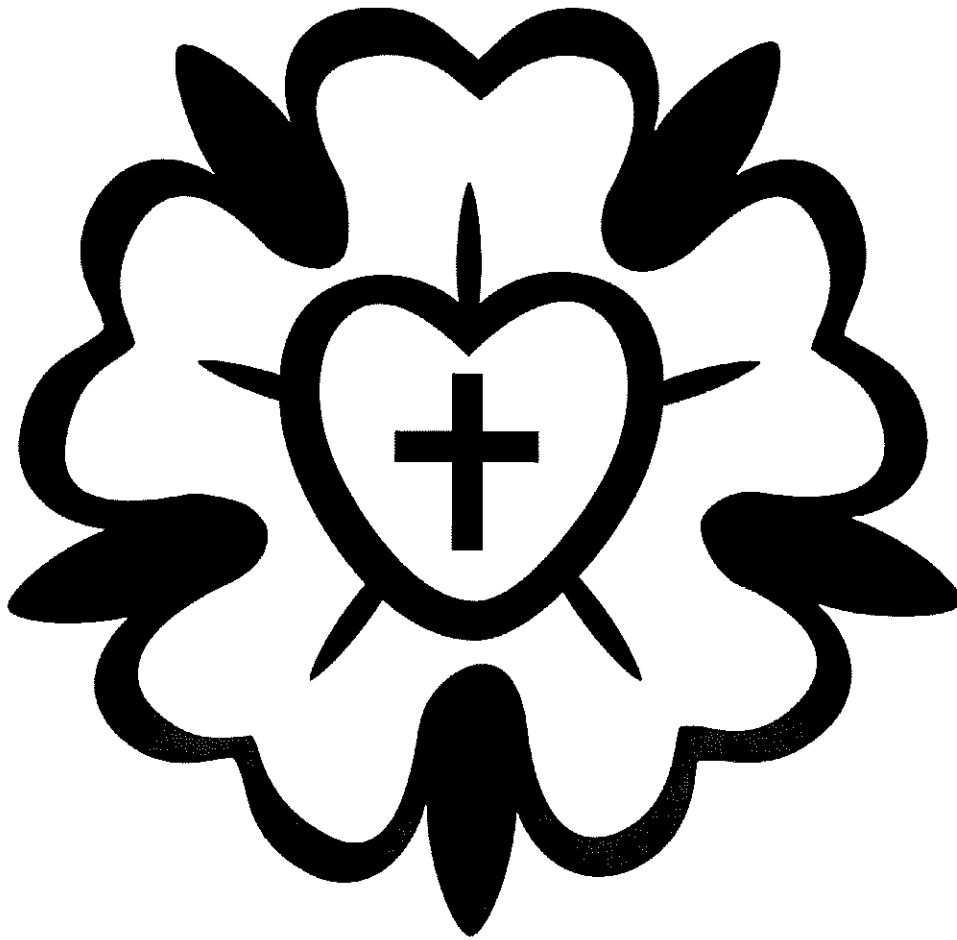


**Holy Trinity**  
**"I am not ashamed of the gospel"**  
St. Peter Lutheran Church  
May 31, 2026  
*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*  
*Setting Ten*



**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.

## ORDER FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray.**

**Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, †Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

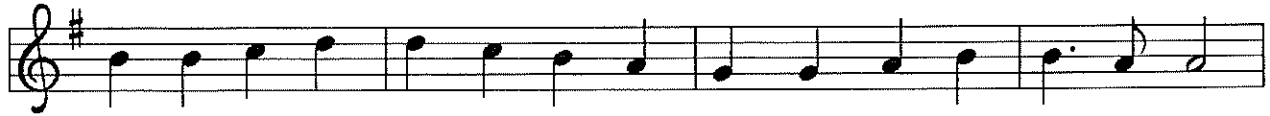
**GATHERING HYMN:** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!* **413**

### 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.**

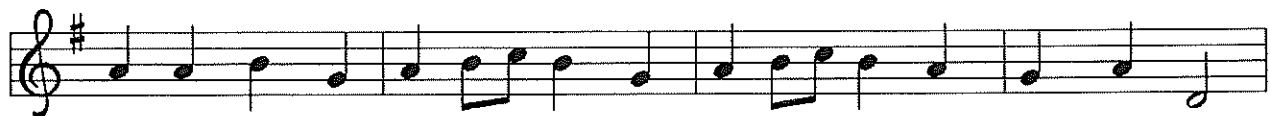
## HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-In-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-In-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-2-2:4a**

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup> When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup> So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>

God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created humans in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup> God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Word of God, word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 8

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

### Psalm 8

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Refrain



Lord, your name is glo - ri - ous, it re -  
sounds through all the earth.

