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P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to thee, O Christ

Apostles’ Creed: p. 192

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in JesusChrist, 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 thenceHe 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 Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity

September 27th, 2026

St. Peter Lutheran Church

Lester Prairie, MN

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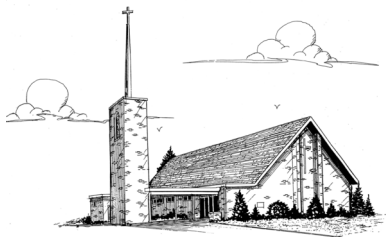
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PRAYERS:

Before Worship:

Unto You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in You; let me never be ashamed; Let no one who waits on You be ashamed. Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths, for You are the God of my salvation. Amen. (Ps. 25)

After Worship:

Lord, I have loved Your house, the place where Your presence is promised to me. Here before Your altar I have proclaimed my thanksgiving with my voice, now go with me as I live from all Your wonderful words. Amen. (Ps. 26)

Before Holy Communion:

O Lord, I am not worthy for you to come to Me, but say the Word, and Your servant will Be healed. Amen. (Matt. 8:8)

After Holy Communion:

What can I give to You O Lord, in return for All Your benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord. Amen. (Ps. 116)

The additional prayers found on pp. 305ff are in the Lutheran Service Book

Sunday: September 27th, 2026

Acolytes: Earl & Elmira

9:00AM: Divine Worship Service

10:15AM: Bible Study

10:15AM: Sunday School

Wednesday: September 30th, 2026

5:00PM: Evening Prayer

Sunday: October 4th, 2026

Acolytes: Ethan & Paul

9:00AM: Divine Worship Service

10:15AM: Bible Study

10:15AM: Sunday School

Monday—Wednesday Morning

7:30AM: Prayer, Private Confession/
Absolution

Salutation and Collect of the Day:

Lord, we implore You, grant Your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **A—men**

Be Seated

Old Testament: Proverbs 25:6-14

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end. A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver. Like a gold ring or an ornament of gold is a wise reprovener to a listening ear. Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest is a faithful messenger to those who send him; he refreshes the soul of his masters. Like clouds and wind without rain is a man who boasts of a gift he does not give. P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: Ps. 33:12,6

Blessèd is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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Rise

All-el-u-ia All-el-u-ia All-el-u-ia

Verse: Ps. 116:1

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A: Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.



Pharisee Dinner

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Welcome to St. Peter Lutheran Church! If you do not have a church home you're in the right place! Keep coming back each Sunday. We're glad to be gathered to receive God's Word and Sacrament for our forgiveness, life, and salvation; and in return offer Him our thanks throughout our vocations in life. If this is your first visit to St. Peter Lutheran Church and would like us to visit with you, sign the Guest Register and the Pastor will give you a call. Membership at St. Peter is for all who believe the doctrine of this congregation and wish to attend Divine Service regularly. Our doctrine is based on the Bible and the Lutheran Confessions. After worship join us for coffee, goodies, and Bible Class.

DIVINE SERVICE: SETTING THREE Beginning on LSB p. 184 **The Sunday of the Pharisee's Dinner**

Processional Hymn: 587 "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

Rise

Invocation

Confession and Absolution p.184

Introit: Ps. 119:1-2, 5-6; antiphon: Ps. 119:137, 124

Righteous are you, O LORD,

and right are your just decrees.

Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love,

and teach me your statutes.

Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,

who walk in the law of the LORD!

Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies,

who seek him with their whole heart.

Oh that my ways may be steadfast

in keeping your statutes!

Then I shall not be put to shame,

having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

Glo – ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho- ly Ghost; as it was in the be- gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis p.187

