

The Book of Romans
Do not be conformed... be transformed
Time after Pentecost: August 23, 2026
St. Peter Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Setting Two

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, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts.

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news. We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *Children of the Heavenly Father* **781**

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

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

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

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we many gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:1-6

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

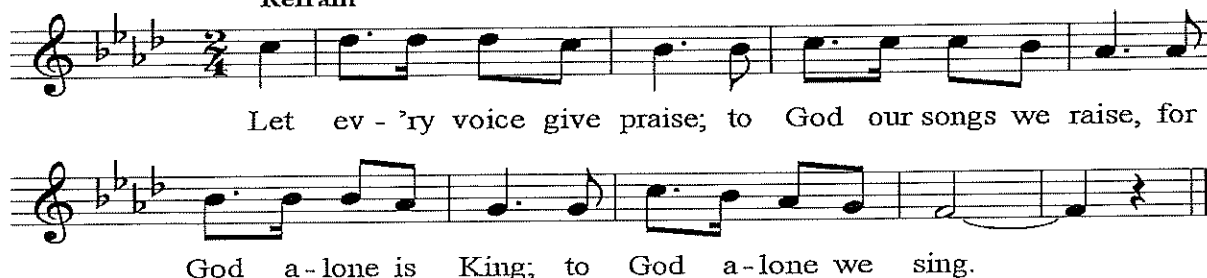
Psalm 138

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

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Refrain



- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise
your name, because of your steadfast love and
faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and
your word above all things.**
- ³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
- ⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth. R**
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your
right hand shall save me.
- ⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not
abandon the works of your hands. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

A reading from Romans.

- ¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the

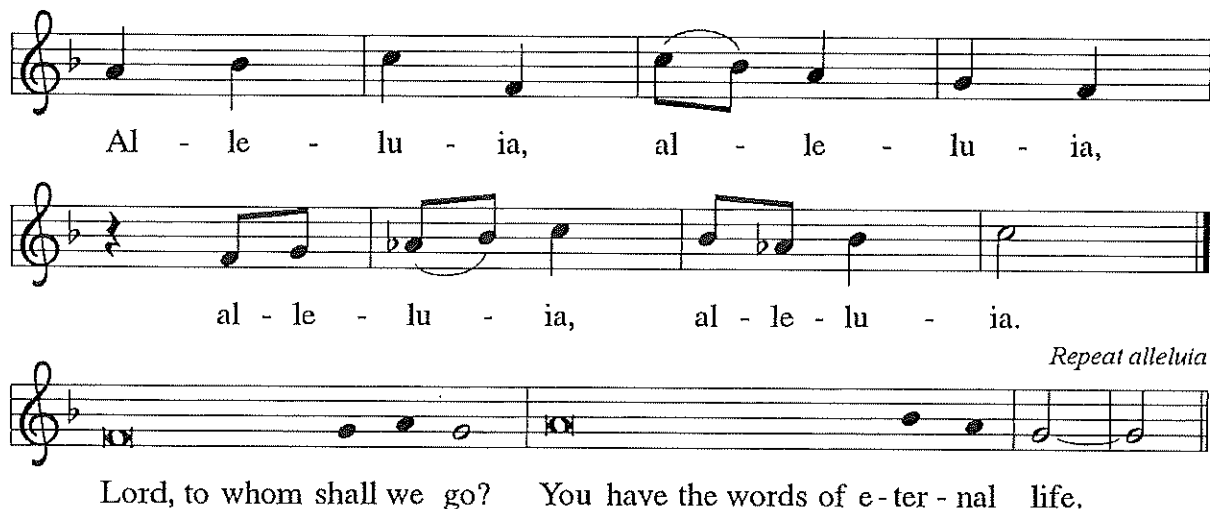
mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

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

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the

Messiah, the Son of the living God.”¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.”¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON / BLESSING OF BACKPACKS SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *The Church’s One Foundation*

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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.

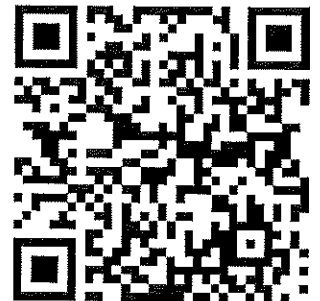
And also with you.

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.

God of Creation,

you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

All blessings are from you;

make us generous with what we have.

Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts

in service to you and in love to our neighbors,

today and always. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

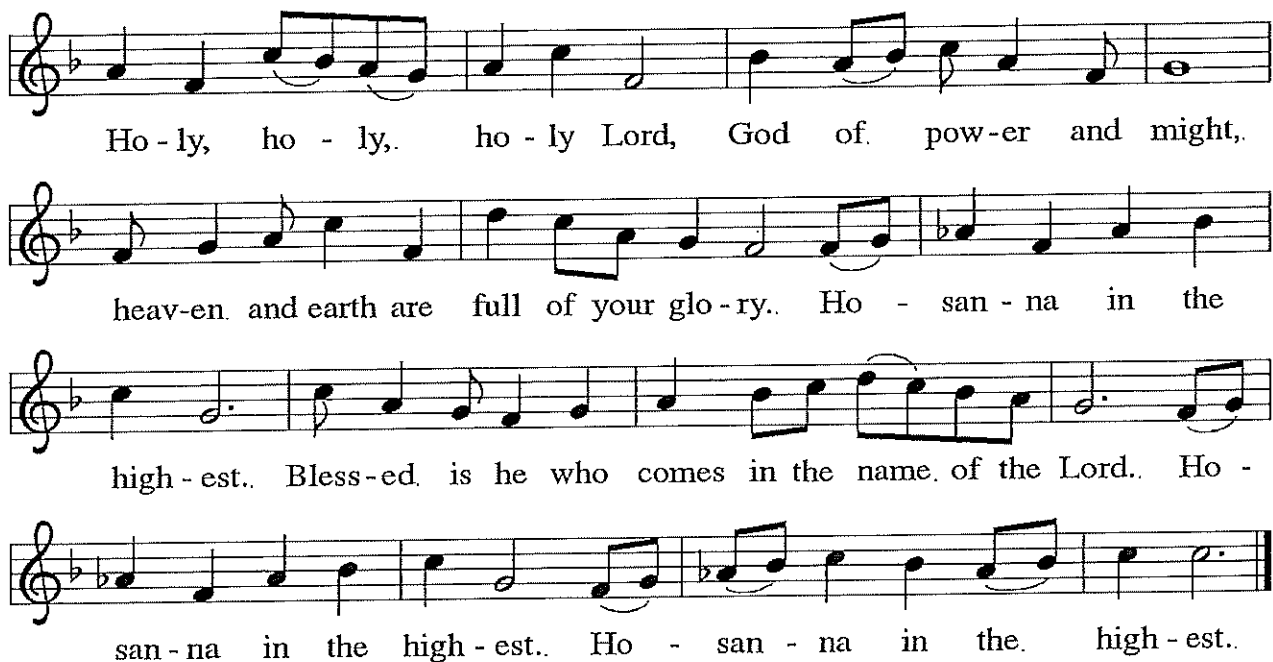
Lift up your hearts.

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:



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

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Thanks be to God.



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: *Beautiful Savior*

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Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Rise Up, O Saints of God!*

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DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Ron & Pam King in honor of their wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician	John Beamer
Video Tech	Mark Cuthbertson
Greeter	Pam King
Usher	Bonny Ottney
Reader	Joe Kapp
Communion	Mary Dehring, Pam King
Fellowship	Wes & Judy Gahler

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Today	Worship	8:45 AM
	SS Teacher Meeting	10:00 AM Library
Tue	Quilt Sewing	9:00 AM
Wed	A.A.	8:00 PM

REMINDER: Rally Sunday is next Sunday, August 30, 2026. It 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.

SERVE THIS SATURDAY with Grace Lutheran Church, Elmore, August 29 from 9:00 am-3:00pm. Morning Outreach Trip: Luther Home of Mercy, crafting with residents. Potluck Lunch at noon. Afternoon outreach trip: Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge native plant see collections for restoration projects. RSVP to phoebejackson46@gmail.com

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.

ATTENDANCE: Worship: 87

TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

Current:\$3298 Loose Change:\$25

Benevolence:\$92

Building Fund:\$155 Altar Flowers:\$100

Luella & Rudy Witt Memorial:\$50

Peth Family Support:\$222

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.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

August 30 RALLY SUNDAY

Greeter: Katie Larson

Usher: Judy Gahler

Reader: Wendy Millinger

Communion: Wes Gahler, Kim Reif

Fellowship: Charles & LeAnne Jaeger

Flowers: Larry & Karen Schanke

September 6

Greeter:

Usher:

Reader: Charles Jaeger

Children' Message

Communion: Kim Reif,
Mary Dehring

Fellowship:

Flowers: Wendy Millinger

September 13

God's Work. Our Hands.

Greeter: Pam King

Usher:

Reader: Kim Reif

Communion: Pam King

Fellowship:

Flowers: Claudette Allred

September 20

Greeter:

Usher:

Reader:

Communion: Pam King

Fellowship: Cong. Growth

Brunch Potluck Style

Flowers: Wes & Judy Gahler

September 27

Greeter: Pam King

Usher:

Reader:

Communion: Pam King, Mary Dehring

Fellowship: Cong Growth Brunch

Potluck Style

Flowers: Jim & Mary Dehring

St. Peter Lutheran Church

Worship 8:45 AM

Sunday School 10:00 AM (Sept-May)

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