

ST. PETER'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service of Holy Communion

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, July 6, 2025

9:30 a.m.



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Building a community of faith by God's grace

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

+ GATHERING +

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

Congregational Hymn Sing

Your Favorite Hymns

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.

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

O God beyond All Praising (THAXTED), No. 880

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: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, 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

Isaiah 66:10-14

L: A reading from Isaiah.

L: ¹⁰Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her— ¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. ¹²For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. ¹³As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:1-9

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

¹ Be joyful in God, ¹ all you lands;

be joyful, ¹ all the earth.

² **Sing the glory ¹ of God's name;**

sing the glory ¹ of God's praise.

³ Say to God, "How awesome ¹ are your deeds!

Because of your great strength your enemies ¹ cringe before you.

⁴ **All the earth bows ¹ down before you,**

sings to you, sings ¹ out your name."

⁵ Come now and see the ¹ works of God,

how awesome are God's deeds ¹ toward all people.

⁶ **God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wa- ¹ ter on foot,**

and there we re- ¹ joiced in God.

⁷ Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- ¹ ver the nations;

let no rebels ex- ¹ alt themselves.

⁸ **Bless our ¹ God, you peoples;**

let the sound of ¹ praise be heard.

⁹ Our God has kept us a- ¹ mong the living

and has not allowed our ¹ feet to slip.

Second Reading:

Galatians 6:1-16

L: A reading from Galatians.

L: ¹ My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads. ⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. ⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not

give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. ¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of 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 10:1-11, 16-20

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to

house.⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you;⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say,¹¹ “Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.”¹² ¹⁶“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!”¹⁸ He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning.¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you.”²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

Sermon

Pastor Hanus

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day

Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word (GOTT SEI DANK), No. 663

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: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

Each petition closes with:

P: God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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

Amazing Grace (arr. C. Christiansen)

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.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are aligned with the notes: 'Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of' on the first staff, 'bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that' on the second staff, 'we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of' on the third staff, 'all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble' on the fourth staff, and 'with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.' on the fifth staff. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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
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

Blessed Be the Name (HERI NI JINA), No. 797
(English verses only)

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: We will. Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Go Your Way with Rejoicing! (D. Wagner)

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Altar Guild Coord:	Debbie Shue
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Flower Delivery:	Kelly Mullican, Ken Shirk

CALENDAR

Sunday (7/6)	9:15 a.m.	Hymn Sing
	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 (7/8)	6:30 p.m.	Call Committee (Cry Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Property Committee (Cry Room)
	7:00 p.m.	St Peter's Stewardship Committee (Conference Room) (Zoom)
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee (Library)
Wednesday (7/9)	1:00 p.m.	Community Meal Prep (Kitchen)
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting (Conference Room)
Saturday (7/12)	10:00 a.m.	River's Place, Clothing Bank (FLC)
Sunday (7/13)	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 honor of Weston Groff, who will celebrate his 16th birthday on July 7, from his Dad and Mom, Ethan & Shane.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary by Dennis and Louise Sitler.

JUST FOR FUN LUNCH: All are welcome. Monday, July 14, noon, at Fiorentino's. A sign-up sheet is posted by the Nursery.

WIDOWS GROUP: St. Peter's has a Widows Group that meets one time a month, on the 4th Tuesday, at 10:30 a.m. 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.

VBS and VOLUNTEERS: You can sign up on the QR code if you would like to volunteer for VBS for July 20-24. VBS will be held Sunday, July 20 - Thursday, July 24 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 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 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.

ALTAR GIFTS: We are extremely gratified by your



generosity in responding to our requests to support the funding of Sunday bulletins, flowers, and communion elements. These gifts in honor or in memory of loved ones

are an important part of supporting our weekly services. You can plan ahead and choose to commemorate current and future events in 2025.

You may use the convenient online form by scanning the QR code or pick up a form on the bulletin board next to the office door. Thank you!

CALL FOR LIVE STREAM VOLUNTEERS:

If you are interested in volunteering or would like to learn more, please contact Jordan Lambert islamvt@gmail.com or speak with him after the service.

ENVELOPES FOR OFFERINGS: You may have noticed blank, white envelopes in the pew racks. You are welcome to use one when putting cash or a check in the offering plate. If you would like the offering to be credited to you, please write your name and envelope number (if you know it) on the outside.

MUSICAL ARTS CONCERT SERIES: The Musical Arts Concert Series has concluded another successful year. Highlights of the 2024-2025 season included *Messiah* in December and the St. Peter's Choir Festival in May, when we raised \$2,000.00 for the Manheim Township Ambulance Association. As always, ten percent of MACS season's proceeds went to local outreach. A total donation amount of \$2,200.00 was split equally between Blessings of Hope and Church World Service. Look for information soon about the 2025-2026 Musical Arts Series season!

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.

ACOLYTES AND CRUCIFERS NEEDED:

We need acolytes & crucifers!
Use the website to sign up! Don't know how? Training is available; see Ashley Miller or Corrie Stream for a quick tutorial! You can also click on the QR code to sign-up.



OCEAN GROVE CHOIR FESTIVAL:

The annual choir festival at Ocean Grove, NJ, is July 19. Hundreds of singers join together in a mass choir to sing a variety of inspiring sacred choral music. Rehearsals for this event will be held at St. Peter's on July 15 and 17. Singers purchase their music. All singers are welcome - please see or email Tom Berdos at tomberdos@stpeterslutheran.org for more information.

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 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 1st.

FOOD PANTRY: Hunger doesn't take the



summer off! The food pantry at St. Paul Penryn is busier than ever, and they need help restocking their shelves. Current needs are: pasta, spaghetti sauce, mac and cheese,

canned tomatoes, flour, sugar, cooking oil, and toiletries. Items can be dropped off in the Narthex. If you are interested in helping out in person, there are upcoming volunteer opportunities on July 19, and August 16, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. If you are interested in helping out on one of the dates, please email lesliericemccarthy@gmail.com.