



## 7th Sunday After Pentecost

July 26th & 27th, 2025

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church  
201 S Michigan St.

### Mission Statement:

**To worship and praise God boldly, witness to God's Goodness, and serve God with joy.**

*Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."*

### THE CHURCH IS GATHERED TOGETHER

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*\* Throughout worship we invite you to find a posture for prayer, singing, and listening that is comfortable for you. At the places in the worship service that are marked with an \*, you are invited to stand if that is comfortable for you.*

#### \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

#### \*GATHERING HYMN

**ELW #742**

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

***Favorite Hymn— anonymous***

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
oh, what needless pain we bear--  
all because we do not carry  
ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge--  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you;  
you will find a solace there.

#### \* 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** (On Sunday)  
(Setting 10— ELW pg. 203)

1. Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
2. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

3. Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

#### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, **you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### THE WORD IS PROCLAIMED

**Psalm: 138** (*read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup> **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.**

<sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

<sup>4</sup> **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> **You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

## **Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-19**

*The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.*

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup> Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. <sup>17</sup> These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup> Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup> and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished

and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God. Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **KID TALK**

**\* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (On Sunday)  
Setting Ten- ELW pg. 205

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

**\* GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13**

*In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."<sup>2</sup> So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup> Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup> And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup> And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' <sup>6</sup> for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup> And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed;

I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup> I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup> "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

Pastor Steve Kottke

## **SERMON HYMN**

**ELW #744**

*"Lord, Be Glorified"*

- 1 In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.
- 2 In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in our song, Lord, be glorified today.
- 3 In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.
- 4 In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

*We invite all those interested to come up front to pray with a Prayer Pal. We will gather at the railing now through the Prayers of Intercession.*

## **\* 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**

After each prayer, please respond with the words **"hear our prayer"**.

## **\* SHARING THE PEACE**

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

## **OFFERING**

### **\* OFFERING PRAYER**

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**CHRIST'S MEAL IS SHARED**

### **\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

(ELW pg. 206 on Sunday)

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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

## DISTRIBUTION (CONTINUOUS)

### COMMUNION HYMNS

*"Lamb of God"* ELW pg. 208

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.  
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.  
O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

### \* COMMUNION BLESSING

### \* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT TO BE THE CHURCH

### \* BLESSING

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

### \*SENDING HYMN

ELW #543

*"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

1. "Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."
2. "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."
3. "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

### \* DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

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**Next Sunday's Readings:** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23, Psalm 49:1-12, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **In Our Prayers This Week:**

Robert "Bud" Mertz, Chris Bohlen, Sheryll Bunders, Fawn-eyes LaVelle, Creighton Groom, Jenny Sylvester, Joseph Ricco, Christine Olson and family, Wes Bohlen, Linda Day, Nickolas McCullick, Christopher Bailey, Frank Weeks, Daniel Day, Doug McHone, and Bette Keehner.

### **Saturday Worship Volunteers:**

**Ushers—** Jim Hesselberg

**Acolyte—** Lily Mathies

**Reader—** Kelly Gochenaur

**Assisting Minister—** Jackie Eckert

### **Sunday Worship Volunteers:**

**Ushers—** John & Vickie Howe

**Acolyte—** Caycen Erickson & Tyson Fernette

**Camera—** Kate Moris

**Easy Worship—**

**Assisting Ministers—** Lynda Beaty and Lynn Rider

**Reader—** Lynn Rider

**Communion Servers—** Michael Douglass & Tracy Fernette

### **Coffee Hour:**

July 27th: Linda Shihata

August 3rd: Linda Smrcina

## **CARE COMPANION NETWORK** **A LISTENING PRESENCE**

Join the network of Lay Pastoral Care Companions. There will be a Care Companion Training September 13th & 20th. Tentative times and place 8:30—5:00 at the Synod Office. \$25 per person. There is an application process. Please contact Pastor Hillary or Kelly Gochenaur (608-778-7414) to learn about the process.

## **LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE**

Give now to respond to the flooding in Texas. Our hearts break anew with each update about the catastrophic flash floods in South Central Texas. We join the Rev. Sue Briner, bishop of the Southwestern Texas Synod, in her call to "pray, pray, pray for those who are still lost as well as the families of those who are lost, who have died, or who have experienced loss of home or property." Merciful God, hear our prayer. See information on ushers table to give.

## **ELCA YOUTH GATHERING EXPEDITION**

The Gathering Expedition is a powerful weekend retreat, designed for 8th - 12th grade youth, being held at Lutherdale Bible Camp, October 31st—Nov 2nd in Elkhorn, WI. Throughout the weekend, your group will worship, wrestle with big questions and grow deeper connections. It's a space for young people to explore how God might be working in their lives. Cost \$175 per participant. Financial assistance is available. Apply for financial assistance August 4th through August 22nd. Visit the youth gathering page at ELCA.org. Registration information will be under upcoming events. Contact Pastor Hillary with questions.

### **RECOVERY COACH ACADEMY**

Interested in helping people get into recovery? Next Steps For Change is holding a 5 Day Training offered August 18th, 20th, 22nd, 25th & 27th. 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. virtually on zoom. To register or get more information, email [RCA@nextstepsforchange.com](mailto:RCA@nextstepsforchange.com) or call Kristen at 608-466-6086. See bulletin board in Narthex for more information.

### **LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP**

Invitation for all women of St. Peter to join us on Monday, July 28th at 11:00 a.m. at The Porch. All are welcome!

### **NAMING NEW BUILDING**

Please submit name suggestions for the newly purchased building to the office by July 31.

