

The Book of Romans
"... so that he might be merciful to all"
Time after Pentecost: August 16, 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.

GATHERING HYMN: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* 712

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.

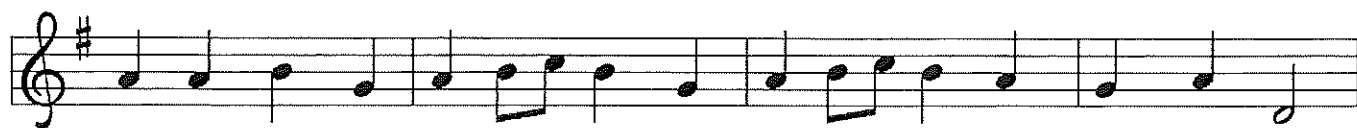
HYMN OF PRAISE



- 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.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

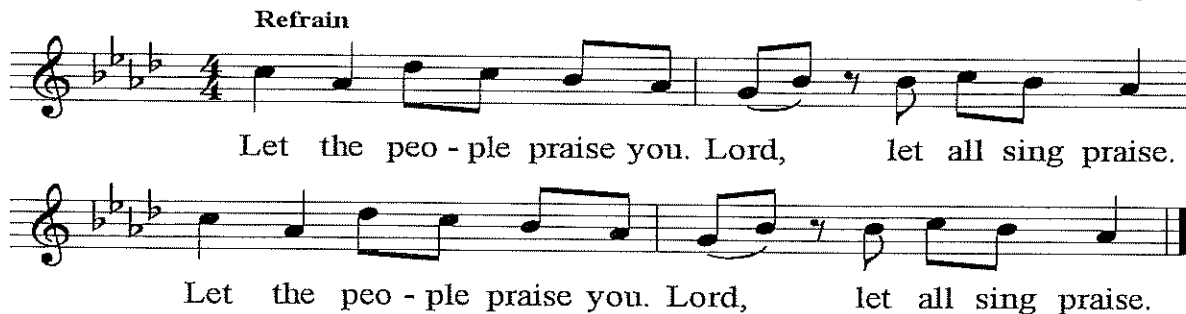
Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

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

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- ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- ² **Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the
nations on earth. R**
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**
- ⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe. R

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

A reading from Romans.

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because

of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

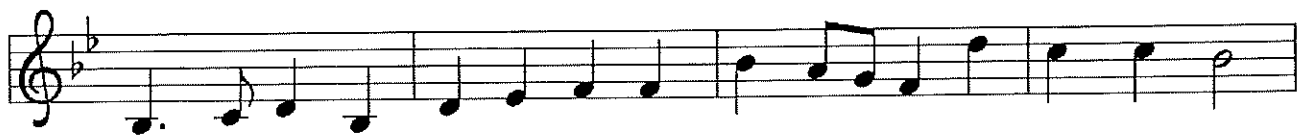
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Please stand as you are able.

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 15:10-28

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰ Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will

be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Healer of Our Every Ill*

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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:

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

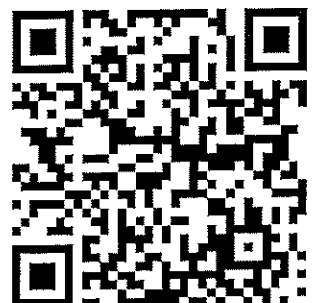
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

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.

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.

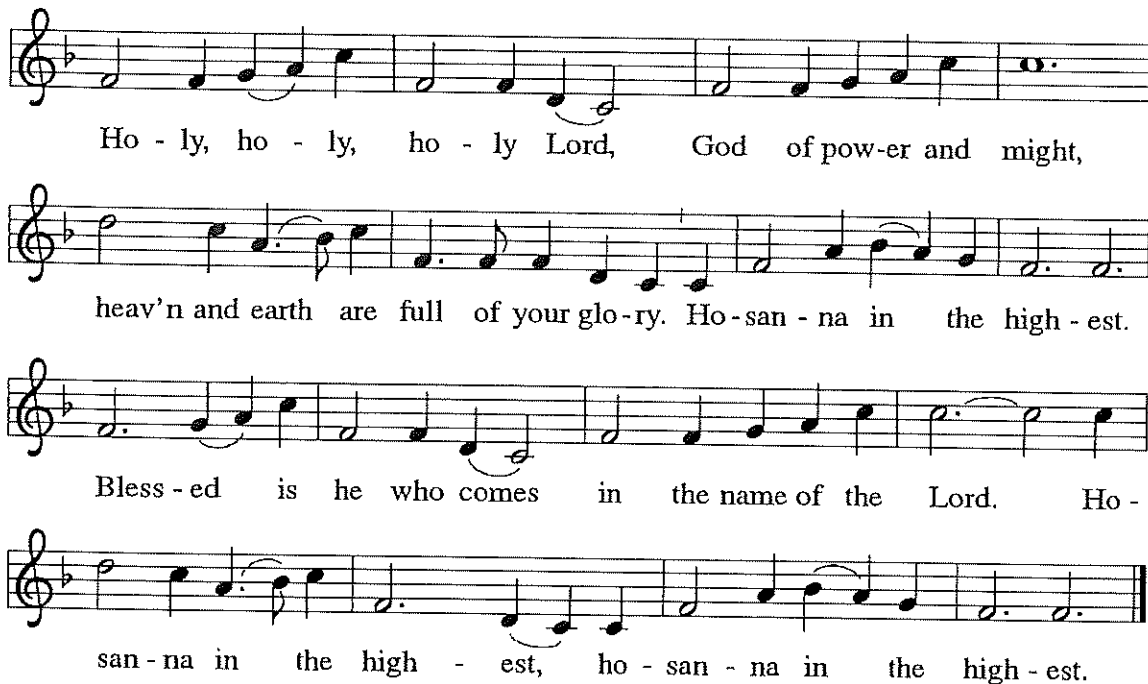
Lift up your hearts.

