



**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

October 22 and 25, 2020



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

Rejoice at the Lord's Feast!

Today God's salvation is compared to a rich feast of the finest food. God's banquet has been fully prepared through the redeeming work of Jesus Christ. Since all is prepared our God extends his invitation to all people. While many reject the invitation, we find delight and joy in the banquet.

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Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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(see our Facebook page)

Serving Today: Worship leader - Pr. Jack Kelly
Organ/piano - Bethany Gurgel &
Sammi Bunke
A/V Technician- Steve Willett

Our Worship

Our worship follows a historic liturgy written by one of the original reformers, Johannes Bugenhagen. He was Martin Luther's pastor and presided over his funeral. The liturgy has a committed focus on the gospel. We will be using it in the weeks leading up to the Reformation Festival.

OPENING PRAYER

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN (Next Page)

"The Kind of Love My Shepherd Is"

Christian Worship #375

**1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness fails me never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
And he is mine forever.**

**2 Where streams of living water flow,
My Savior gently leads me;
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feeds me.**

**3 Confused and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me
And on his shoulder gently laid
And home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With you, dear Lord, beside me;
Your rod and staff my comfort still,
Your cross before to guide me.**

**5 You spread a table in my sight,
A banquet here bestowing;
Your oil of welcome, my delight;
My cup is overflowing!**

**6 And so through all the length of days
Your goodness fails me never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
Within your house forever!**

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, alt.

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON (LORD, HAVE MERCY)

P: O God the Father in Heaven:

C: **Have mercy upon us.**

P: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world.

C: **Have mercy upon us.**

P: O God the Holy Spirit, true Comforter:

C: **Have mercy upon us.**

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord:
Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He

gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and as a called servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the **+** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GLORY TO GOD

P: Glory to God in the highest.

C All glo - ry be to God on high Who hath our race be -

friend-ed! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is

end - ed; God show-eth His good will to men, And

peace shall dwell on earth a-gain; O thank Him for His good-ness!

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

THE COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25: 6-9

The Lord has prepared a joyous feast for His people.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

⁹ In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 23 (*Read Responsively.*)

P: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

C: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

P: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters.

C: He restores my soul; he guides me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

P: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

C: For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

P: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

C: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

P: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

C: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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 READING

Philippians 4:4-13

Rejoice in the Lord and be content.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in

any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

The parable of the wedding banquet.

¹ Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴ “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵ “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸ “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² ‘Friend,’ he asked, ‘how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ The man was speechless.

¹³ “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie his hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

¹⁴ “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty.**

From there 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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Jesus Your Blood and Righteousness"

Christian Worship #376

**1 Jesus, your blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**2 Bold shall I stand in that great day—
Who can a word against me say?
Fully through you absolved I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**

**3 Lord, I believe your precious blood,
Which at the very throne of God
Forever will for sinners plead,
For me—e'en for my soul—was shed.**

**4 Lord, I believe were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
You have for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.**

**5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
E'en then this shall be all my plea:
Jesus has lived and died for me.**

**6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
Your boundless mercy has for me,
For me and all your hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.**

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–60, abr.;
tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.

SERMON

Text: Matthew 22:1-14

Our Lord Sends Us a “Save the Date”

1. An invitation extended
2. An invitation rejected
3. An invitation sustained

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 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.

HYMN

“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”
Christian Worship # 540

**1 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.**

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

**2 With voice as full and strong As ocean’s surging praise,
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old, The psalms of ancient days.**

Refrain

**3 With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, Sweet music, noblest mirth.**

Refrain

**4 Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness went Till dawns the golden day.**

Refrain

**5 At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their homes at last, Jerusalem the blest.**

Refrain

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–91, abr., alt.

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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.

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Lord When Your Glory”

Christian Worship #219

**Lord, when your glory I shall see
And taste your kingdom’s pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be,
My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne,
Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
As your own bride I shall be brought
To stand in joy beside you.**

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

Service Notes

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Announcements

Open Forum Today

The Church Council has called for an open forum of the congregation TODAY. As we begin to look at lay and called worker staffing next year, the Church Council wants to place ideas before our members and seek their feedback for planning purposes. 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.

Festival of the Reformation Celebrated Next Sunday

Next Sunday, November 1, Saint Peter Lutheran will celebrate the anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation and God's grace in preserving the truth of the gospel. With festive message and hymns we will underscore the message of salvation by grace alone. Members of our concert band will add to our musical variety. Join us next week.

Women's Bible Study in Two Formats!

In October and November are offering two ways for women to dig deeper into God's Word. An in-person study of the book of Hebrews is taking 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 is meeting via Zoom on Sundays at 8:00 p.m. . Please email Cari at we5kellys@gmail.com or call/text 224-430-3926 if you have any questions or to register. Hope to see you there!

Spanish Service November 1

Our next Spanish service will be next Sunday, November 1 at 1:00 p.m. We will celebrate All Saints Day and consider the blessed state of Christians that have gone before us. We encourage English speakers to attend to support our Spanish-speaking members in faith.

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W O R S H I P

Him + Her Worship is a Christian worship duo who will be teaming up with St. Peter Lutheran for a worship service next month. Based out of Minneapolis MN, husband and wife Seth and Jenna Herlich now live on the road full-time, towing their instruments and 13 foot camper around the country. With a passion for adventure and a calling to create, the duo leads narrative-driven worship nights, bringing their powerful, passionate harmonies and a timeless message of Christ's love and hope to receptive congregations and audiences in dozens of US cities.

Him + Her Worship blends Christian contemporary energy, honest singer-songwriter lyricism, cinematic textures, and indie experimentation into an exceptional and cohesive worship music experience.

Please come to either service on Sunday, November 8th to be encouraged, refreshed, and to have fun! Bring a friend or family member and come sing and worship with them!

Check out their story and their music:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/himandherworship

Instagram: @himandherworship

Website: www.himandherworship.com

Youtube: Him + Her Worship

October 25—November 2, 2020

Sun	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
Wed	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study: Book of Ruth
Thurs	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Worship
Fri	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sun	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship: Reformation
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Livestream Worship on Facebook
	6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall) & 8 p.m. (Zoom)	Women's Bible Study
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Sermon Notes

These notes are provided to help you follow along or review God's Word.

1. Is there a "save the date" card on your refrigerator?
2. What makes planning a party or reception so tricky?
3. What is the "save the date" event that the Lord has in mind for all of us?
4. In the parable of the wedding invitation, what is the King is very invested in this wedding banquet. Why is that?
5. What is the problem that the King encounters with his efforts to bring people to the wedding banquet.
6. Why does the invitation so enrage some people that it leads them to violence?
7. The man who fails to wear appropriate wedding clothes is a reference to hypocrites in the Church. How can we be sure they won't get away with their hypocrisy?
8. In spite of the rejections, the King persists in sending out invitations. Why is this good news for us?
9. Think of someone that you know that isn't going to church. When was the last time that you invited that person to come to church with you?
10. What are some of the different ways that you can invite someone to God's great wedding banquet?