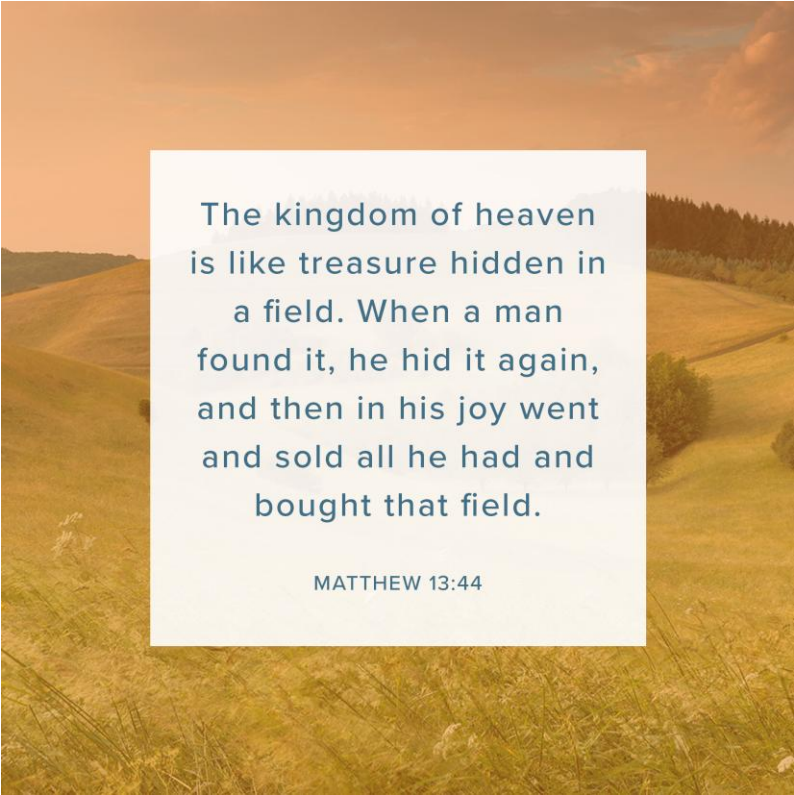




The kingdom of heaven
is like treasure hidden in
a field. When a man
found it, he hid it again,
and then in his joy went
and sold all he had and
bought that field.

MATTHEW 13:44

St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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July 26, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

Rev. Danny Eggold, Senior Pastor
Rev. Adam McDowell, Associate Pastor
Rev. Nathan Widener, Associate Pastor & Director of Community of Care
Rev. James Sharp, Missionary to Puerto Rico
Tim Degen, Director of Music & Organist
Chris Brune, Principal
Barb Christian, Preschool Director

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

PRELUDE

“I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”

arr. Bernard Wayne Sanders

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

#906

(We rise for stanza 4.)

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

(The 8:00 service continues with the Confession & Absolution on page 4.)

✠ ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM ✠

(10:30)

P Our Lord commanded Baptism when He said: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

God’s Word tells us that we are all conceived and born sinful and are in need of forgiveness. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But Jesus took away our sin through His death on the cross. In Baptism He clothes us with the robe of His righteousness and gives us a new life.

Drew and Allison: In obedience to Christ's command and trusting in His promise, you have brought Jordan to be baptized. As he grow in years, will you place in his hands the Holy Scriptures, bring him to the services of worship in God's house, and provide for his further instruction in the Christian faith, that abiding in his baptismal grace and in communion with the Church, he may grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ? If so, then answer by saying, "Yes."

R Yes.

P Jordan David Kalsto, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ, the crucified.

P Let us join in the prayer our Lord has taught us:

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.

RITE OF BAPTISM

P Let us all, together with the parents, faithfully speak in testimony of the forgiveness of sins and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows in and through Baptism.

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C I do renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C Yes, I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
C Yes, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
C Yes, 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.

(We are seated.)

The Baptism of Jordan David Kalsto

Jordan is the son of Drew and Allison (Dick) Kalsto

P Jordan David Kalsto, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P May the Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the
new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins; strengthen you
with His grace to life everlasting.

C Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

- P** Jordan: receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the light of the world. Live always by the Light of Christ, for Jesus said, “Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will always have the light of life.”

CONGREGATION’S PLEDGE

- P** Fellow Members of God’s Kingdom: Through Baptism, God has made Jordan His own precious child. Will you welcome him into the Lord’s family? Will you receive him as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and help him grow in the faith of his baptism, so he may join us in proclaiming the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light? If so, then answer by saying, “Yes.”

C Yes.

- P** May God enable us all to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C Amen.

BLESSING

- P** Jordan: Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, by your Baptism has made you His dear child. May He strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

C Amen.

BAPTISM HYMN **“All Who Believe and Are Baptized”** **#601**

(The 10:30 service continues with the Opening Versicles at the bottom of page 5.)

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION (8:00)

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **Who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

P Almighty God,
C **Have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF PRAYER and PREACHING ✠

(LSB, pg. 260)

(10:30 – We rise.)

OPENING VERSICLES

P This is the day which the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C Teach me Your paths.

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C Your Word is truth.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C 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.

