# St Peter Lutheran Church
# Order of Worship

*Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  June 28, 2026*

**Welcome**

*(Please stand, as you are able)*

## Opening Hymn, LSB 651 I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

1 I love Your kingdom, Lord,
The place of Your abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.

2 Beyond my highest joy
I prize its heav'nly ways,
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,
Its hymns of love and praise.

3 I love Your Church, O God,
Your saints in ev'ry land,
Dear as the apple of Your eye
And graven on Your hand.

4 For them my tears shall fall;
For them my prayers ascend;
For them my cares and toils be giv'n
Till toils and cares shall end.

5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield And brighter bliss of heav'n.

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## Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying:

**C God, be merciful to me, a sinner**.

*(We pause for a moment of silence for personal confession and reflection)*

℗ Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
**℃ Amen.**

## Responsive Psalm, Psalm 119:153–160

Look on my affliction and deliver me,
for I do not forget your law.
**154 Plead my cause and redeem me;**
**give me life according to your promise!**
155 Salvation is far from the wicked,
for they do not seek your statutes.
**156 Great is your mercy, O Lord;**
**give me life according to your just decrees.**
157 Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,
but I do not swerve from your testimonies.
**158 I look at the faithless with disgust,**
**because they do not keep your commands.**
159 Consider how I love your precepts!
Give me life according to your steadfast love.
**160 The sum of your word is truth,**
**and every one of your just and righteous decrees endures forever.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

**℃ 1 To God on high be glory**
**And peace to all the earth;**
**Goodwill from God in heaven**
**Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!**
**We praise and bless You, Father;**
**Your holy name, we sing—**
**Our thanks for Your great glory,**
**Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,**
**The Father's Son, we pray;**
**O Lamb of God, our Savior,**
**You take our sins away.**
**Have mercy on us, Jesus;**
**Receive our heartfelt cry,**
**Where You in pow'r are seated**
**At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.**
**Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;**
**You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,**
**In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

## Prayer of the Day

℗ The Lord be with you.

℃ **And also with you.**

℗ Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

℃ **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading, Jeremiah 28:5–9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, [6]and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. [7]Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. [8]The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. [9]As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

℔ This is the Word of the Lord ℃ **Thanks be to God**

## Epistle Reading, Romans 7:1–13

Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? [2]Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. [3]Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

[4]Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. [5]For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. [6]But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

[7]What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." [8]But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. [9]I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. [10]The very commandment that

promised life proved to be death to me. [11]For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. [12]So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

[13]Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

L This is the Word of the Lord **C Thanks be to God**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## Alleluia and Verse

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**
**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## The Holy Gospel, Matthew 10:34–42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew **C Glory to You, O Lord**

[Jesus said:] "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. [35]For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. [36]And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. [37]Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. [38]And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. [39]Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

[40]"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. [41]The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. [42]And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord **C Praise to You, O Christ!**

## Sermon

## Sermon Song, Take Up Your Cross and Follow Christ (Linda Lemond)

1 "Take up your cross," the Savior said,
"If you would my disciple be;
Deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me."

2 Take up your cross, let not its weight
Fill your weak spirit with alarm;
His strength shall bear your spirit up
And brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
Nor let your foolish pride rebel;
Your Lord for you the cross endured,
To save your soul from death and hell.

4 Take up your cross, and follow Christ,
Nor think 'til death to lay it down;
For only they who bear the cross
may hope to wear the crown.

## Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
**maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**
**The third day He rose again from the dead.**
**He ascended into heaven**
**and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**
**From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
**the holy Christian Church,**
**the communion of saints,**
**the forgiveness of sins,**
**the resurrection of the body,**
**and the life ✢ everlasting. Amen.**

## The Peace of the Lord

## Offering

## Prayers

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy.

**C Hear our 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.**

## Preface

℗ 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 Him thanks and praise.**

℗ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## LSB 161 Sanctus

℃ **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## The Word of Our Lord

℗ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✢ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

*St Peter's Communion Statement*

At St. Peter Lutheran Church, we confess that the body and blood of Jesus Christ are truly present in the Sacrament of the Altar (Communion) in, with, and under the bread and wine. (See Matt 26:26-28 and 1 Cor. 11:23-28) In this gift we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and strengthening of faith. Those who share our confession of faith as members of the LCMS may receive Communion here. Anyone else is still welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the pastor during Communion. We ask anyone desiring a blessing to cross their arms over their chest at the railing, and the pastor will bless you.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please signal to Pastor by holding up your index finger in front of you. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available in the center of the tray, for those with alcohol sensitivities.

In preparing for the Lord's Supper, we are to reflect upon the following questions:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness?
2. Do I believe that, within this Sacrament, the bread and wine are Christ's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins?
3. Do I promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend my sinful life?
4. Do I confess and believe the same doctrine of faith as the church body with which I am about to commune.

## Blessed to Be a Blessing

**Chorus**

Blessed to be a blessing
Blessed to live Your love
Blessed to share with others
Every blessing from above
Blessed to walk in mercy
Blessed to light the way
Oh blessed to be a blessing every day

**Verse 1**

Oh my Jesus You have blessed me
You died for me to take my sin away
Now You live Your life in me
And the love received is love I give away **Chorus**

**Verse 2**

Oh my Jesus make me a blessing In my work and play In everything I do
Oh let Your blessing flow through me That in seeing me may others see You **Chorus**

**Bridge**
Blessed for living this new day A gift from you to give away
Blessed for sharing Blessed for caring
Blessed for growing Blessed for sowing
Blessed to be a blessing today
**Chorus**

**Tag** Blessed to be a blessing today

**392 God Loves Me Dearly**

1 God loves me dearly,
Grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly,
Loves even me. Refrain

ref **Therefore I'll say again:**
**God loves me dearly,**
**God loves me dearly,**
**Loves even me.**

2 I was in slav'ry,
Sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working
To make me free. Refrain

3 He sent forth Jesus,
My dear Redeemer,
He sent forth Jesus
And set me free. Refrain

4 Jesus, my Savior,
Himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior,
Paid all I owed. Refrain

5 Now I will praise You,
O Love Eternal;
Now I will praise You
All my life long. Refrain

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## O Come To The Altar

1. Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

**Chorus:** O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

2. Leave behind your regrets and mistakes Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling
**Chorus 2X**

**Bridge**
Oh what a Savior Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen!

**Chorus 2X**

3. Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found
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## 707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will!

2 Order my footsteps by Thy Word
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.

3 Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way,
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

4 Make me to walk in Thy commands—
'Tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.

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**Nunc Dimittis**

**1 O Lord, now let Your servant**
**Depart in heav'nly peace,**
**For I have seen the glory**
**Of Your redeeming grace:**
**A light to lead the Gentiles**
**Unto Your holy hill,**
**The glory of Your people,**
**Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,**
**All glory to the Son,**
**All glory to the Spirit,**
**Forever Three in One;**
**For as in the beginning,**
**Is now, shall ever be,**
**God's triune name resounding**
**Through all eternity.**

## Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✢ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

## Closing Song, "Your Grace Is Enough"

**Verse 1:** Great is Your faithfulness, O God of Jacob
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
Where nothing can keep us apart
So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, O God

**Chorus:** For Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

**Verse 2:** Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of heaven's vict'ry
And all Your people sing along
So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, O God

**Chorus x2**

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