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: *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

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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: *O Praise the Gracious Power*

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DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Joe & Jody Kapp in honor of their wedding anniversary.

LECTERN FLOWERS are given by Tom & Linda Sigurdson in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician	John Beamer
Video Tech	Mark Cuthbertson
Greeter	
Usher	Bonny Ottney
Reader	Mary Dehring
Communion	Wes Gahler, Mary Dehring
Fellowship	Rufena, Jean, Claudette

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Today	Worship	8:45 AM
	Ice Cream Social	1—3 PM
Mon	Finance Committee	6:30 PM
	Church Council	7:30 PM
Tue	Quilt Sewing	9:00 AM
	Hannah Circle	12:00 PM
	@ LeAnne Jaeger's	
Wed	A.A.	8:00 PM
Fri		

BEACON (Newsletter) DEADLINE for SEPTEMBER

TODAY: Ice Cream Social, 1 to 3 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your family, friends and neighbors for a sweet treat afternoon. Enjoy joy fun and games and music by Lyle Diefenthaler.

HANNAH CIRCLE lunch on Tuesday, August 18, 12:00 at LeAnne's house. LeAnne will provide sandwiches. Please bring a salad or dessert.

NORF-END NEIGHBORS are looking for volunteers for 2026 Day of Service, August 22, 9 AM to 1:30 PM. See Cindy Bench or flyer on bulletin board for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: The blessing of the backpacks will be during worship service on August 23.

RALLY SUNDAY will be August 30, and will also be the first day of Sunday School. The day will start with 15 minutes of singing in the sanctuary at 10 AM. Skits using "Instant Bible Drama" will be led by Gary. Crafts will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

HELP TIE QUILTS—Do you have time on your hands with nothing to do? The Quilt sewing ladies are looking for additional help to tie quilts every Tuesday morning, 9:00 AM-Noon. They are also looking for help to cut materials into squares, which could be done at home at your leisure. For more information, contact Linda Sigurdson or come on a Tuesday morning to check it out.

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

BLUE BARREL: August's collection is peanut butter, jelly/jam for St. Paul Episcopal food pantry.

DURING AUGUST a monetary collection will be accepted for the Peth and Creech-Shumate families to help defray funeral and rebuilding costs from the fire. Rene Creech-Shumate, mother-in-law to Gregory Peth, died in the fire and both families suffered complete loss of their personal belongings. Donations can be placed in the basket by the doors to the sanctuary or marked on your giving envelope.

ATTENDANCE: Worship: 76

TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Current:\$2,682.20 Benevolence:\$163 Building Fund:\$41
Propane:\$10 Altar Flowers:\$25 St. Luke's:\$4,085.50
Roof/Boiler Loan: \$30 Peth Family Support: \$132

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

August 23

Greeter: Pam King
Usher:
Reader: Joe Kapp
Communion: Pam King
Mary Dehring
Fellowship: Wes & Judy Gahler
Flowers: Pam & Ron King

September 6

Greeter:
Usher:
Reader:
Children's Message
Communion:

Fellowship:
Flowers: Wendy Millinger

September 20

Greeter:
Usher:
Reader:
Communion:

Fellowship:
Flowers: Wes & Judy Gahler

August 30 RALLY SUNDAY

Greeter:
Usher: Judy Gahler
Reader: Wendy Millinger
Communion: Wes Gahler

Fellowship: Charles & LeAnne Jaeger
Flowers: Larry & Karen Schanke

Sept 13 God's Work, Our Hands

Greeter:
Usher:
Reader:
Communion:

Fellowship:
Flowers: Claudette Allred

September 27

Greeter:
Usher:
Reader:
Communion:

Fellowship: Cong Growth Brunch
Potluck
Flowers: Mary & Jim Dehring

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

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Worship 8:45 AM
Sunday School 10:00 AM (Sept-May)
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