

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 13th and August 14th

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

With visiting Missionaries Pastor Kyle and Anna Svennungsen and their children

In-person worship with at 5:15 p.m. Saturday, August 13th- also broadcast on WPRE 104.3 FM and 980 AM radio at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 14th.

In-person worship At the RIVER at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 14th- also broadcast on our Facebook Page.

INTRODUCTION: *The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”*

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING HYMN: “How Great Thou Art”

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome
wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow’r throughout the universe
displayed;

2 And when I think that God, his Son not
sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin;
Refrain

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
how great thou art! How great thou art!
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how great thou art! How great thou art!

Refrain (x2)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,
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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, judge eternal, **you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.

²³Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" ²⁶How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

Psalm: Psalm 82

¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled,
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

²**"How long will you judge unjustly,
and show favor to the wicked?"**

³Save the weak and the orphan;
defend the humble and needy;

⁴**rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶**Now I say to you, 'You are gods,
and all of you children of the Most High;**

⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,
and fall like any prince.'"

⁸**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29--12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the

sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL KIDS SING (On Sunday Only)

KID TALK (On Sunday Only)

SERMON

Pastor Kyle Svennungsen

SERMON SONG: "Oceans"

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail

Chorus: And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise,
my soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand Will be my guide

And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep My faith will stand
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now
Chorus

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior... *(Repeat)*

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 (Assisting Minister)

(After each prayer, please respond with the words **"Receive our prayer."**)

SHARING THE PEACE

(You are invited to greet one another by motioning a greeting or sign of peace from where you are seated)

May the peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING with SPECIAL MUSIC from the worship team

For worship today, we have an offering plate available on the usher table. We invite you to place your offerings there as you come or as you leave today. We gather our offerings for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. Thank you, members and friends, for your generous giving that supports our ministries here at St. Peter and our mission partners.

During the Offering, children of the congregation are invited to help collect the Hungry Jar offerings and bring them forward to the Hungry Jar. Hungry Jar offerings for this month are designated for: Missionaries Pastor Kyle and Anna Svennungsen, serving with the Bratislava International Church.

OFFERING PRAYER (Assisting Minister)

God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

MEAL

We practice open Communion here — All who seek the forgiveness that Jesus Christ offers in this meal are welcome. All those in worship will be invited to come forward by our ushers during Communion. For outdoor worship, we will be using the pre-packaged Communion kits. Both wine and grape juice are available; if you prefer grape juice, please let your server know. Those not yet receiving Communion or choosing not to today are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. You can indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of you. If you would like to receive Communion or a blessing and it is best for you to remain seated, please indicate this to the usher; and we will come to you.

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING WITH US ONLINE and ON THE RADIO

INVITATION TO COMMUNION / DISTRIBUTION (*continuous*)

COMMUNION SONG

"Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone"

Amazing grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be

As long as life endures
My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, Amazing grace

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, Amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, Who called me here below
Will be forever mine Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Assisting Minister)

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL SENDING HYMN

"Go, Make Disciples"

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(Led by Pastor Kyle and Anna Svennungsen)

"Go, make disciples,
baptizing them, teaching them.
Go, make disciples,
for I am with you till the end of time.
Go, be the salt of the earth.

Go, be the light for the world.
Go, be a city on a hill,
so all can see that you're serving me.
Go, make disciples."

DISMISSAL (Assisting Minister)

Go in peace. Love your neighbor. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship

- We are so glad that you can join us for worship! **We gather for worship on Saturday evenings at 5:15 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.** We will celebrate Holy Communion each week together. If you are visiting with us, we invite you to please fill out a blue visitor card from the table at the back of the church and place it on the offering plate.
- **We also broadcast our Sunday worship services live** via 104.3 FM and 980 AM and on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stpeterpdc/>. For your convenience the Sunday bulletin is posted weekly on our website on Friday: www.stpeterpdc.org. Sunday worship services are recorded and posted to Facebook, so that you can worship later in the week as well: Please reach out to the church office if you would like help with the technology of connecting with us for worship from home.

This Week's Events

- **10th Sunday after Pentecost Worship at St Peter with Communion and Visiting Missionaries Pastor Kyle and Anna Svennungsen** at 5:15 p.m. Saturday, August 13th
 - Fellowship with Pastor Kyle and family following worship.
- **10th Sunday after Pentecost Worship At the RIVER with Communion and Visiting Missionaries Pastor Kyle and Anna Svennungsen** *also broadcast on WPRE 104.3 FM and 980 AM radio and on our Facebook Page* - 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 14th.
 - Fellowship with Pastor Kyle and family with food and games at the park following worship.
- Pastors' day off – Monday, August 15th. Pastor Hillary is on call for pastoral emergencies.
- Text study for Pr Hillary – 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 16th.
- Pastor Miranda on Vacation – August 16th thru August 19th.
- Staff Meeting – 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 16th.
- St. Peter Devotional on WPRE (104.3 FM and 980 AM) – Approx. 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, Aug 17th.
- PDC Ecumenical Clergy Meeting – 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 17th.
- Pastoral Care Drop-in hours – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 17th.
- Pastoral Care Drop-in hours – 10:00 a.m. to noon. Thursday, August 18th.
- Come for Supper – 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 18th.
- **11th Sunday after Pentecost Worship with Communion and "Stories from Sugar Creek Bible Camp campers"** at 5:15 p.m. Saturday, August 20th
- **11th Sunday after Pentecost Worship with Communion and "Stories from Sugar Creek Bible Camp campers"** *also broadcast on WPRE 104.3 FM and 980 AM radio and on our Facebook Page* - 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 21st.
 - 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour with fellowship and treats
 - Mutual Ministry Retreat – 11:15 a.m. -1:15 p.m.

