



St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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August 9, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

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THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

August 9, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

PRELUDE

Variations on “Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

arr. Donald Rotermund

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me”

#715

(10:30 – We rise.)

INVOCATION

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

(The 10:30 service continues with the Confession & Absolution on page 5.)

✠ ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM ✠

(8:00)

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.

Gabriel and Andrea: In obedience to Christ's command and trusting in His promise, you have brought Navy Elizabeth to be baptized. As she grows in years, will you place in her hands the Holy Scriptures, bring her to the services of worship in God's house, and provide for her further instruction in the Christian faith, that abiding in her baptismal grace and in communion with the Church, she 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 Navy Elizabeth, 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 and sponsors, 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.**

The Baptism of Navy Elizabeth Panyard

Navy is the daughter of Gabriel and Andrea (Hoffman) Panyard

Her sponsors are Luke Hoffman and Robin Kovacs

P

Navy Elizabeth Panyard, 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** Navy: 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.”

SPONSOR’S PLEDGE

- P** Luke and Robin: Having witnessed Navy’s baptism, will you remember her in your prayers, remind her that she is a baptized child of God, and, as much as you are able, give your counsel and aid, especially if she should lose her parents that she be brought up in the true knowledge and worship of God? If so, then answer by saying, “Yes.”
- R** Yes.

CONGREGATION’S PLEDGE

- P** Fellow Members of God’s Kingdom: Through Baptism, God has made Navy His own precious child. Will you welcome her into the Lord’s family? Will you receive her as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and help her grow in the faith of her baptism, so she 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** Navy Elizabeth: 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.

(The 8:00 service continues with the Opening Versicles at the bottom of page 5.)

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION (10:30)

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)

(8:00 – 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)

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

Job 38:4-18

⁴[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹and said, “Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed”? ¹²“Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? ¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. ¹⁶“Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? ¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? ¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“O Love, How Deep” (*LSB #544*)

Scott Noble, Soloist

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!

For us baptized, for us He bore His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp he knew; For us the tempter overthrew.

For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shame-full cross and death; for us He gave His dying breath.

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 10:5-17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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 14:22-33

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

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

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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 *(10:30)*

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.

*(10:30 – During the Hymn of the Day, children age 3 through first grade are invited
to attend “Kids of the Kingdom” children’s church. They will return following the sermon.)*

(We are seated.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

#717

*(In place of the regular stanzas 2 & 3, we will sing stanzas 2 & 3
from the original Navy Hymn on the facing page of the hymnal.)*

SERMON

“A Walk with Peter”

Text: Matthew 14:22-33 – Pastor Nathan Widener

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING HYMN

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

#739

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** With bold trust in the Lord who rules over creation, hears the cries of his people, and saves those who call upon him, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.

(A brief silence.)

- P** Lord Jesus, Your Word is near, and through it You create faith. Bless Your Church throughout the world, and strengthen all pastors, missionaries, and servants of the Gospel to proclaim Your saving name with courage and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

- P** Creator of heaven and earth, You laid the foundations of the world and set the boundaries of the sea. Preserve Your creation, protect those affected by storms and natural disasters, and make us faithful stewards of all You have made. Lord, in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

- P** O Lord, our Rock and our Deliverer, hear the cries of all who call upon You. Grant wisdom and integrity to all who govern, and protect those who serve our communities and nation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Lord Jesus, You reached out Your hand and caught Peter when he began to sink. Uphold all who struggle amid the storms of life, especially those who are sick, grieving, lonely, fearful, or in any need (*especially...*). Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Faithful Savior, You came to Your disciples saying, “Take heart; it is I; do not be afraid.” Bless this congregation and all its ministries, that we may trust Your presence, serve our neighbors in love, and bear faithful witness to Your Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Gracious Father, Your voice calls us to come to You in faith, and through Your Word You make disciples of every generation. Bless the ministry of Christian education in St. Peter’s Day School and Preschool. Strengthen our students, faculty, staff, parents, and all who teach the faith, that Your Word may dwell richly among us and bear fruit in faithful lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P God of our salvation, You hear Your saints and keep them forever (*especially...*). We thank You for all who have died in the faith, and keep us steadfast until we rejoice with them in Your eternal kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER (10:30)

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.)

(10:30)

INSTALLATION OF
MRS. JANET BAHR as ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
MRS. DIANNA BULTEMEIER as PRESCHOOL TEACHER

REDEDICATION OF ST. PETER'S FACULTY & STAFF

BACKPACK BLESSING

P After a few months of rest and recuperation during the summer, we have come to the beginning of another exciting school year. Therefore, we ask God to bless all learning and teaching and help us all to treasure the wisdom of His salvation. As Proverbs 2 reminds us, "the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding." It is good that we ask God to bless our students because each approaches school in different ways. Some with excitement and some with anxiety.

There are fun experiences and new responsibilities. Each school year brings with it changes and opportunities.

All students, of any age, please stand. We want to pray for you and ask God to bless you. Parents and other caregivers of these students, please stand and place a hand on your child, youth, or young adult. Congregation as well, please rise and place your hand on a student, if there is one near enough, during the prayer.

P Let us pray. Almighty God,
C **You are full of wisdom and love, and you have given creation to know and use properly. In the scriptures you gave prophets to teach your commands and divine love. And you sent us your Son to teach us by word and example that true wisdom comes from you alone. Be with these students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that during this school year they may devote themselves to their studies and grow in the spiritual gifts you give them. May their hearts be filled with your love and come to know and be strengthened in the faith of your salvation. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

P We are all students sitting at the feet of our Lord learning from His word. Let us all remember that we continue to grow in the Spirit of God. Let us together pray using King David's words from Psalm 25:
C **Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation. 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 *(This is our 2026-2027 theme hymn for St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School.)*

“One in Christ and One in Spirit”

(Tune: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”)

One in Christ and one in Spirit, one in Christian unity.
From our Father, we inherit life with Him eternally.
Made anew in Word and water, freed from death and cleansed from sin.
Perfect son and holy daughter – hearts made pure and whole within.

Christian sisters, Christian brothers, reaching out to those in need,
We proclaim Good News to others as we boldly share our creed.
In our learning and our growing, we are strengthened in the Word.
In our coming and our going, we live out what we have heard.

One in Christ, now and forever, with one voice, we gladly sing.
Neither life nor death can sever Christians from their loving King.
As we learn of His salvation, may we tell of Jesus' grace
To each future generation at all times, in ev'ry place.

POSTLUDE

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

arr. Rodger Kalbfleisch