



**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*October 15 & 18, 2020*



**SAINT PETER  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH & SCHOOL**

# Welcome!

The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church welcome you! If you have no church of your own, we encourage you to worship with us again and consider making this church your home.

**Today's Theme** *A Giving and Patient God Wants Fruits of Faith*

Whose responsibility is it to care for the Lord's vineyard, the Church? It's all our responsibility. The task is for all of us who love the Lord and produce abundant fruits of faith in his service. Conversely, there are those who reject their Savior and live for self. In the case of such individuals, invariably the judgment of God is not far behind.

## Saint Peter Lutheran Church

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<b>Serving Today:</b>	Preacher - Pr. Jack Kelly Liturgist - Pr. Justin Heise Organ/piano - Jennie Boeder Guitar - Pastor Heise Drums - Carl Boeder Vocalists - Michelle Skramstad and Leslie Heise A/V Technician- Steve Willett

# Our Worship

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service II

*Christian Worship Supplement, pg. 28*

## OPENING HYMN

“You Are My Vision” (Congregation joins in verses 2-5)

*Rend Collective*

- 1 You are my vision, O King of my heart.  
Nothing else satisfies, only You, Lord.  
You are my best thought by day or by night.  
Waking or sleeping, Your presence my light.
- 2 **You are my wisdom, You are my true word,  
I ever with You, and You with me, Lord:  
You're my great Father, and I'm Your true son,  
You dwell inside me, together we're one.**
- 3 **You are my battle-shield, sword for the fight:  
You are my dignity, You're my delight;  
You're my soul's shelter and You're my high tower.  
Come raise me heavenward, O power of my power.**
- 4 **I don't want riches or man's empty praise:  
You're my inheritance, now and always;  
You and You only, the first in my heart:  
High king of Heaven, my treasure You are.**
- 5 **High King of Heaven, when victory's won  
May I reach Heav'n's joy, O bright Heaven's Son.  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

## INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

P: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

### **GLORY BE TO GOD**

- 1 All glory be to God on high!  
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise you for your peace and grace,  
Your favor toward our fallen race.**
- 2 Our grateful thanks to you we bring,  
For your great glory, heav'nly King,  
For all, O Father, you have done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.**
- 3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
You take all human sin away.  
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;  
From God's right hand, your mercy share.**
- 4 You, Christ, are holy— Lord alone;  
The Father's glory you made known.  
We by your Spirit sing again:  
"All glory be to God!" Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# The Word

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

*A song about God's vineyard.*

<sup>1</sup> I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. <sup>2</sup> He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

<sup>3</sup> "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup> What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? <sup>5</sup> Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. <sup>6</sup> I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briers and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it."

<sup>7</sup> The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the garden of his delight. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 118

P: This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

**C: This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!**

P: The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

**C: The LORD'S right hand is lifted high; the LORD'S right hand has done mighty things!**

P: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

**C: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.**

P: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**C: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**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.**

## **SECOND LESSON**

Philippians 3:12-21

*Press on because our citizenship is in heaven.*

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> All of us who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. <sup>16</sup> Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

<sup>17</sup> Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. <sup>18</sup> For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE OF THE DAY** (Read together)

Hebrews 2:12

**"Alleluia. I will proclaim your name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Alleluia."**

**GOSPEL**

P: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter 18.

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 21:33-43

*Unfaithful tenants in God's vineyard.*

<sup>33</sup> "Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

<sup>35</sup> "The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. <sup>36</sup> Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. <sup>37</sup> Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.

<sup>38</sup> "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup> So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

<sup>40</sup> "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

<sup>41</sup> "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time." <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone the builders rejected  
has become the capstone;  
the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes' ?

<sup>43</sup> "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**



## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”**

**Christian Worship #203**

*(Congregation joins for verse 3 and final verse)*

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would seek to overthrow your Son  
And to destroy what he has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow’r make known,  
For you are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend your Christendom that we  
May sing your praise eternally.
- 3 **O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth.  
Support us in our final strife,  
And lead us out of death to life.  
(Musical Interlude)**

*(Repeat verse 1)*

**Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would seek to overthrow your Son  
And to destroy what he has done.**

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.