Prayer list update

- A special welcome and thank you this weekend to our guest preacher, Pastor Kyle Svennungsen. We welcome him, his wife Anna, and their children. Please join us for fellowship following worship.
- Prayers and condolences to Rick and Pat Lenz and the entire family and friends of Erla Lenz who passed away this week.

Save the Date for these Special Worship Services:

- **August 20th and 21st:** Stories from Sugar Creek Bible Camp: children and youth will share about their experience of growing in faith at Sugar Creek Bible Camp this summer.
- **August 27th and 28th:** Blessing of Backpacks during worship as children, youth, and educators head back to school for the year.
- **September 11th: Rally Sunday- Outdoor Worship at the River with Potluck and Games**
 - 9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship
 - 10:00 a.m. Pastors' Welcome Reception- Hosted by the Women of the ELCA
 - 10:00 a.m. Children's Activities- Kick Off to Sunday School
 - 10:30 a.m. Brunch Potluck- Served and Organized by the Women of the ELCA
 - Sunday School Children and Teachers will sit together as a class.
 - 11:00 a.m. Games for All Ages

The Church Picture Directories Are Here! Yeah!

If you had your picture taken for the directory or submitted a photo, you are entitled to a **FREE directory**. You can stop in the church office next week and pick it up or we will have them available after worship again on the 20th and 21st. Due to rising cost of postage, we will not be mailing them; so please stop by and pick it up or have someone pick it up for you. Thank you all for participating. We ordered some extra copies for new members and for those that might like buy one. If you were not able to be a part of the directory but would still like a Church Picture Directory, we have some available for purchase (\$10).

COME FOR SUPPER REMINDER

Come for Supper is this Thursday night, August 18th by take out only. Serving from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.



Coming up! Give women's group a try, meet new friends, grow in faith and service.

LWR Quilt-Tying at church Aug. 25 9:00. Bring a sack lunch if you want. Questions or volunteering for an event? Call Laurie 563-880-1868.

Pastoral Care Drop-In Hours

We are setting aside some time each week for drop-in hours. We will intentionally not schedule other meetings during this time, in order to be available for drop-in visits. We look forward to the time with you. We will post these hours each week. We will try this for a few months and see if this drop in time is being used. As always, you can also contact the church office to schedule a time to visit or reach out to us directly by contacting Pastor Miranda at (815) 291-5793 or stpeterpdcpastormiranda@hotmail.com or Pastor Hillary at (319) 290-8641 or stpeterpdcpastorhillary@hotmail.com.

Volunteer Schedule for this Weekend							
Date	Day	Usher	Assisting Minister	Reader	Communion Server	Easy Worship	Camera
8/13/22	Saturday	Tom & Bev Cornford	Terri Natwick	Julian Shedivy	Terri Natwick		
8/14/22	Sunday	Ron and Kathy Wikan	Jeff Mink	Patty Hamann	Jeff Mink Patty Hamann	N/A	?

Pastoral Care

- If you or someone you know would be ill, hospitalized, would like home communion, would like to visit with one of the pastors, or is in need of pastoral care; please call the church office at (608-326-6411). **Or reach out to the pastors directly via a call or text: Pastor Miranda's cell phone number is 815-291-5793 and Pastor Hillary's cell phone number is 319-290-8641.** *With rules about confidentiality, we often do not know that a family member is sick or in need unless you call.*
- Our pastors would love to have time with you (and your family) to continue to get to know you more, offer care, and/or simply to sit with you and enjoy a cup of water or tea ☺ Please reach out to set up a time for conversation or a visit. We thank God for you and for the ministry that we get to be a part of together!
- **If you would like to add someone's name to the prayer list at St. Peter, please call the church office at (608-326-6411).** We kindly ask that you please get permission from the individual or their family to add them. All names added to the list will remain on the list for up to 6 weeks unless someone calls to have the person remain longer.

Bulletin Announcements

If you have an announcement for the Bulletin, please send your request to the church office by Wednesday at noon. You can email at stpeterpdc@hotmail.com. Or call the office at 608-326-6411.

Sharing Your Offering

Thank you for your generosity that supports our ministries here at St. Peter and our mission partners. There are multiple options for sharing your offering.

- **You can share your offering during in-person worship.**
- **You can mail your check** to the church at **PO Box 37, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821.** *If you are a household with giving envelopes, please mail it in that envelope. If you do not have giving envelopes, please contact the church office and Theresa will get envelopes for you.*
- **You can give through Simply Giving**, an automated online giving program we have used successfully for years here at St. Peter. An authorization form can be found online at https://htlcmpls.org/website/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/vanco_auth_form1.pdf or you can call the church office at (608) 326-6411
- **You can also set up an offering at your bank** using free Bill Pay service to have the bank print and mail your check to the church.
- **You can give online at stpeterpdc.org** on the Home page, scroll down to the "Give" button or select the Give tab at the top to be directed to Vanco/Simply Giving.

Also don't forget the Hungry Jar. The Hungry jar for August is:

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