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- <sup>1</sup> O LORD our Lord,  
-how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
- <sup>2</sup> **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out  
of the mouths of infants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and avenger.**
- <sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- <sup>4</sup> **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of  
them, human beings that you should care for them? R**
- <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.
- <sup>6</sup> **You have made them rule over the works of your  
hands; you have put all things under their feet:**
- <sup>7</sup> all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,
- <sup>8</sup> **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
- <sup>9</sup> O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! R

## SECOND READING: Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-28

A reading from Romans.

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is God's saving power for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith, as it is written, "The one who is righteous will live by faith."

<sup>22b</sup> For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, word of Life.     **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## 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: Matthew 28:16-20**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *God, Whose Almighty Word*

**673**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**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**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*  
God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

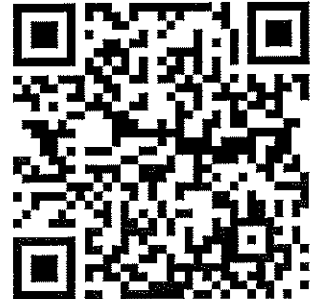
The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*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.

Loving God,

**we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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-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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### 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

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

**Thanks be to 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 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:** *Now the Feast and Celebration* **167**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN:** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* **414**

## DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Given to the glory of God by Jim & Mary Dehring.

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Musician	John Beamer
Video Tech	Mark Cuthbertson
Greeter	Bonny Ottney
Usher	Judy Gahler
Reader	Jody Kapp
Communion	Mary Dehring, Wes Gahler
Fellowship	Congregational Growth Brunch Potluck

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

Today	Worship	8:45 AM
Tues	Sewing Quilts	9:00 AM
	Wed	
	A.A.	8:00 PM

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to our Sunday School Teachers being honored and recognized today. Please show your appreciation and support to our 2025-26 teachers; Cindy Bench, Dawn Bolen, LeAnne Butzin, Christy Diekman, Lisa Diekman, Charlie Jaeger, LeAnne Jaeger, Wendy Millinger, and Jim Vermilyea. THANK YOU for your dedication and work to guide our youth on their Christian journey.

**FAMILY BRUNCH POTLUCK:** Please join Congregational Growth Ministry for a Family Brunch Fellowship today.

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES** will be honored on June 14 at 8:45 worship service. Your questionnaires are due today. If you know of a college graduate, please let the office know if they would like to be recognized also.

**ROGATION DAYS:** You are welcome to make an appointment with Pastor Matt for blessings of farms in June.

**BLUE BARREL:** June's collection is canned fruit for Elliston Food Pantry, July's will be red, white, and blue canned foods for Lutheran Social Services. Check out their wish/need/want list on the bulletin board in Narthex.

**SALEM/NORF-END NEIGHBORS LISTS** is available on the table in the Narthex. Please check it out, and while doing Summer cleaning maybe some of your items could be needed by someone less fortunate.

**KISERENY COLLECTION:** Through the end of June we are taking a freewill collection for our partner congregation and preschool in Kisereny, Tanzania. Let's give generously! A Kisereny Kindergarten update booklet is available on the table in the Narthex. To date (5/27, combined giving with St. Luke's), \$6,064.13 has been gifted for the Kindergarten, and \$418 for the Mlenga church.

**VBS:** There will be no VBS this year, instead; there will be monthly Saturday evening campfires planned by the Congregational Growth committee. Mark your calendars for this event starting at 5:30 at St. Peter, June 13, July 11 and August 8th. More information to follow.

**ISAIAH 117 HOUSE:** is in need of NEW men's sweatpants, size L and XL, Girl's PJ's in sizes 2T and 7/8, and 6/9 month outfits.