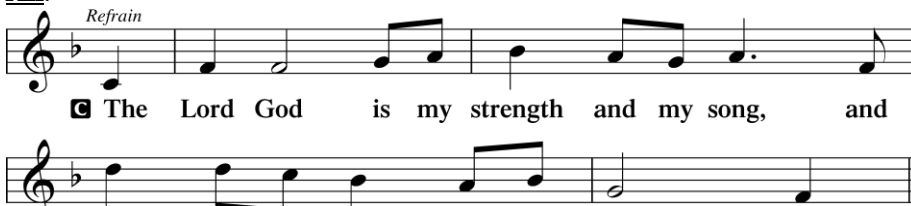
OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE ~ *Isaiah 12:2b-8*

(LSB, pgs. 261-262)

Soloist: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

All:

Refrain



C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

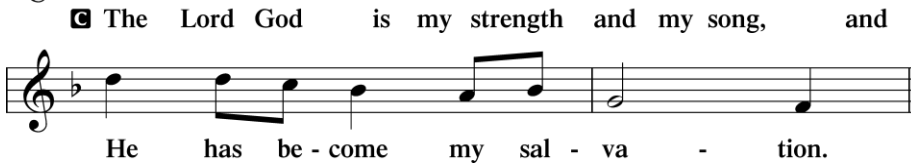
Soloist: With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say in that day:
“Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,
make known His deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that His name is exalted.”

All:

Refrain



☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Soloist:

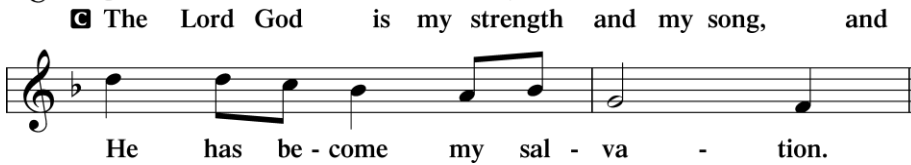
Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion,
For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

All:

Refrain



☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Soloist:

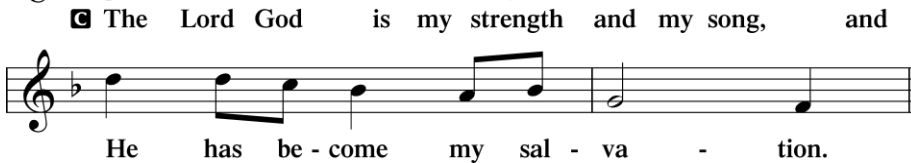
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

All:

Refrain



☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

(We are seated.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalms 125

P Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

C As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.

P For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous,
lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

C Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts!

P But those who turn aside to their crooked ways
the LORD will lead away with evildoers! Peace be upon Israel!

C 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.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:28-39

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(We rise.)

CELTIC ALLELUIA

#952

(Sung once by the soloist. / Then once by all.)



HOLY GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:44-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

APOSTLES' CREED *(8:00)*

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

(We are seated.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”

#651

SERMON

“Buried Treasure”

Text: Matthew 13:44-52 – Seminarian Christian Salemink

**RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and
GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS**

VOLUNTARY

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

arr. Donald Johns

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P** Merciful Father,
C We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(We rise.)

PRAYERS

- P** Trusting in God's steadfast love for all He has made, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all creation.

(A brief silence.)

- P** Lord, our Wisdom and our Song, we pray for all pastors, teachers, church workers, and all who seek to lead Your disciples in new ways. Grant them faithfulness, courage, and joy in their service. Lord, in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

- P** Lord, the Giver of Life, help us to recognize signs of Your presence among us. Protect and sustain the diversity of Your creation, from national parks to family farms, from ranches to wild places. Lord, in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

- P** Lord, our Prince of Peace and righteous Judge, help civic leaders hear the stories of all their people with compassion and humility. Remind us of Your love in Christ, from which nothing can separate us. Lord, in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, dismantle the barriers to care faced by all who live with chronic illness, mobility struggles, pain, and uncertainty. Grant relief, strength, and faithful companions to those who suffer (*especially for...*). Lord, in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

P Lord, our Redeemer and Savior, teach us to trust Your love above all that distracts, annoys, frightens, exhausts, or divides us. Fix our hearts upon You and unite us in Your mercy and peace. Lord, in Your mercy
C **Hear our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

P Lord, who seeks and saves the lost, we give You thanks for our congregation's part in the ongoing gift of Your creation and for the riches of faith and hope handed down to us by those who have gone before *(especially...)*. Keep us faithful in the witness they have given. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

P Grateful for Your abundant provision and trusting in Your goodness, we cast all our cares upon You, heavenly Father, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *(8:00)*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.**

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

(We are seated.)

GRADUATION BLESSING

P Dear friends: Graduation is one of the significant milestones in life that sets the stage for the next phase in our earthly journey. Today we wish to honor those who are moving through this special time of accomplishment, and to show them that we at St. Peter's stand with them and support them as fellow believers in Jesus Christ.

At this time of celebration and transition, hear these words from holy scripture: Psalm 71:1, 5. "In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame! For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth."

Dear graduates: As fellow members of this church we rejoice with you and want you to know of our excitement as you move from this accomplishment to a career, college, trades, and the military. We also want you to know that you are going forward with our prayers for God's continued guidance, power, protection, and strength.

(We rise.)

P Members and friends, will you promise to keep these graduates and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they go forth into the future?

C **We will with the help of God.**

P Will you, as fellow believers in Jesus Christ, promise to help these young people as need and opportunity arise?

C **We will with the help of God.**

- P** Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, Your guiding hand has continually been upon these young people. You have given them times of laughter and wiped away their tears. You have offered direction, hope and your Holy Spirit to lift them up. Grant, O Savior, the knowledge of your continued presence as they go forth into the future. Guide their steps. Bless them and keep them now and forever.
- C** Amen.

BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.
- P** The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit bless and preserve You.
- C** Amen.
- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

(We are seated.)

CLOSING HYMN

“Seek Ye First”

#712

POSTLUDE

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

arr. Donald Busarow