

Welcome

St. Peter Lutheran Church

16 August 2026

9:00am

This service will be livestreamed to our Facebook page and posted on our website.

This Week:

Sunday, August 16th

9:00am Worship (Sanctuary)

11:00am Love Fellowship (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, August 18th

9:00am Pick Your Project Day (Quadrooms)

Wednesday, August 19th

10:00am Bible Study (Fireside Room)

Thursday, August 20th

10:00am Fidget Mats (Quadrooms)

Saturday, August 22nd

10:00am Love Fellowship Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, August 23rd

9:00am Worship (Sanctuary)

11:00am Love Fellowship (Sanctuary)



**Glorify God.
Build Relationships.
Follow Jesus.**

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*St. Peter Lutheran Church is a faith community where:
We glorify God by building healthy relationships with God, with one another, and with our community following the example of Jesus Christ.*

**** The Pastor will read the italicized parts of the service. ****
****If you would like to participate, please join in reading the bold font in unison. ****

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! Masks are available on the table by the main doors if you would like one. You can find more information about this service by reading the announcement insert. This service will be livestreamed to our Facebook page and posted to our website and YouTube page.

(Please stand)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.***

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your

Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN

I Believe in Jesus

VERSE

1. I _____ be-leave in Je - sus, —
2. And I be-leave in You, Lord. —

3 I be-leave He is the Son of God.
I be-leave You are the Son of God.

5 I be-leave He died and rose a - gain,
I be-leave You died and rose a - gain,

7 I be-leave He paid for us all.
I be-leave You paid for us all.

CHORUS

9 And I be-leave that He's here now, — Stand-ing in our
And I be-leave that You're here now, —

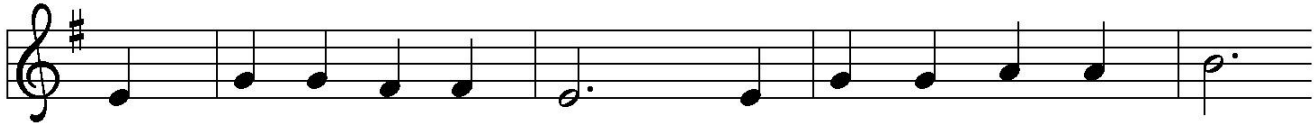
12 midst. Here with the pow - er to heal now, —

15 And the grace to for - give. give.

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.

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

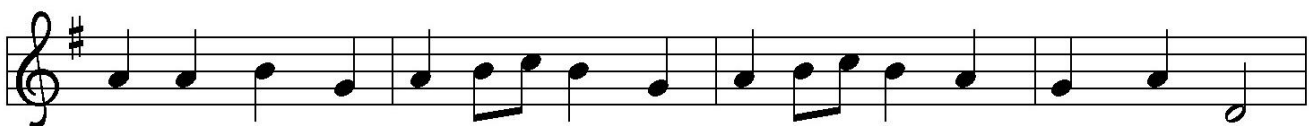
HYMN OF PRAISE



- 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.



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

Psalm 67

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, ² that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power 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 the nations upon earth.

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. ⁶ The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

⁷ May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him. Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

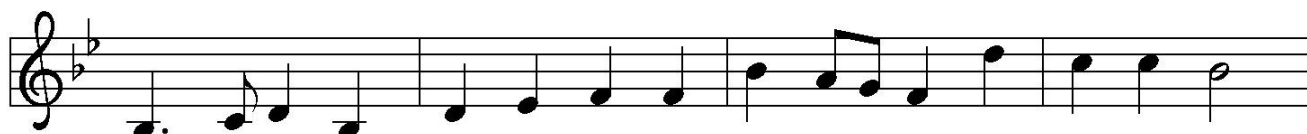
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[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. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.***

(Please stand)

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 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.**

SONG

Sanctuary

D/A Em/A D A G Em7

♩=46

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and

4 D A F#m/A Em/A D A G Em7 F#m/A A7 D

true; With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

Benjamin, Ellieana, Jazzy, Mya, Neenah & Rowan

(Please stand)

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.

THE PRAYERS

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*For all to be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

*For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

*For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind. We lift up those listed on our prayer list and ask that you hear our prayers for those close to our hearts. (Brief silence for personal prayer.) Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

*For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

*For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.***

*Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

OFFERING PRAYER

Please place your offering in the plates at the end of the main aisle, scan the QR code on the right to go directly to St. Peter's secure donation page, or visit the church website to give online.



We offer praise and thanks to God for what we have been given and what we share with others.

*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.***

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

*Holy God, our Maker, our Healer, our Teacher, your magnificent creation springs forth from your Word. All that has life and breath praises your name. For your Word that sustains the earth, we thank you, O God. **We thank you, O God.***

*You sent us Jesus, your Word, to renew the world. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, preached your mercy, and called us to faith. For your Word in our Lord Christ, we praise you, O God. **We praise you, O God.***

*Nourish us with the Spirit of your Word, that we may grow in grace, bearing the fruits of redemption, and sharing your strength and beauty with all the world. For your Word in our lives, we pray to you, O God. **We pray to you, O God.***

*Accept our thanksgiving and receive our prayer, for the sake of your living Word, Jesus our Savior. **Amen.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.***

FRANCISCAN SENDING

Organ Side: May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

Pray Ground Side: May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Organ Side: May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

Pray Ground Side: May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

All: And the Blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems, and Sanctifies, be upon you and all you love and pray for this day, and forevermore. Amen.

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. Amen.

SENDING SONG

Renew Me

See page 14

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Okay! We will!

