

Welcome to St. Peter Lutheran Church

The 16th Sunday of Pentecost, September 28, 2025

In-Person Worship: St Peter at 9:00 am

Facebook Live, 9:00 a.m. at "St Peter Lutheran Church"

You Tube (Live) at "St Peters Lutheran Church Rockwell, IA"

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Confession and Forgiveness (Please Stand)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

we are your stiff-necked people.

We trample on the needy.

We grumble about your grace to others.

We turn away from the poor.

Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.**

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✝ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

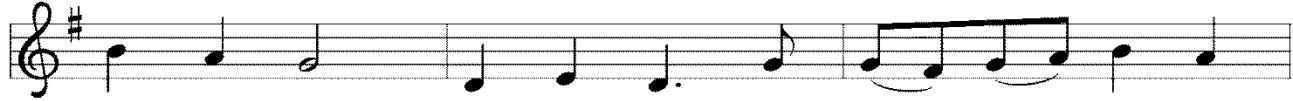
Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW #705 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

God of Grace and God of Glory



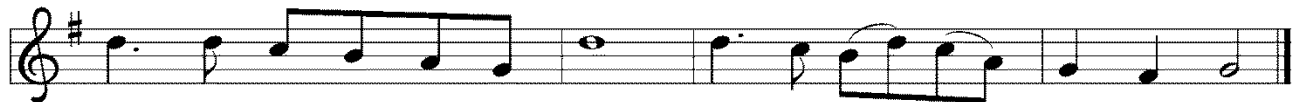
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

Greeting (ELW p. 213)

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Canticle of Praise

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

- ^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.
- ⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,
⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,
⁶ who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Word of God, Word Life. Thanks be to God!

PSALM: Psalm 146

The LORD gives justice to those who are oppressed. (Ps. 146:7)

- ¹ Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- ² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
- ³ Put not your ¹ trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.
- ⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**
- ⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- ⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. ^l Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

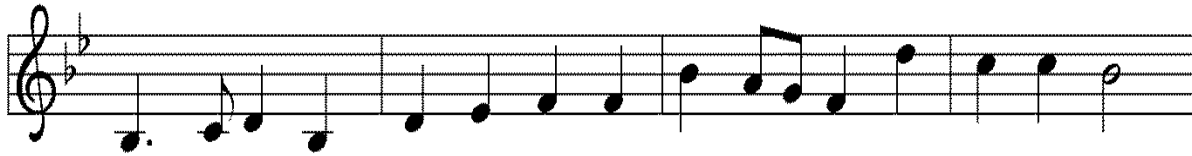
⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

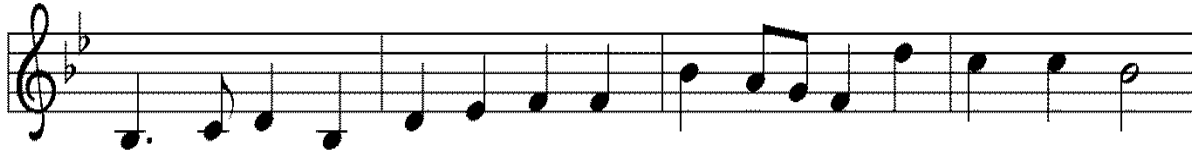
¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Word of God, Word of life. Thanks be to God!

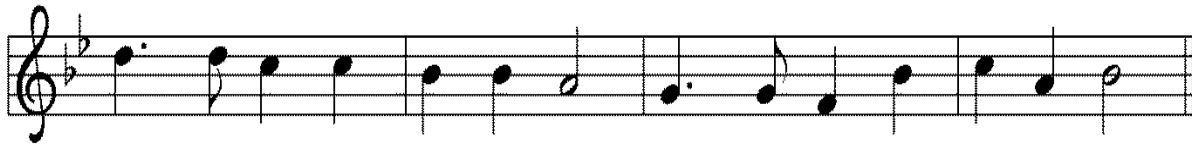
Gospel Acclamation (Please Stand)



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: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 16th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied,

‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** (Please be seated)

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW #712 “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

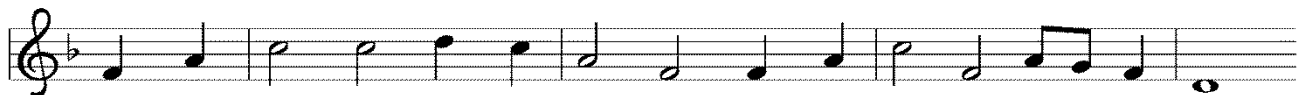
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love’s re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy’s per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - ’ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984
Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
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(Please Stand)

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

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.

The Prayers:

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation. (*Response to the petition.* "God of grace, **receive our prayer.**"

"Lord, Listen to" Your Children Praying" ELW #752

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord send your spirit to this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

(Leader will lead you in prayer, then sing again.)

