

**8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026
Outdoor Hymn Sing**

GATHERING SONG

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733 vs. 1, 2

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God
my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with
thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions
they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt
be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is
thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I
see;
all I have needed thy hand hath
provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto
me!

2 Summer and winter and
springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their
courses above
join with all nature in manifold
witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and
love. Refrain

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

HYMN

ELW 697

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee,
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
daily walking close to thee,
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1 I am weak but thou art strong:
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Refrain

2 Through this world of toil and
snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but
thee. Refrain

3 When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.
Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Faithful God,
**most merciful judge, you care for
your children with firmness and
compassion. By your Spirit
nurture us who live in your
kingdom, that we may be rooted
in the way of your Son, Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

PSALM

Psalm 86:11-17 MSG

Train me, God, to walk straight;
then I'll follow your true path.
Put me together, one heart and
mind; then, undivided, I'll worship
in joyful fear.

**From the bottom of my heart I
thank you, dear Lord; I've never
kept secret what you're up to.**
You've always been great toward
me—what love! You snatched me
from the brink of disaster!
**God, these bullies have reared
their heads! A gang of thugs is
after me—and they don't care a
thing about you.**

But you, O God, are both tender and
kind, not easily angered, immense
in love, and you never, never quit.
**So look me in the eye and show
kindness, give your servant the
strength to go on, save your dear,
dear child!**

Make a show of how much you love
me so the bullies who hate me will
stand there slack-jawed, As you,
God, gently and powerfully put me
back on my feet.

[MSG] The Message
Copyright © 1993, 2002, 2018
by Eugene H. Peterson

HYMN **ELW 638 vs. 1 & 2**
Blessed Assurance

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his
blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect
delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my
sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
Refrain

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

This Little Light of Mine

ELW 677 vs. 1-2

1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a
let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a
let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a
let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it
shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it
shine;
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it
shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

GOSPEL:

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The holy gospel according to
Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds]
another parable: "The kingdom of
heaven may be compared to
someone who sowed good seed in
his field,²⁵ but while everybody was
asleep an enemy came and sowed
weeds among the wheat and then
went away. ²⁶ So when the plants
came up and bore grain, then the
weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the

slaves of the householder came and
said to him, 'Master, did you not
sow good seed in your field? Where,
then, did these weeds come from?'

²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done
this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then
do you want us to go and gather
them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in
gathering the weeds you would
uproot the wheat along with them.
³⁰ Let both of them grow together
until the harvest, and at harvest
time I will tell the reapers, Collect
the weeds first and bind them in
bundles to be burned, but gather
the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and
went into the house. And his
disciples approached him, saying,
"Explain to us the parable of the
weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered,
"The one who sows the good seed is
the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the
world, and the good seed are the
children of the kingdom; the weeds
are the children of the evil one,
³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is
the devil; the harvest is the end of
the age, and the reapers are angels.
⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected
and burned up with fire, so will it be
at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of
Man will send his angels, and they
will collect out of his kingdom all
causes of sin and all evildoers,
⁴² and they will throw them into the
furnace of fire, where there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth.
⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like
the sun in the kingdom of their
Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "Deep Seeded Grace"
Pastor Tim Malek

HYMN OF THE DAY **WOV 778**
O Christ the Same

1 O Christ the same, through all our
story's pages--
our loves and hopes, our failures
and our fears;
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,
unchanging still amid the passing
years: *cont.*

O living Word, the source of all
creation,
who spread the skies and set the
stars ablaze;
O Christ the same, who wrought our
whole salvation,
we bring our thanks for all our
yesterdays.

2 O Christ the same, the friend of
sinners, sharing
our inmost thoughts, the secrets
none can hide;
still as of old upon your body
bearing
the marks of love in triumph
glorified.

O Son of Man, who stooped for us
from heaven--

O Prince of life, in all your saving
power;

O Christ the same, to whom our
hearts are given:
we bring our thanks for this the
present hour.

3 O Christ the same, secure within
whose keeping
our lives and loves, our days and
years remain;
our work and rest, our waking and
our sleeping,
our calm and storm, our pleasure
and our pain:

O Lord of love, for all our joys and
sorrows,
for all our hopes when earth shall
fade and flee;

O Christ the same, beyond our brief
tomorrows,
we bring our thanks for all that is to
be.

HYMN **ELW 623 vs. 1 & 4**
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you
always. **And also with you.**

MUSIC DURING OFFERING

***Children of the Heavenly
Father***

ELW 781

1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

2 God his own doth tend and
nourish,
in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them,
in his mighty arms he bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our
hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share
freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your
abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us
now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's steadfast love for
all God has made, let us pray for the
church, the world, and all of
creation.

God our source, protect your church
from those who sow weeds among
the wheat. Where we trade grace for
judgment, restore us, and where we
get lost among the complexities of
life, guide us.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our creator, sustain creation in
places not easily seen; the depths of
oceans, microscopic plants and
animals, galaxies beyond our own.

