

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Affirmation of Baptism
St. Peter Lutheran Church
May 17, 2026
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting Eight



Welcome to St. Peter Lutheran Church!

If you are a guest with us this morning, we welcome you to fill out a connection card, located in the pew rack. You are welcome to share as much information with us as you are comfortable sharing. Please place the cards in the baskets at the head of the aisle during the Communion distribution.

For worship, everything you need is included in this bulletin except for the hymns, which are found in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen! Alleluia! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Christ is risen...

... and breathes peace and forgiveness upon us.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

**Most merciful God, we confess our sins...
against you and against your people.
We have wounded others by our sins.
We have been wounded by the sins of others.
Forgive our sins.
Have mercy on us.
Heal us, Lord...
for the sake of Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior.
Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *Morning Has Broken*

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GREETING

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

Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

A reading from Acts.

⁶ When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

We sing the refrain, then read the Psalm responsively, singing the refrain where indicated with an "R" (next page).

Refrain

All realms of cre - a - tion now sing with e -
la - tion. Sing praise to your Mak - er, O sing ev - er - more.

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Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

² **As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴ **Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I AM is that name, rejoice before God! R**

⁵ In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶ **you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸ **the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹ You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰ **Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor. R**

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.

³³ **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

³⁴ Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

35 How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God! R

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

A reading from First Peter.

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

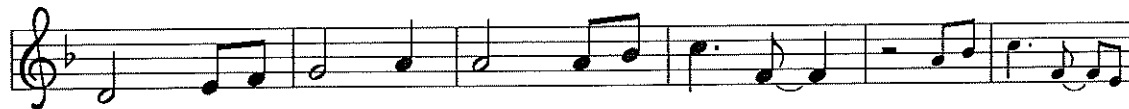
Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN: *You Are Anointed (facing page)*

The Confirmands come up to the chancel during the last verse of the hymn.



You Are Anointed (Baptism Song)



1 You are a - noint - ed, God - sent, ap - point - ed.
 2 Spir - it di - rect - ed, called and e - lect - ed,
 3 Glo - ry to God a - bove! Sing to our God of Love!
 4 You are a - noint - ed, God - sent, ap - point - ed.



Bap - tized in Christ you are set a - part.
 Walk - ing with Je - sus, with seeds to sow.
 Let praise and thanks to our God out - pour.
 Bap - tized in Christ you are set a - part.



Called to be ho - ly, Called to be low - ly,
 God calls you to the Word. Through you, God will be heard.
 Glo - ry to God a - bove! Sing to our God of Love!
 Fight the good fight of faith, Run towards the fin - ished race.



God will lift up your faith - ful heart.
 Bring the Good News to all you know.
 Glo - ry to God for - ev - er - more!
 Live for the Lord with all your heart.

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Mallory Amonette
Hope Musteric
John Wolf

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Mallory, Hope, and John, who are one with us in the body of Christ.

Representative of the Congregation: I present Mallory, Hope and John, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these brother and sisters, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen

We stand.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The congregation sits.

The pastor addresses those making public affirmation of baptism:

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Mallory, do you intent to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism?

*Confirmand's Response: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.***

Hope, do you intent to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism?

*Confirmand's Response: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.***

John, do you intent to continue in the covenant God made with in holy baptism?

*Confirmand's Response: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.***

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Family members and sponsors are invited to gather around each of the Confirmands. After the Confirmand's Confirmation verse is read, the pastor prays for the gift of the Holy Spirit to be stirred up in them.

CONFIRMATION VERSES

Mallory Amonette

Romans 8:18

The pain you have been feeling cannot compare to the joy that is coming.

Hope Musteric

Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

John Wolf

Proverbs 17:22 (NIV)

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

Stir up in Mallory... Stir up in Hope... Stir up in John...

the gift of your Holy Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,

the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Let us rejoice with our brother and sisters in Christ!

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God

and proclaim the good news to all the world. Amen.

CONFIRMATION HYMN: *Here I Am Lord*

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

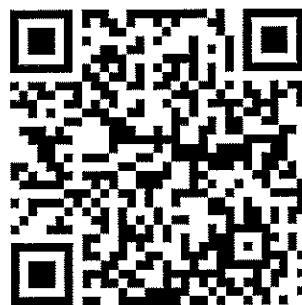
And also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERING

The offering is collected. You can share your tithes and offerings by:

- *Cash or check using envelopes in the pews*
- *Sending a check via your bank's bill pay feature*
- *Using this QR code to give via debit or credit card or to set up automated giving through Vanco.*



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

Accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love, In the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE 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.

It is indeed right... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: *Lamb of God (Your Only Son)*

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COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Welcome to the Table of the Lord! We commune in a continuous fashion forming two lines down the center aisle. Receive the host from the pastor and then take an individual glass which will be filled from the pouring chalice. You are welcome to fill out a connection card (from the pew racks) and place it in the container at the head of the aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* **634**

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *On Our Way Rejoicing* **537**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of Marge & Leonard Schanke's birthdays by Larry & Karen Schanke.