### **Register for Summer 2025 at Sugar Creek Bible Camp**

<https://www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org/summer-camp/>

**New for Summer 2025**—Because of additional funding, youth can invite a friend to camp and the friend can receive a campership too!

**Sugar Creek Camperships-** St. Peter offers \$300 Camperships for children attending Sugar Creek Bible Camp. If your child is not attending a full week (or the cost of camp is less than \$300), St. Peter will pay the whole amount. Also, if financing any amount for camp is an issue, please let us know. We never say “no” to a kid wanting to go to camp!

### **DATES FOR OUTDOOR WORSHIP!**

Services near the river will be once a month June—October. We invite you to bring your chair and a friend! Mark your calendars for August 3rd, September 7th, October 5th. Bookmarks available to share!

## **This Week's Events**

### **SATURDAY, JULY 26TH 7TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

- 5:15 p.m. Worship with Communion
- Pastor Hillary Vacation

### **SUNDAY, JULY 27TH 7TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

- 9 a.m. Worship with communion. Worship also broadcast on the radio and Facebook.
- Pastor Hillary Vacation

### **MONDAY, JULY 28TH**

- 4:00 p.m. NA Meeting
- Pastor Hillary Vacation 21st-30th

### **TUESDAY, JULY 29TH**

- Pastor Hillary Vacation

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 30TH**

- 9:15 a.m. (approx.) Weekly Radio Devotion
- Pastor Hillary Vacation

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND 8TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

- 5:15 p.m. Worship with Communion

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 3RD 8TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

- 9 a.m. Outdoor Worship with Communion. Worship also broadcast on the radio and Facebook.
- 1:30 p.m. Prison Worship
- Family Camp at SCBC Aug 3-6

### **SHARE YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS**

We invite you to submit the name of a favorite hymn. (If you want, you can also share your name and why your hymn is meaningful to you, which will enhance the experience for the community as we sing these favorite hymns.) Throughout the summer we will rejoice together as these hymns are incorporated into our worship services. It should be a fun time!

### **SCBC ANNUAL GOLF FUNDRAISER**

Monday, August 18th at the Viroqua Hills Golf Course. Four person scramble, three flights with prizes. Check in at 11 a.m., shot gun start at 12:30 p.m. 18 holes, \$75 per person. Contact SCBC to register at [office@sgrcreek.org](mailto:office@sgrcreek.org) or 608-734-3113. All proceeds support youth ministry!

### **A WORSHIP WALK AT LA RIVIERE PARK**

There will be a worship walk on August 13th at La Riviere Park. The walk will begin at 6:00 p.m. After the walk we will return to the picnic shelter and enjoy individual picnics and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

### **BOOK CLUB**

The book club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at the Prairie du Chien Library. The July read will be *"The Kitchen House"* by Kathleen Grissom. All are welcome!

### **MEN'S RETREAT AT SCBC**

*"One Year to Live"* An Experience that meets men where they are!  
September 19-21, 2025 at Sugar Creek Bible Camp. Cost: Early Registration by Aug 20, \$170, Regular registration by Sept 5, \$200, includes lodging, meals and materials. See brochure on Sugar Creek bulletin board for more details.

### **YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP**

#### **Intergenerational Ministry**

#### **1 month—101 years**

- Sept. 14th—Rally Sunday with Elementary Bible Presentation and Backpack Blessing. Refreshments and fellowship, with games for all ages following worship.

#### **Confirmation Ministry for 6th-8th grades**

- Confirmation class from 6:45-7:45 p.m., with optional meal at 6:00 p.m.
- Sept 3rd—confirmation resumes with a meeting of parents, teachers and students.
- Sept. 7th—6th grade Bible presentation at 9:00 a.m. worship.
- Sept 27th-28th—Middle School Retreat at Sugar Creek.
- Oct 1st—optional tech training before or after class, working towards service credit hours.

### **HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY**

*Time to connect, serve, pray, have fun, grow in faith, and build friendships.*

- **September 17<sup>th</sup>**: 7:45 p.m. High School Youth Group Night—Fellowship, Fun and Planning
- **September 24<sup>th</sup>**: Worship Walk and campfire at La Riviere Park
- **September 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>**: 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat at Sugar Creek Bible Camp



# *St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church*

*201 S Michigan St.*

**Welcome!** We are happy that you are worshiping with us today. Join us again soon.

**Worship with us** Saturdays at 5:15 p.m. & Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Sunday worship is also broadcast live on the radio at WPRE 104.3 FM and 980 AM radio and Livestreamed on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/stpeterpdc>.

**Visitors—** We are so glad that you can join us today! We invite you to fill out a blue welcome card (found in the pew pocket) and place it in the offering plate at the back.

**We practice open Communion here** — All who seek the forgiveness that Jesus Christ offers in this meal are welcome. Those not yet receiving Communion or those choosing not to today are invited to come forward to receive a blessing (we invite you to cross your arms in front of you to indicate your desire to receive a blessing). 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.

**Pastoral Care-** If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, would like home communion, would like to visit with the pastor, or is in need of pastoral care; please call the church office at (608-326-6411). Or reach out to the pastor directly via a call or text: Pastor Hillary's cell phone number is 319-290-8641.

**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.

- For in-person worship, 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.
- You can mail your check to church: PO Box 37, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821.
- 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 on our website [www.stpeterpdc.org/Donate](http://www.stpeterpdc.org/Donate) or you can call the church office at (608) 326-6411.
- You can 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 [www.stpeterpdc.org](http://www.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.

**The Hungry Jar** for July is: ***ELCA Companion Synod—Czech Republic.*** Children are invited to help collect the Hungry Jar offerings during the Offering.

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