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Worship Leader	Ginny
Message	Jazzy, Mya, Benjamin, Neenah, Rowan & Ellieana
Reader	Joan
Usher	Dick & Karen
Music	Lori
Tech	Aimee

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Shout to the North

Keyboard:
Guitar:

VERSE

F
(E)

C
(B)

B $\flat$
(A)



1. Men of faith rise up and sing of the
(2. Rise up,) wom - en of the truth, stand and
(3. Rise up,) church with bro - ken wings, fill this

3

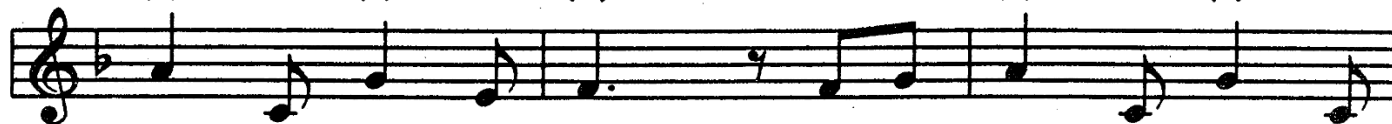
F
(E)

C
(B)

B $\flat$
(A)

F
(E)

C
(B)



great and glo - rious King.
sing to bro - ken hearts
place with songs a - gain

You are strong when you feel
who can know the heal - ing
of our God who reigns on

6

B $\flat$
(A)

F
(E)

C
(B)

B $\flat$
(A)



weak,
pow'r
high.

in your bro - ken - ness com - plete. _____
of our glo - rious King of love. _____
By His grace a - gain we'll fly. _____

9

§

F
(E)

CHORUS

B $\flat$
(A)

C
(B)



Shout to the north and the south;

12

F
(E)

B $\flat$
(A)

C
(B)

F
(E)



sing to the east and the west Je - sus is

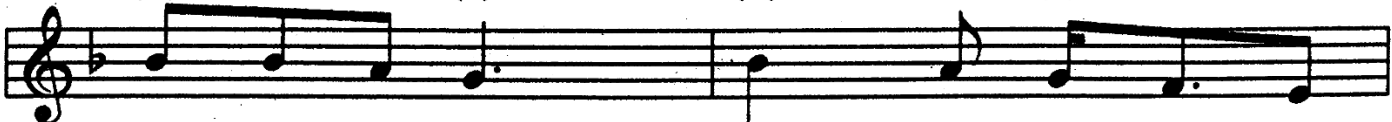
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B $\flat$
(A)

C
(B)

B $\flat$
(A)

C
(B)



Sav - ior to all, Lord of heav - en and

17 F
(E) *Last time to Coda* Coda symbol 1.3. 2.

earth.

2. Rise up,
3. Rise up,

BRIDGE

20 Dm
(C#m) Bb
(A)

We've been through fire,— we've been through rain;

22 Dm
(C#m) Bb
(A)

we've been re - fined by the pow'r of His name.

24 Dm
(C#m) Bb
(A)

We've fall - en deep - er in love with You.

26 Bb
(A) F/A
(E/G#) Csus
(Bsus) C
(B) *D.S. al CODA* Coda symbol

You've burned the truth on our lips._____

Coda symbol **CODA**

29 Bb
(A) C
(B) F
(E) Bb
(A) C
(B)

Lord of heav-en and earth,

Lord of heav-en and

32 F
(E) Bb
(A) C
(B) F
(E)

earth, Lord of heav-en and earth._____

Renew Me

CHORUS

Re - new me, re - pair me, re -
 fresh me, re - store me. Re - new a right
 spir - it with - in me. Re -
 deem me, re - charge me, re - vise me, re -
 vive me. Cre - ate in
 me a clean heart.

5th time to Coda

VERSE



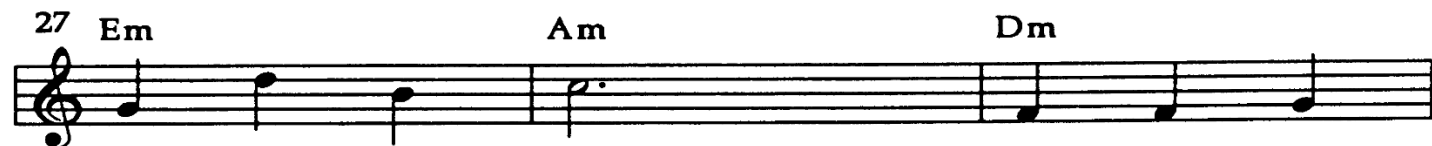
1. For You _____ a - lone are my
 2. For You _____ a - lone can re -
 3. For You _____ a - lone give me
 4. For You _____ a - lone are a



strength, my_ song. Your love re - deems me, makes.
 store my_ soul, Your love re - pairs me, turns_
 pow'r to_ start, Your love is kind - ling a_
 pre - cious_ gift, Your love re - news me, You_



right of my wrong. Sav - ior, and Shep - herd, my
 brok - en to whole. Al - might - y God, You re -
 pure - ness of heart. Mak - er, Cre - a - tor of
 give me a lift. Je - sus, For - giv - er of



Mas - ter and King, Re - store my
 move all my sin. You give me
 all that is new, Help me, re -
 all ev - 'ry - where. Je - sus, Life -



joy, so my spir - it can sing. _____ Re -
 life in Your Spir - it with - in. _____
 vise me, so I'm more like You. _____
 giv - er, I live in Your care. _____

⊕ CODA



heart. _____