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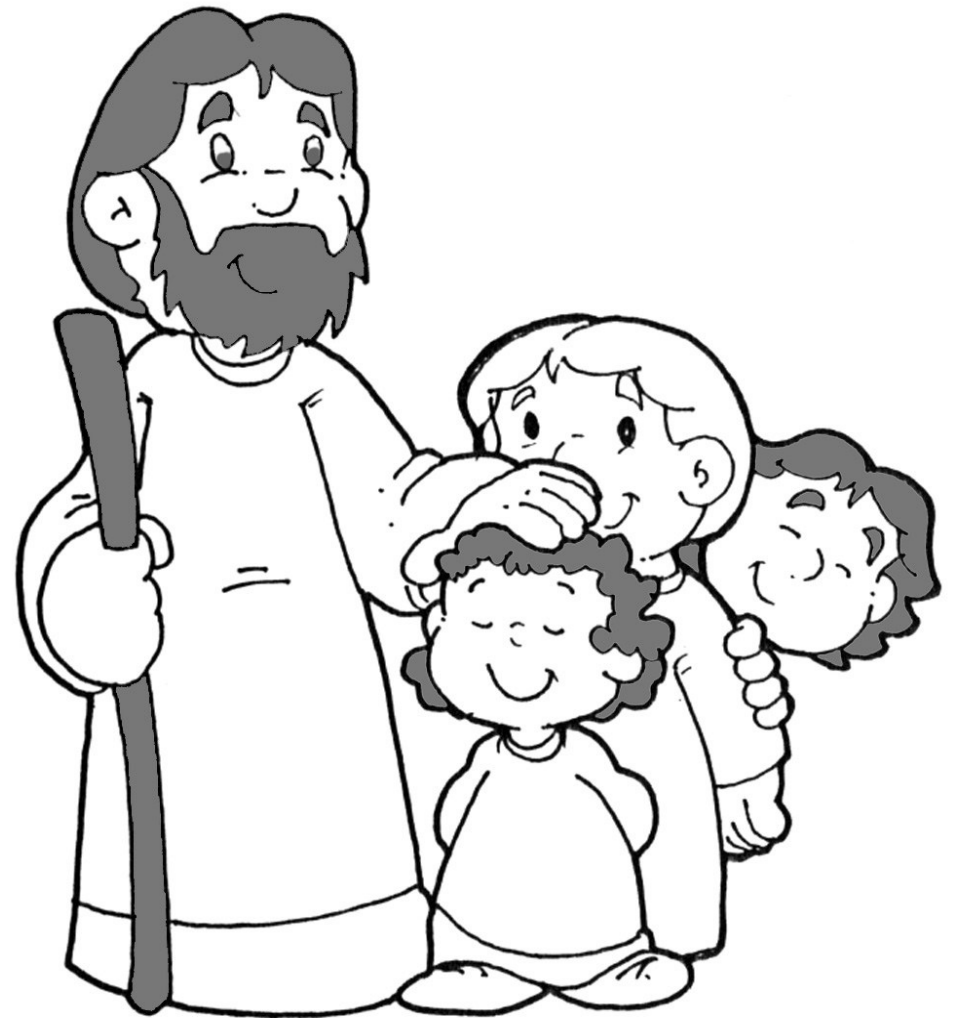
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A: Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Childrens

Bulletin

September 27th 2026



The Congregation at Prayer

This guide is provided as a reminder to be used throughout the week. The Lord says, "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me." (Psalm 50:15). Jesus tells us to pray with faith in His name, "Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you." (John 16:23). St. Paul tells us, "Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)

This week, please pray for:

- ♦ *Our brothers and sisters at St. Peter*
- ♦ *All the homebound members and those receiving long-term care. Please pray for Jane Gebhardt.*
- ♦ *Comfort and continued healing for all in need. Especially, we pray for: Jeff Wolberg, Travis Loeslie, Elmira's Student, Andy Birkholz, Denise Ernst's Aunt Ruth, Dorothy Betlicher, and Brenda Kern.*
- ♦ *Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, District President Dr. Lucas Woodford, and Circuit Visitor Rev. Russell Reed*
- ♦ *Missionaries: Rev. David & Jenny Preus and their family (Eurasia, Primarily in Romania).*
- ♦ *Our president and governor and nation, including our civic leaders*
- ♦ *Sister congregations in our area, including Peace Lutheran-Hutchinson*
- ♦ *Guidance and direction for those struggling in their vocations and God's calling in their life, giving us faith to go out with good courage not knowing where we go but that Your hand is leading us*

God the Holy Spirit prays with us and for us: "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words" (Romans 8:26).

Out Reach For Our Church

In an effort to support those in need, we are inviting anyone who feels called to help provide meals for members of our church and community who are sick or facing challenging times. Whether you'd like to cook a meal or assist with delivery, your contribution would be greatly appreciated. If you're interested, please contact Pastor. Your kindness can make a real difference in sharing Christ's love! If you know of someone who could benefit from a meal during a difficult time, please let Pastor know so we can organize a meal for them.