## **Sermon**

**Text: Isaiah 5:1-7**

**God’s Love Song: What More Could I Have Done for You?**

1. A joyful song of God’s love for sinners
2. A sad song of our love for God

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **OFFERING (taken at the door)**

*The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. May God bless us as we do his work! To give an offering with your smartphone, text "givesplc" to 77977 and click on the link that you receive. Offerings can be given by credit card, debit card, or your bank account. Offerings can also be given by going to our website (saintpeterlutheran.org) or mailed to 427 W. Mulberry, Saint Peter MN 56082.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

# The Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** (Spoken)

*Sanctus*—Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

**O holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Your glory, earth and heaven  
In countless ways recite.  
Hosanna! Come and save us,  
Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in your grace and mercy  
Receive our fervent cry.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

### **LAMB OF GOD (Spoken responsively)**

*Agnus Dei*—John 1:29

**P:** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**C: Have mercy on us.**

**P:** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**C: Have mercy on us.**

**P:** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**C: Grant us your peace. Amen.**

#### **DISTRIBUTION**

*Our church practices the Biblical teaching of member communion. All those who are members of our congregation or another Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) congregation are invited to receive Christ's body and blood in the Sacrament. If you have any questions about this practice, please contact one of our pastors, and we would be happy to discuss it with you.*

*Communion will be brought to you in your pew to minimize contact between individuals. The pastor will hand you a wafer and a individual cup. An usher will follow behind to allow you to dispose of the cup afterward. During the distribution, please join in the hymn.*

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**"This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"**

*Christian Worship #225*

- 1 This is the day the Lord has made;  
He calls the hours his own.  
Let heav'n rejoice; let earth be glad  
And praise surround the throne.**
- 2 Today he rose and left the dead, And Satan's empire fell;  
Today the saints his triumphs spread  
And all his wonders tell.**
- 3 Hosanna to the anointed King, To David's holy Son!  
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring  
Salvation from the throne.**
- 4 Blessed is Jesus Christ, who came With messages of grace,  
Who came in God the Father's name To save our sinful race.**
- 5 Hosanna in the highest strains  
The Church on earth shall raise;  
The highest heav'ns, in which he reigns,  
Shall give him nobler praise.**

**SONG OF SIMEON** (Spoken)  
*(Nunc Dimittis—Luke 2:29-32)*

**O Lord, now let your servant  
Depart in peace, assured:  
For I have seen your promised  
incarnate, saving Word—  
A Light that will enlighten  
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
The brilliant, crowning glory  
Of those in Israel!**

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

*Christian Worship # 469, verses 1,4,6*

- 1 Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 4 Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.**

## Service Notes

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# Announcements

## Quarterly Voters' Meeting Today

Our quarterly voters meeting meet TODAY. Due to the number of items to discuss, our meeting will take place *after the late service* at 12 noon. We encourage all to attend.

## Bible Study & Sunday School

In-person Sunday school and Bible study is held at 9:15 a.m. In Sunday school we have all students age 4-8th grade meet as one group in church, as distant from each other as possible and we ask that masks be worn. This year we are covering Old Testament Bible lessons. Please go to the church website to sign up for Sunday School. Pastor Kelly leads the adults in a study on the Lutheran Reformation.

## Women's Bible Study Resumes in Two Formats!

In October and November we'll be offering two ways for women to dig deeper into God's Word. An in-person study of the book of Hebrews will take place in the fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays. Please bring your mask and plan to be spread out. A study of favorite Psalms will meet via Zoom on Sundays at 8:00 p.m. Both studies are set to begin October 4. Please email Cari at [we5kellys@gmail.com](mailto:we5kellys@gmail.com) or call/text 224-430-3926 if you have any questions or to register. Hope to see you there!

## School Announcement

With our annual fall fundraiser only a week away, we encourage families to continue to share the news about our October 24th S'crafters virtual crafting event. Please share the email sent out or the Event on our Facebook page with any crafters that you know who may be interested in participating. The Facebook event can be found at: [https://www.facebook.com/events/880670569061992?active\\_tab=about](https://www.facebook.com/events/880670569061992?active_tab=about).

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<b>Sun</b>	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Livestream Worship on Facebook
	12 p.m.	Voter's Meeting
	6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) & 8 p.m. (Zoom)	Women's Bible Study
<b>Tues</b>		School Picture Day
<b>Wed</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study: Book of Judges
<b>Thurs</b>		Circuit Meeting - Pastors out of office
	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Worship
<b>Fri</b>	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
		School Picture Day
<b>Sat</b>		S'crafters "To go" Fundraising Event (Facebook)
<b>Sun</b>	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Livestream Worship on Facebook
	12 p.m.	Open Forum in Sanctuary
	6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) & 8 p.m. (Zoom)	Women's Bible Study