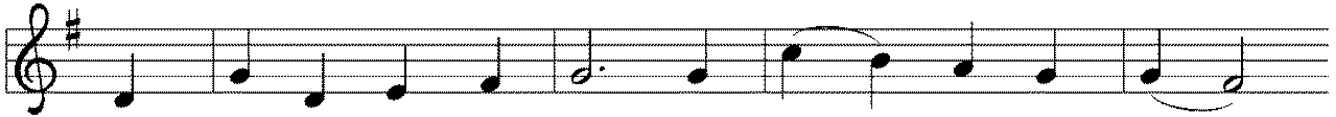
Please remember in your prayers: Christine Foell, Mona Arends, Jo Thomas, Jenn Butler, DiAnne & Dave Severin, Lorna Thompson, Wendell & Dawn Thomas, Bob Brood, Audrey Harder, Kathleen Hansen, Larry Kruckenberg, Janet and Kevin Hoftiezer, Joan Petersen, Lon Peterson, Wendy Jorgensen, Seneca Echelberger, Jennifer Holbach, Renee Dahlen and all who are homebound or hospitalized.

"Please turn and greet your neighbor."

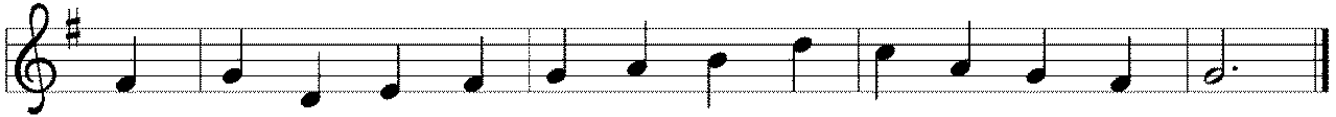
Offering

The Offertory: (Please Stand) #686 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

Offering Prayer

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides
for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Holy Communion

Words of Institution: “In the night in which he was betrayed...”

The Lord’s Prayer: “Our Father, who art in heaven...”

Communion Distribution (Please be seated)

Prayer after Communion (Please stand)

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your
servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus’ name.

Amen.

Blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn ELW #536 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

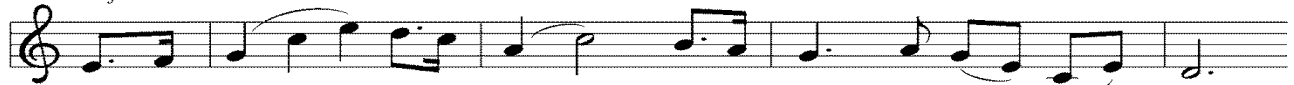


- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un-fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904
Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

USHERS FOR OCTBER

Mike Flatness, Chris Morrison & Families

GREETERS FOR OCTOBER

Bob & Pat Martin

COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR OCTOBER

Janan Wegner & Dawn Floy

ACOLYTES FOR OCTOBER

Fellowship games will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month for 3rd through High school students at the Middle School in the big gym. A light meal will be served at 5:30 for any student wishing to attend followed with huddle time and games from 6:00-7:00PM. Instead of asking for volunteers to provide a light meal for the kids they are asking volunteers to make cookies or bars and for cash donations to serve the same meal both nights. There are 50 - 60 kids that take part in this Wednesday night active. If you would like to give a cash donation to help with a light meal please call Dean and Bonita Weber at 641-822-4588 or see Matthew Fjone. They will meet for the first time this year on Wednesday, October 1st.

ST PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

QUESTION? WHERE DO BAD RAINBOWS GO?

St Peter Lutheran Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the lounge. We started studying the book of Genesis. With the different translations available, it helps us to appreciate God's word even more. The creation of our world, creation of man and woman and the Garden of Eden, all the people and how they lived, the flood and the reason for God creating the rainbow. So many leading us to understand why he sent his Son Jesus, who died for our sins, that we may have eternal life in Heaven. Come join us as we gather to study God's word.

THEY GO TO PRISM! IT'S A LIGHT SENTENCE BUT GIVES THEM TIME TO REFLECT.

Adult choir will begin practice Sunday October 12 right after the church service. We practice each week upstairs by the keyboard. We appreciate everyone that already is involved and would love to have even more to join us. The practice lasts about 20-30 minutes each week.

You are invited! St. Peter Lutheran Church Fall Fun Festival Saturday, October 18th

9 am – 3 pm. Lunch 11 am – 1 pm (Dine - in or carry - out) Vendors – Bake sale – Silent Auction. All so needing **Donations:** There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for food donations. We appreciate your generosity with support for the lunch.

The appreciation dinner will be held Sunday, September 28. This is for Sunday School teachers, board members, musicians, LYO supervisors, custodial staff and others that are instrumental in keeping the church running smoothly. Invitations will be sent with an attendance reply requested.

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, September 28 th	9:00 am Worship Service with Communion 10:00 – 10:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Confirmation 10:00 am Coffee
Tuesday, September 30 th	9:00 Quilter's 6:30 pm Bible Study
Sunday, October 5 th	9:00 am Worship Service 10:00 – 10:45 am Sunday School 10:00 am Confirmation 10:00 am Coffee