

ST. PETER'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service of Holy Communion

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, July 27, 2025

9:30 a.m.



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Building a community of faith by God's grace

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

+ GATHERING +

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

Prelude

Musical Meditation

Kyrie (Couperin)

Welcome

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (NETTLETON), No. 807

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: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience and give us those good things that come only through your Son, 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 18:20-32

L: A reading from Genesis.

L: ²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy

it.” ³²Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

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

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your
steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Second Reading:

Colossians 2:6-19

L: A reading from Colossians.

L: ⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were

circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God.

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 11:1-13

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹ Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”² So he said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, may your name be revered as holy. May your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread.⁴ And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.”⁵ And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? ¹³ If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

Sermon

Pastor Hanus

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright (SONG 67), No. 745
(stanza 1, 3 & 5)

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

The Power of Your Love, O Lord (G. Bullock, arr. Holstein)

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.

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.

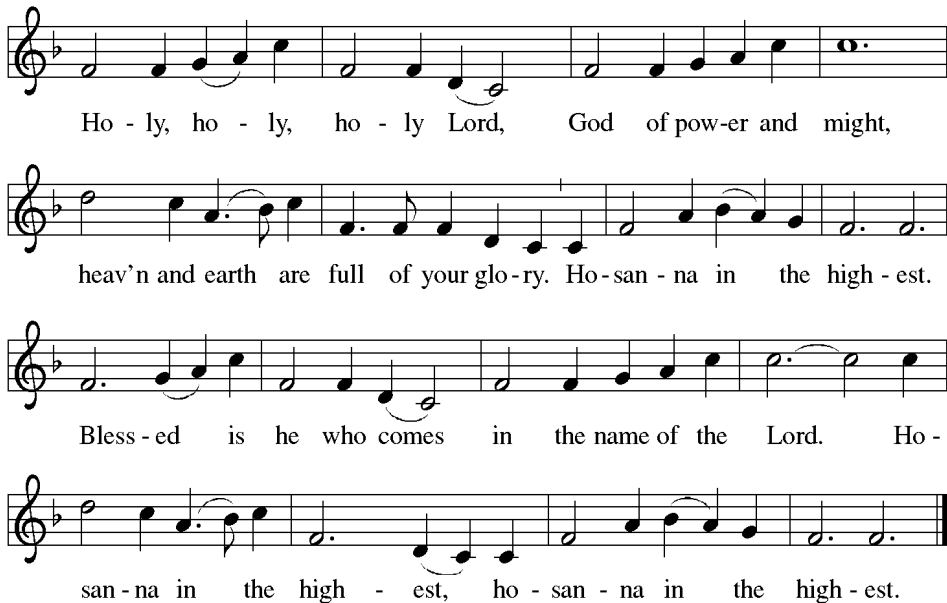
Great Thanksgiving

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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (KINGSFOLD), No. 611
Thy Holy Wings (BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR), No. 613
There is Balm in Gilead (BALM IN GILEAD), No. 614

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

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need (RESIGNATION), No. 782

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: We will. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Postlude in g minor (Bird)

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AT 9:30 a.m.

Lector:	Gary Troxell
Greeters:	JoAnn Philippa, Jillian Gorner
Ushers:	Nancy Beauregard, Cheryl Oeschger
Welcome Center:	Ron and Joan Beck
A/V:	Dave Tilley
Communion Assistants:	Jo Boltz, Brendan Armitage, Bret Hoffmaster
Altar Guild Coord:	Brendan Armitage
Altar Guild:	Shirley Dombach
Flower Delivery:	Cathy Graver, Becky Lutz

CALENDAR

Sunday (7/27)	9:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship, Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary & Livestream) Pastor Hanus preaches
	10:00 a.m.	Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
Tuesday (7/29)	1:30 p.m.	Book Club (Conference Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Call Committee (Cry Room)
Wednesday (7/30)	1:00 p.m.	Community Meal Prep (Kitchen)
Saturday (8/2)	10:00 a.m.	River's Place Clothing Bank (FLC)
	7:00 p.m.	British Brass Band Concert (Sanctuary)
Sunday (8/3)	9:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship, Service of Holy Communion (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 are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Dennis Weller in commemoration of what would have been our 10th wedding anniversary, July 25, 2025 by Sherry Weller.

HYMN SING: The congregational hymn sing scheduled for August 3 has been canceled. We encourage you to use the "hymn request" cards in the pew rack to request your favorite hymns for future worship services.

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.

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.

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.

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 17, 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. If you have any questions on how to obtain them, please let Nicky Snyder know, and she can walk you through the process. They do require a little bit of a turnaround time, so please plan accordingly. Once you have your clearances submitted, please notify Nicky. Clearances have various expiration dates; please confirm with the church office that yours are up to date if they have already been submitted.

WIDOWS GROUP: Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 29 at 10:30 in the Cry Room. We discuss what's going on in our lives and how they have changed. We would love for you to join us. For more information, please contact Betsy Linn, betsylinn1@gmail.com or 717-618-9615.

BOOK CLUB: Join us in the Conference Room on Tuesday, July 29 at 1:30 p.m. The book that we will discuss is *Code Name Helene*. For more information, contact Cindy Geesey at goread@ptd.net.

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.



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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, many red ELW Hymnals were on loan 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!

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.

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.