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Apostles' Creed: p. 192

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: 557 "Seek Where You May to Find a Way"

P: In the name of The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.

A: Amen

Sermon:

P: The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen

Rise

Offertory: p.192

Be seated

Offering p.192

Rise

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer: p.196

Concluding Collect

Salutation and Benedicamus p.201

Benediction p.202

Be Seated

Closing Hymn: 728 "How Firm a Foundation"

Kids Message:

Announcements for the week of September 27th, 2026

FALL FESTIVAL:

- Is soon approaching on Sunday, October 25th! Please check out the Narthex Table for Sign Up sheets, Flyers, & Donation Request Forms. FILL UP the Sign Up sheets for working! Take as many Flyers & Donation Request Forms for the Silent Auction as you can use, hang up & give flyers to people, and please help us by donating items yourself & requesting donations from businesses and people. The Holiday Store also needs items that will be priced & sold, please donate any goods. The Stewardship & Evangelism Committee is working hard & we need your help.

Sunday School:

- There is still time to Sign Kids up for Sunday School, sign up sheet is on the Narthex table.

August Financial Summary

Receipts:	\$7,377.15
Disbursements:	\$9,458.37
Deficit:	\$2,081.22
July Balance:	\$6,902.39
August 31 Balance:	\$4,821.17

Looking at the Church budget we need \$2,168 weekly to cover our expenses.

Sunday September 13 received	\$588	Sunday September 20 received	\$
Need to meet budget	\$2,168	Need to meet Budget	\$2,168
Balance	\$1,580	Balance	\$

Mark your Calendars for the following meetings/actives happening at Church:

- ◆ Council Meeting October, 12th @ 7:00pm
- ◆ Fall Festive October, 25th @ 11:00am -1pm
- ◆ Voter's Meeting October, 26th @7:00pm

Have A BLESSED Week!

Congregation at Prayer: A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer

Week 8: September 28-October 2

Catechetical Theme: How Can Water Do Such Great Things?

Today's Bible story comes from 2 Kings, and helps to illustrate both the power of God's Word to accomplish what He promises, as well as the nature of faith, which receives what God desires to give. Naaman the leper needed healing. Through Elisha the prophet the LORD had promised to give that healing. At first, Naaman would reject what God had offered, the very thing that he needed. He wanted to see some miraculous sign, or to be able to contribute something to his healing. But by rejecting what God had offered, he would have remained in his leprosy. Thankfully, his servants talked some sense into him, and he would later receive what the LORD had promised. And though Naaman rejected, the LORD was faithful to His promise to deliver healing. The Word of the LORD, attached to water, was powerful, and did the very thing the LORD had promised it to do. This week we'll continue to discover how the Word of God can do such marvelous things in Holy Baptism. God bless your time in His Word!

Catechism: How Can Water Do Such Great Things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter 3:

"He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, Pre+ whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (Titus 3:5-8)

Readings for the Week

September 28: Monday Titus 3:4-8a – The Washing of Rebirth and Renewal
September 29: Tuesday Ephesians 5:25-27 – He Might Sanctify and Cleanse Her
September 30: Wednesday (Chapel) 2 Kings 5:1-14 – Naaman Is Washed
October 1: Thursday 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 – He Is a New Creation
October 2: Friday Isaiah 43:1 – I Have Called You By Name

Questions to Discuss in the Home and Classroom

Mon: Who does this passage teach has saved us? What word in the text makes us think of Holy Baptism?

Tues: Who does the sanctifying and cleansing? What should the word "cleansing" make us think of? How is a person sanctified? From what is a person sanctified?

Wed: Where was the power to heal Naaman? What would have happened if Naaman would have continued in his rejection? How does the water do such great things?

Thurs: Baptism puts us into Christ (Romans 6). What does this passage indicate happens in Holy Baptism? How is this possible?

Fri: How does this passage teach us to appreciate what happens when God's name is placed upon us in Holy Baptism? What is it important to have God's name upon us?

Verse of the Week: Titus 3:5-6

He saved us...by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Hymn of the Season: Children of the Heavenly Father (LSB 725)