LECTERN FLOWERS are in honor of our Confirmands from the Education Committee. They will also be having cake in honor of the Confirmands during fellowship.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician	John Beamer
Video Tech	Mark Cuthbertson
Greeter	Bonny Ottney
Usher	Judy Gahler
Reader	Kim Reif
Communion	Mary Dehring and Wes Gahler
Fellowship	Education Ministry

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Today	Worship	8:45 AM
	Sunday School	10:00 AM
	Adult Sunday School	10:15 AM
	Flower Bed Spring Clean	11:00 AM
Mon.	Finance Committee	6:30 PM
	Abigail Circle	7:00 PM
	Church Council	7:30 PM
Tues.	Sewing Quilts	9:00 AM
	Hannah Circle	10:30 AM
Tue/Wed	Preschool Decorating	Both Days
	Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall	
Wed.	Precious Moments	7:00 PM
	Preschool Graduation	
	A.A.	8:00 PM
Fri	PRESCHOOL LAST DAY	
	w/picnic	

PLEASE JOIN THE CONFIRMANDS during fellowship to congratulate them and enjoy fellowship with cake and donuts.

MONETARY DONATIONS: today is the last Sunday to donate to purchase geraniums and perennial plants for our flower beds. A list of honorees and memorials will be printed for next Sunday's bulletin. The forms are available in the Narthex.

FLOWER BED ADOPTIONS: the sign up sheet for the flower beds is on the table in the Narthex.

FLOWER BED SPRING CLEAN-UP: Today after Fellowship!

REMEMBER: WEAR RED for Pentecost next Sunday.

BLUE BARREL: Our May collection is personal care toiletries for St. Paul's Episcopal Food Pantry of Oregon, Ohio.

ROGATION DAYS: Make an appointment with Pastor Matt for blessing of farms in May or June.

KISERENY COLLECTION: During the season of Easter (the months of April and May) we are taking a freewill collection for our partner congregations and preschool in Kisereny, Tanzania. Let's give

generously! A Kisereny Kindergarten update booklet is available on the table in the Narthex.

FAMILY BRUNCH POTLUCK: Please join Congregational Growth Ministry for a Family Brunch Potluck on Sunday, May 31 for fellowship. There is a sign up sheet located in the Narthex.

REMINDER: Just a reminder to get your June/July news and activities ready for the May 21 deadline of the *Blackberry Beacon* newsletter. The next newsletter is the combined months of June/July! (already)!!

LAKESIDE CHAUTAUQUA: All women are invited to spend the day, June 24, at Lakeside, enjoy worship, a featured speaker, Michael Beck, lunch with Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, and an afternoon experiencing all that Lakeside has to offer! Your registration fee includes admission from Wednesday morning to Thursday at 5 PM, a parking pass and lunch.

SCHOOL GRADUATES: Our graduate recognition will be on Sunday, June 14, at 8:45 AM worship service.

If you have a college graduate please let the office know so that we may recognize them along with our senior high school graduates. Our high school graduates should have received a letter and a questionnaire to be returned to the office.

ATTENDANCE: Worship: 91 S.S. 16

TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Current: \$2631	Benevolence: \$83	Building Fund:\$30
Altar Flowers:\$25	LSS: \$35	Kisereny:\$810.10
Roof/Boiler Loan: \$115	A/C Special Project:\$30	

MAY/JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

May 24 PENTECOST

Greeter: Pam King
Usher: Judy Gahler
Reader: Mary Dehring
Communion: Wes Gahler
Pam King
Fellowship: Wendy Millinger
Flowers: Terry & Susan Lowe

May 31 HOLY TRINITY

Greeter:
Usher: Judy Gahler
Reader: Jody Kapp
Communion: Wes Gahler
Mary Dehring
Fellowship: Brunch Potluck
Congregational Growth Ministry
Flowers: Jim & Mary Dehring

June 7

Greeter
 Usher
 Reader
 Children's Message
 Communion: Wes Gahler
 Fellowship:
 Flowers: Pastor Matt

June 14

Greeter: Pam King
 Usher
 Reader
 Communion: Pam King,
 Wes Gahler
 Fellowship
 Flowers: Jim & Kathy Vermilyea
 Lectern: Jim & Kathy Vermilyea

June 21

Greeter
 Usher
 Reader
 Communion: Mary Dehring
 Fellowship: Behlmer Family
 Flowers: Tom & Bonny Ottney

June 28

Greeter
 Usher
 Reader
 Communion
 Fellowship
 Flowers: Wes & Judy Gahler

Please consider helping out with hospitality and worship leadership this summer!

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 Sunday School 10:00 am (Sept-May)
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