

The Book of Romans
Suffering, Spirit, longing

Time after Pentecost: July 19, 2026

St. Peter Lutheran Church

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.

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 sins to God.

We keep silence for confession and reflection.

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.

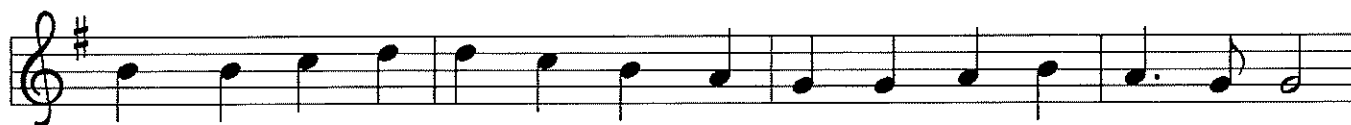
GREETING

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

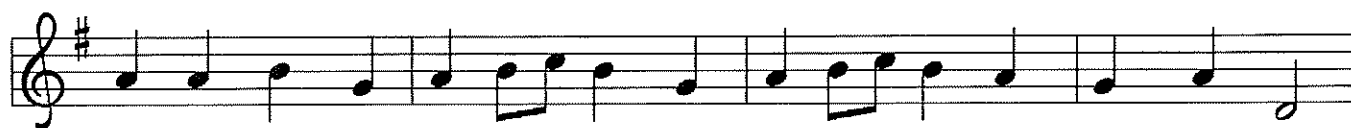
And also with you.

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.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

A reading from Isaiah.

⁶ Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

Psalms 86:11-17

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

PSALM 86

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- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
- ¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore. R**
- ¹³ For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.
- ¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of
violent people seeks my life; they have not set you
before their eyes.**
- ¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
- ¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the
child of your handmaid.**
- ¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see
it and be put to shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and
comforted me. **R**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

A reading from Romans.

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth

comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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 13:24-30, 36-43

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

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.

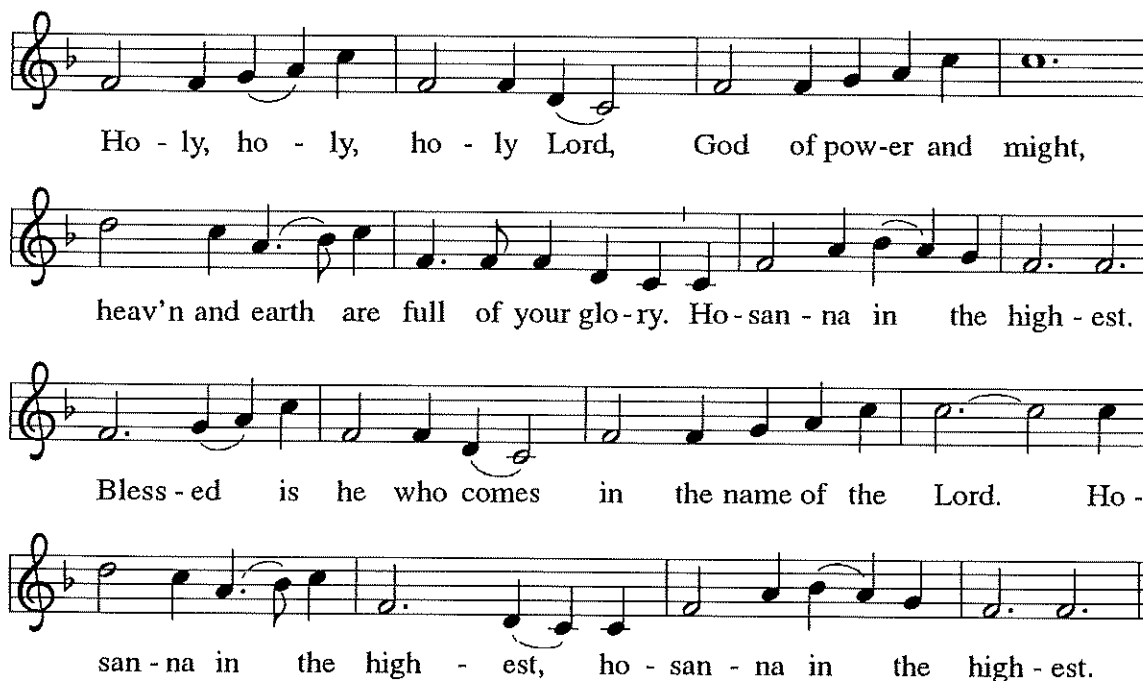
Lift up your hearts.

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: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

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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: *On Our Way Rejoicing*

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DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jon & Gail Overmyer in honor of Judson's 21st and Jared's 50th birthdays.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician	John Beamer
Video Tech	Mark Cuthbertson
Greeter	Brenda Shaneck & Lisa Diekman
Usher	
Reader	Wendy Millinger
Communion	Kim Reif
Fellowship	Randy & Kim Reif

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Today	Worship	8:45 AM
Mon	Finance Committee	6:30 PM
	Church Council	7:30 PM
Tue	Quilt Sewing	9:00 AM
	Hannah Circle	10:30 AM
Wed	A.A.	8:00 PM

We welcome and thank Pastor Olsen for being our guest preacher today.

NEEDED: Your favorite hymn to sing during communion. Please sign up your favorite hymn/hymns on the sheet on the Narthex table.

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

REMINDER: The deadline for the August newsletter is this **Tuesday, July 21!!**

SIGN UP sheets for August Saturday Night campfire and Packing Food for Ottawa County Advocacy are located on the table in the Narthex.

THANK YOU FROM ISAIAH 117 HOUSE: A BIG thank you to all that donated the infant clothing. The month of July, they will be collecting NEW tennis/running shoes, Crocs, toed sandals; small kid sized 5C-13C, also boys/girls size 1-5.

GOOD LUCK to all of our youth (4-H, FFA, Clover Buds) participating at the Ottawa County Fair is week.

ATTENDANCE: Worship: 73

TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Current:\$4602.40	Benevolence:\$367	Building Fund:\$271
Propane:\$20	Altar Flowers:\$75	Other Income:\$28
SS:\$18	Roof/Boiler Loan:\$20	
St. Luke's Ministry:\$4,085.50	LHOM:\$120	SS Pop cans:\$52

JULY/AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

July 26

Greeter: Pam King
Usher:
Reader: Karen Schanke
Communion: Pam King
Mary Dehring
Fellowship: Jon & Gail Overmyer
Flowers: Wes & Judy Gahler
Lectern: Linda Sigurdson

August 2

Greeter: Bonny Ottney
Usher:
Reader:
Children's Message:
Communion: Mary Dehring
Fellowship: Wendy Millinger
Flowers: Wes & Judy Gahler

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

Roamin' Through Romans: Learning Gospel Fluency

Preaching Series

Summer 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. The Bible journals are available on the table in the Narthex. Copies are \$7 (cash or check payable to St. Peter Lutheran church).

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

Sep 6: Owe no one anything, except...(Romans 12:8-14),
read Romans 13

Sep 13: Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister?
(Romans 14:1-12), read Romans 14-16

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Worship 8:45 AM

Sunday School 10:00 AM (Sept-May)

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