

The Book of Romans
We know that all things work together for good...

Time after Pentecost: July 26, 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.

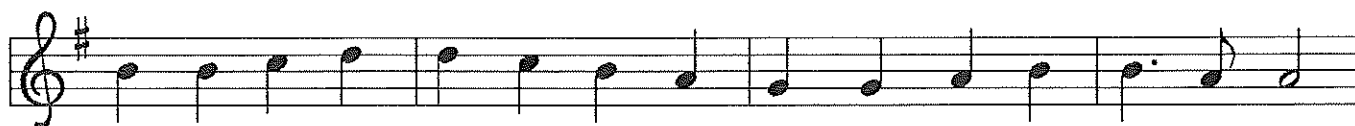
Amen.

GREETING

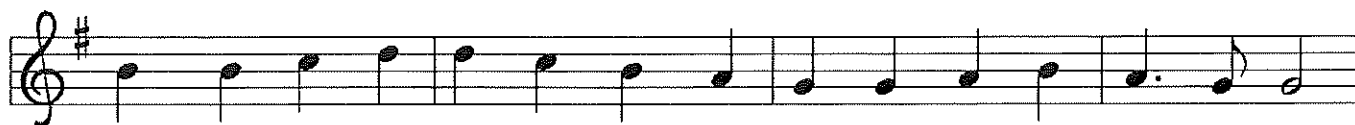
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

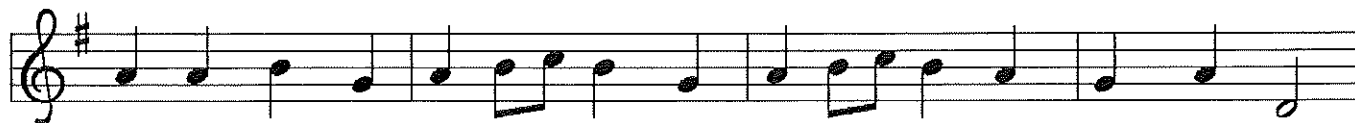
HYMN OF PRAISE



- 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.

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12

A reading from First Kings.

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:129-136

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

Psalm 119

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O Lord, you have the words of life; O teach me your ways.

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Music: Tune: from *LEONI*, a trad. Hebrew melody (PD).

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- 129 Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- 130 **When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**
- 131 I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.
- 132 **Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name. R**
- 133 Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- 134 **Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**
- 135 Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 **My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

A reading from Romans.

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us,

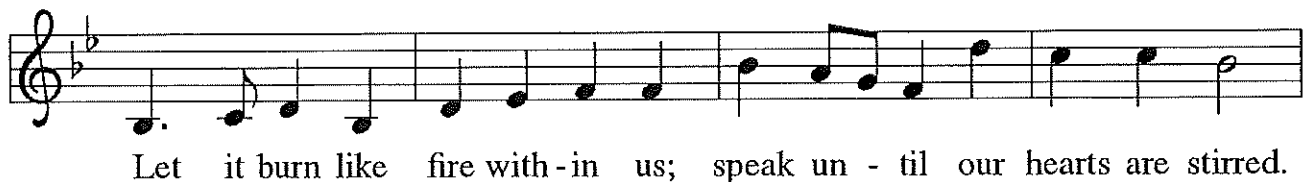
who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Be Thou My Vision*

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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.

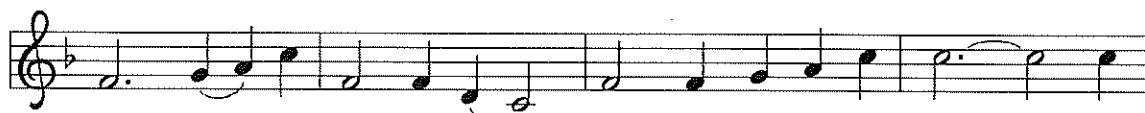
It is indeed right... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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: *Come, Let Us Eat*

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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:

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *On What Has Now Been Sown*

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ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Wes & Judy Gahler in honor of Joe and Att's birthdays.

LECTERN FLOWERS are given by Tom & Linda Sigurdson in honor of July birthdays.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician	John Beamer
Video Tech	Mark Cuthbertson
Greeter	Pam King
Usher	
Reader	Karen Schanke
Communion	Mary Dehring, Pam King
Fellowship	Jon & Gail Overmyer

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Today	Worship	8:45 AM
Tue	Quilt Sewing	9:00 AM
Wed	A.A.	8:00 PM

PASTOR MATT will be away this week (Sunday afternoon—Saturday afternoon). Pastor Julie Beitelschees will be available for pastoral emergencies.

HELP TIE QUILTS: Every Tuesday morning we meet to tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief and local ministries. No experience necessary. All are welcome! See Linda Sigurdson or Marlene Behlmer if you have questions.

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. **August's** collection will be peanut butter and jelly/jam for St. Paul's Episcopal, Oregon, Ohio.

SIGN UP sheets for August's Saturday night campfire and food packing are located on the table in the Narthex.

VOLUNTEER/S NEEDED to refill and clean up pew Connection Card holders. Forms are all printed and cut ready to go. This can be done every two months or longer, depending on how many cards are placed in the holder. Please help fill a much needed vacancy. For more information or if interested, please see Gail.

ATTENDANCE: Worship: 84

TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Current:\$3506.30	Loose Change:\$7.01	Benevolence:\$14
Building Fund:\$256	Propane:\$20	LSS:\$20
SS:\$20	LHOM:\$40	Thrivent Choice:\$55

AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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. Bible journals are available from Pastor Matt. Copies are \$7 (cash or check payable to St. Peter Lutheran church).

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

St. Peter Lutheran Church

Worship 8:45 AM

Sunday School 10:00 AM (Sept-May)

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