

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024



St. Peter Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

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Welcome to St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

Words, shaped by the holy decrees of God, rightfully teach, admonish, and bless. When instruction is thoroughly informed by the Word of God, people turn from darkness and walk in the light. Jesus, the Word incarnate, was confessed to be the true Teacher, able to cast out demons. In response to unwavering faith, Christ has compassion and rebukes an unclean spirit. Our tongues let loose cursing and pain; Christ's words unleash truth and healing.

Holy Communion – Visitors who are not members of a Missouri Synod Lutheran church are asked to speak with the pastor or one of the elders before receiving the Lord's Supper.

Contact Information – To request prayer or to set up an appointment, contact the church office at 853-3217 or stpeterhilbert@gmail.com. If you have concerns or spiritual needs, please contact Pastor Peterson or one of the elders.

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting One p. 151

Hymns: 849, 784, 563, 570, 628, 822

Serving in our worship...

Preacher: Pastor Mark Peterson
Audio/Visual: Dan Bergelin, Dan Koffarnus
Altar Guild: Dan & Cindy Koffarnus

This Week at St. Peter
September 15 – 22, 2024

Sunday, 9/15 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

Tuesday, 9/17 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday, 9/19 6:00 p.m. Elders Meeting

6:30 p.m. Council Meeting

Sunday, 9/22 **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

(Jeremiah 11:18-20; James 3:13–4:10; Mark 9:30-37)

8:30 a.m. Divine Service (NC)

Ark Encounter Presentation

Statement on Holy Communion

I believe that I am a sinner. I repent of my sin and ask God's forgiveness. With His help I will amend my sinful life. I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and, under the form of the bread and the wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. I resolve to dedicate my life to the service of my Lord by regular group worship, sacrificial giving, thankful living and sharing the Gospel with others.

In the Lord's Supper, the risen Christ is at once the Giver and the Gift! By His promise, His very body and blood are really present, and thereby we come into immediate contact with the exalted Christ! As we do so, witness is also given to oneness in doctrine by those who receive the Sacrament together. For this reason, we practice close(d) Communion.

God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27–29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the Sacrament will want to first speak with the pastor before communing. As a courtesy, guests from sister congregations of the LCMS are asked to introduce themselves to the pastor before communing.

Introit

Psalm 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24

P Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

C all you who wait for the LORD!

P But I trust in you, O LORD;

C I say, “You are my God.”

P My times are in your hand;

C rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

P Make your face shine on your servant;

C save me in your steadfast love!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

**and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

C all you who wait for the LORD!

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

P Fear the LORD, you his saints,

C for those who fear him lack nothing!

P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study Tuesday September 17th at 7:00 p.m.

Elders and Council Meetings Thursday, September 19th at 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Ark Encounter Presentation will be given by Tina Karls after the service on Sunday, September 22nd. Tina will share what she has learned about taking a group tour of the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum in Williamstown, Kentucky.

LWML Sunday – Celebrate with Lutheran Women in Mission. A special worship service is planned for Sunday, October 13th to celebrate all that God has done through the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML). The power of God is evident in the dimes, quarters, and dollars you put in your Mite Box, and we celebrate this every LWML Sunday. Thank you! The Lutheran Women in Mission Statement reads — “As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.” The Holy Spirit has been doing this for over 80 years through the LWML! This year’s Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday theme is “Ready to Serve” based on Luke 1:38. As redeemed children of God, Lutheran Women in Mission give thanks for the opportunity to serve others as we have been served, to proclaim that Jesus is our Lord and that He came for all nations, and to respond with our mite offerings to support God’s mission. Our example has been the widow and her mite. The offering she made was observed by our Lord leading Him to share that her copper coins, her mites, were “everything — all she had to live on” (Mark 12:43). May our mite offerings be blessed for our Lord’s kingdom. “Ready to Serve,” Luke 1:38 And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.”

Mark 9:24 – “Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, ‘I believe; help my unbelief!’” Haven’t we often felt like this! And notice that Jesus does not throw the man out because of his weakness of faith: He still has pity, and He still blesses the man. But neither does Jesus leave people in weakness of faith. He blesses us and calls us to a deeper faith, as He did to the disciples in the boat on the storm-tossed sea. How does our faith grow? By hearing the Word of God. What does our faith lead to as it grows? A godly life lived in thanksgiving to our Lord.

Old Testament

Isaiah 50:4–10

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

Epistle

James 3:1–12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things.

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we

curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:14–29

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” ¹⁹And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” ²³And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” ²⁹And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”