**TIDBITS ABOUT THE:** 'Luther Rose' (cover page). The 'Luther Rose' has become a symbol of the Lutheran Church, familiar to Lutherans throughout the world. It was designed in 1516 by Martin Luther, who said that it set forth the basic elements of Christian theology.

**ATTENDANCE: Worship: 70**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS:**

Current:\$3364.20	Loose Change:\$10	Loose Checks:\$300
Benevolence:\$195	Building Fund:\$226	Propane:\$40
Altar Flowers:\$25	LSS:\$20	SS:\$15
Capital Improve:\$600	Other Income:\$200 (Preschool for alarm)	
Tanzania Kilimanjaro Kisereny:\$1406		Geraniums:\$280

## **JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

### **June 7**

Greeter:  
Usher:  
Reader: Wendy Millinger  
Children's Message  
Communion: Wes Gahler  
Mary Dehring  
Fellowship:  
Flowers: Pastor Matt

### **June 21 FATHER'S DAY**

Greeter:  
Usher:  
Reader: Bonny Ottney  
Communion: Mary Dehring  
Wes Gahler  
Fellowship: Behlmer Family  
Flowers: Tom & Bonny Ottney  
Lectern: Bob & Marlene Behlmer

### **July 5**

Greeter:  
Usher:  
Reader:  
Children's Message:  
Communion:  
  
Fellowship  
Flowers: Ken & Kathy Starkey  
Lectern: Wes & Judy Gahler

### **July 19**

Greeter  
Usher  
Reader  
Communion

Fellowship  
Flowers

### **June 14 GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

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

### **June 28**

**10:30 AM COMBINED WORSHIP  
@ ST. LUKE'S, WITH  
POTLUCK FOLLOWING SERVICE**

### **July 12**

Greeter: Pam King  
Usher:  
Reader:  
Communion: Mary Dehring  
Pam King  
Fellowship:  
Flowers: Jim & Mary Dehring

### **July 26**

Greeter: Pam King  
Usher  
Reader  
Communion: Pam King

Fellowship  
Flowers: Wes & Judy Gahler  
Lectern: Linda Sigurdson

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

## **Roamin' Through Romans: Learning Gospel Fluency**

### **Preaching Series**

May 31– September 13, 2026

This summer we will be making our way through St. Paul's letter to the Romans. We will begin on May 31 (Holy Trinity Sunday) and end on September 13 (God's Work, Our Hands Sunday).

Below is a schedule of the preaching texts (in parentheses) and corresponding chapters of Romans to read each week. If you'd like to order a copy of a Bible journaling version of Romans, see Pastor Matt. Copies are \$7 (cash or check payable to St. Peter Lutheran Church).

- May 31: I am not ashamed of the gospel  
(Romans 1:16-17: 3:22b-28), read Romans 1-3
- June 7: For this reason it depends on faith  
(Romans 4:13-25), read Romans 4
- June 14: At the right time Christ died for the ungodly  
(Romans 5:1-8), read Romans 5
- June 21: United with him in a death like his...and in a resurrection like his| (Romans 6:1b-11), read Romans 6
- June 28: The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord  
(Romans 6:12-23), read Romans 6
- July 5: I do not do what I want |(Romans 7:15-25a), read Romans 7
- July 12: For God has done what the law cannot do  
(Romans 8:1-11), read Romans 8
- July 19: Suffering, Spirit, longing| (Romans 8:1-11), read Romans 8
- July 26: We know that all things work together for good...  
(Romans 8:26-39), read Romans 8
- Aug 2: It depends not on us but on God  
(Romans 9:1-16), read Romans 9
- Aug 9: How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news  
(Romans 10:5-15), read Romans 10
- Aug 16: So that he might be merciful to all  
(Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32), read Romans 11
- Aug 23: Do not be conformed...be transformed  
(Romans 12:1-8), read Romans 12
- Aug 30: Never avenge yourselves  
(Romans 12:9-21), read Romans 12

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(Romans 12:9-21), read Romans 12  
Sep 6: Owe no one anything, except...  
(Romans 13:8-14), read Romans 13  
Sep 13: Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister?  
(Romans 14:1-12), read Romans 14-16



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