12), new underwear, socks, and shoes. Household items are also needed: toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, feminine products, detergent, and more.

### **RIVER'S PLACE CLOTHING BANK:**

Donating is an easy way to support our clothing bank, River's Place. We clothe over a hundred children monthly and could use your help restocking the racks! (sizes K through 12) Click on the QR code to help.



### **THE ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOUR HELP:**

We need coordinators to set up communion and help participate in cleanup. You might serve in pairs on a monthly schedule twice a year. Training is available. A **big thank you** to all those people who have served in the past. Debra Shue, 717-318-8848, [djshue52@Comcast.net](mailto:djshue52@Comcast.net).

**CALL PROCESS UPDATE:** The Call Committee has completed the Ministry Site Profile for St. Peter's, and the document has been approved by the Congregation Council and the Synod Bishop. Call Committee members are grateful for the work of the Path Forward task force. The Synod will now send us a limited number of candidates for consideration

to be our new Senior Pastor. This step is confidential and the Call Committee cannot give any updates during this phase of the process, which will take several months. Your continued prayers and patience are appreciated.

**JUST FOR FUN LUNCH:** All are welcome. Monday, July 21, noon, at Fiorentino's. A sign-up sheet is posted by the Nursery.

**SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** Meet the Directors on August 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the FLC Cafe! This will be your family's opportunity to meet the new Director of Children's Ministry Tara Beitzel and Director of Youth Ministry Nicky Snyder. We hope you join us and take a moment to look at the updated classrooms for the upcoming school year! We are excited to meet you and your families! Please RSVP to [nicky@stpeterslutheran.org](mailto:nicky@stpeterslutheran.org).

**TEACHERS WANTED!** We are looking for teachers who are willing to commit to two to three Sundays a month on a rotating schedule to help with the 5/6 grade class, 7/8 grade class, and substitute teachers for either class. If you are interested, please sign up using the link below. We will be having a teacher's meeting for those signed up on August 17th, directly after service, in Augsburg Alley to review schedules/curriculum and expectations. Click on the QR code for teacher sign-ups.

**Note:** Anyone over the age of 18 who is planning to help teach Faith Formation **MUST** have their background clearances submitted to the church office **PRIOR** to September 1.

**SAVE THE DATE!** St. Peter's Lutheran Children & Youth Ministry teams are excited to announce our First Annual Color Run. The event is Sunday, September 7th.

Registration begins at 11:45 a.m. For those who wish to



participate in the running

portion of the event, please complete the pre-registration form using the QR code. You can select a \$20 donation and will receive a complimentary T-shirt for your donation or you can select a \$30 donation and will receive a complimentary T-shirt and a Swag bag. Only pre-registrations are guaranteed a T-shirt. If you don't want to run but wish to participate, you can sponsor a bottle of color for \$5.00 each. Registration deadline is August 20 to be guaranteed a T-shirt.

### **CHRISTMAS IN JULY FOR CHURCH**

**WORLD SERVICE:** On July 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Grandview Church, 888 Pleasure Road, is holding a Christmas in July event to benefit Church World Service. Please stop in for a display of nativity sets, kids crafts, a Christmas card photo op, food trucks, and a holiday bake sale. The event is free! (For questions or to volunteer, contact Pastor Lisa Clayton, 717-682-3014.)

**THRIVENT TEXAS FLOOD RELIEF:** For every \$2 you donate through Thrivent's online giving



platform or through a Thrivent Charitable Impact and Investing® Donor Advised Fund, Thrivent will add \$1, up to \$250,000. Thrivent will also pay the processing

fees so 100% will go directly to the cause. To give, scan the QR code or contact your Thrivent agent.

### **CALLING CHURCH HYMNALS TO**

**RETURN TO THE FOLD:** During 2021, the church lent out many red ELW books for home use in livestream worship. While several households are still using them for this purpose, other hymnals might be better used if they were returned to St. Peter's. Having more copies available will help us supply the Chapel and other needs. If you're using a hymnal, you may certainly continue to keep it! If you have one that is not used, please leave it at the table near the Welcome Center on any Sunday. Thank you!

### **TEXAS FLOOD VICTIMS, A REQUEST FROM LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF:**

Families in the flood zone—and beyond—need food, water, shelter, and essential supplies. Please help ensure no one goes without the care and support they need by giving generously online by scanning the QR code.



### **GREETINGS FROM THE PRAYER CHAIN!**

This is a reminder of how the Prayer Chain handles your prayer requests. When a request is received, it will be prayed over for one week. If you would like the request to be prayed for a longer amount of time, please tell us in the initial request. The chain will then place that request on its ongoing list where the request will be prayed over for one month. Any questions can be directed to Angela Moshos, [angmosh@gmail.com](mailto:angmosh@gmail.com).