May we share earth's dedication to hope for what we do not yet see.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our soil, we yearn to live on your lands and waters with justice and in righteousness. Renew the hearts of all in authority, that our leaders guide wisely toward the flourishing of all.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our rock, be a source of constancy for those whose lives have been uprooted by war, eviction, global climate change, unemployment, harassment, false witness to their character, or illness or injury. (*We pray especially for . . .*)
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our teacher, guide and provide for all summer camp staff and campers, daycare professionals, librarians, summer school educators and coaches, teachers preparing for the coming academic year, and youth becoming first-time babysitters.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God our hope, the message of your salvation is planted among us in all times and places. We give you thanks for the witness of all the saints who shine like the sun in your presence.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

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.**

HYMN ELW 752 *sing twice* *Lord, Listen to Your Children* *Praying*

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEE END OF HANDOUT

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✚ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* (ELW 774)

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, (Leaning on Jesus,
leaning on Jesus,)
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, (leaning on Jesus,
leaning on Jesus,)
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Refrain

OUR MISSION

We are disciples of Jesus Christ
**called to grow in Christ and to
invite all to follow Him.**

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share
the good news! **Thanks be to God.**
© 2026 Augsburg Fortress All rights reserved
From Sundaysandseasons.com

Copyrights

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960
Text © 1923, ren. 1951 Hope
Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL
60188. All rights reserved. Used by
permission.
Duplication in any form prohibited
without permission or valid license
from copyright administrator.

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Text: North American traditional

Blessed Assurance

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

This Little Light of Mine

Text: African American spiritual

O Christ the Same

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926
© 1984 Hope Publishing Co. All rights
reserved.
Duplication in any form prohibited
without permission or valid license
from copyright administrator.

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778

Children of the Heavenly Father

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-
1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958
Text © 1925 Board of Publication,
Lutheran Church in America, admin.
Augsburg Fortress.
Duplication in any form prohibited
without permission or valid license
from copyright administrator.

**Lord, Listen To Your Children
Praying**

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943
Text © 1973 Hope Publishing
Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All
rights reserved. Used by permission.
Duplication in any form prohibited
without permission or valid license
from copyright administrator.

**What a Fellowship, What a Joy
Diving**

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929

ST. PETRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 19, 2026

Our Mission:

**We are disciples of Jesus Christ,
called to grow in Christ,
and to invite all to follow him.**

~ In Our Thoughts and Prayers ~

OUR PRAYER LIST

The Family of Scott Crosbie (Paul &
Karen Jacobson's nephew),
Kay Disbrowe, Larry Reisetter,
Jaye Anderson

PRAYERS OF ONGOING CONCERN

Judy Schnurstein, Linda Fevold,
Paul Wiersen

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT NEAR
TO US**

Pat & Jacqueline Bencke-Japan ELCA
Missionaries; Soldiers; Peace Workers;
& Humanitarian Aid Workers; For
those in Ukraine and Russia

PRAYERS OF CELEBRATION

Baptism anniversaries this week:

Danny Hobbs, Tyler Hobbs,
Kevin Patterson, Kian Bauman,
Tyler Lamoreux

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETRI

Today July 19

9:00 a.m. **Outdoor** Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship

Monday July 20

AUG. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

10:30 a.m. No Staff Meeting

Tuesday July 21

Wednesday July 22

Thursday July 23

Friday July 24

Saturday July 25

Sunday July 26

9:00 a.m. Worship Service-Guest

Preacher *Pastor Jen Thomas, Ast. to the
Bishop for Shared Ministry/Development*

10:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship

Lost & Found – Please check the Lost &
Found on the north end of the
Fellowship Hall. There are a lot of good
items there that you may be missing.

Quarterly Contribution Statements

are ready for you to pick up! They are in
the fellowship hall.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. St. Petri will donate \$500 of school supplies to Roland-Story Community School through "Blast Back to School" at United Way. St. Petri would also like to collect school supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. If you would like to donate, each LWR School Kit needs:

- four 70-80 sheet spiral notebooks, no loose leaf
- one 30 centimeter ruler (one side can have inches)
- one pencil sharpener
- five unsharpened #2 pencils
- five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- one box of 16 or 24 crayons
- one 2 ½ inch eraser

I will have a box to collect these supplies outside the Office, you can donate any way you want, for example you might choose to donate 6 pencil sharpeners or 6 boxes of crayons. Thanks in advance for your donation.

Senior Variety Show Presents – STARSTRUCK Stage & Screen

August 14th at 7 pm and August 15th at 2pm

at the Ames City Auditorium 520 6th St., Ames, IA

General admission \$10 in advance/\$12 at door

Ticket online QR Code or these locations:

Ames Locations:

Worldly Goods 223 Main St.

Burgies Coffee North 2701 Stange Rd.

RSVP 205 S. Walnut

Story City Location:

RSVP 503 Elm Ave.

Nevada Location:

Bricktown Bakery 1136 6th St.



St. Petri Contributions

General Fund

July 5, 2026 \$3,369. Attend: 43

July 12, 2026 \$4,548. Attend: 58

End of June 2026

income/expense -\$4,439.40

2026 YTD -\$6,247.68



SERVANTS AMONG US

Fin. Comm: Nancy Carlson, Diana Keech

Parish Fin. Secretary/Newsletter:

Veronica Wright

Custodian: Deb Lancaster

Assist. Minister: Outdoor Worship

Lector: Outdoor Worship

Children Sermon: Pastor Tim

Pianist/Organist: Abby Patterson

Livestream/Ppoint/Sound:

Tim Patterson, Pat Murken

Head Usher: John Hinz

Ushers: Kevin & Diana Keech

Coffee Time: Kevin & Diana Keech

Pastor Tim Malek

Pastor's phone number:

515-598-6635

Pastor's email address:

pastor@stpetri.org

Church Office

515-733-4623

E-mail address:

stpetrilutheran@stpetri.org

Website: www.stpetri.org

Facebook: St. Petri Lutheran Church