



St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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August 30, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

PRELUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in G Major”

J.S. Bach

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Come, Follow Me’, the Savior Spake” #688

(We rise.)

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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)

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)

(The congregation sings the entire canticle.)

Refrain

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

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

With joy will you draw wa - ter from the

wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that

day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,

make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -

claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

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

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
glo - rious-ly; let this be made known in all the
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -
hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the
Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will
be for - ev - er. A - men.
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

Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- P** Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.
- C** **Prove me, O LORD, and try me;**
test my heart and my mind.
- P** For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in your faithfulness.
- C** **I do not sit with men of falsehood,**
nor do I consort with hypocrites.
- P** I hate the assembly of evildoers,
and I will not sit with the wicked.
- C** **I wash my hands in innocence**
and go around your altar, O LORD,
- P** Proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.
- C** **O LORD, I love the habitation of your house**
and the place where your glory dwells.
- P** Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
- C** **In whose hands are evil devices,**
and whose right hands are full of bribes.
- P** But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.
- C** **My foot stands on level ground;**
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
C **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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 16:21-28

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

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

“Jesus, Lead Thou On”

#718

SERMON

“Lost and Found”

Text: Matthew 16:21-28 – Pastor Nathan Widener

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

VOLUNTARY

“Christ Be My Leader”

arr. Paul Manz

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 confidence in the Father's steadfast love and unfailing promises, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their needs.

(A brief silence.)

- P** Faithful Father, strengthen Your Church throughout the world. Anchor its mission and ministry in the love of Christ. When Your people face opposition or hardship, grant them courage to take up the cross and follow Your Son in faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

- P** Creator of heaven and earth, preserve the earth and all that lives and grows upon it. Bring relief to places afflicted by drought, flood, fire, storm, and other disasters. Teach us to live in harmony with Your creation and to care faithfully for all that You have entrusted to us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

- P** Righteous Father, guide the nations and all who exercise authority. Bless the work of those who seek peace, protect the innocent, and serve the common good. Restrain violence, frustrate the plans of those who delight in evil, and lead us to overcome evil with good. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

- P** Compassionate Father, provide food for the hungry, water for the thirsty, shelter for the homeless, and care for the sick. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, or spirit *(especially those whom we have named and those we name before You in our hearts...)*. Give patience in suffering, strength in weakness, and hope to all who wait for Your help. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

- P** God of steadfast love, bless this congregation and unite us in faith and purpose. Guide our pastors, leaders, committees, study groups, and all who serve among us. Make us constant in prayer, patient in tribulation, generous in hospitality, and eager to honor

and serve one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Merciful Father, be with Pastor McDowell as he deliberates concerning his calls to serve in Idaho, Ohio, and Massachusetts, and his continued service at St. Peter's. Grant him wisdom, clarity, and peace as he listens to Your Word, seeks faithful counsel, and considers the needs of his family and the congregations. Guide his decision according to Your purposes, strengthen all who await his decision, and prepare them to receive his answer with faith and trust in Your provision. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

P Eternal Father, we give You thanks for all who have died trusting in Christ. Strengthen us through their witness and keep us in the faith until Your Son comes in glory. Grant that, with all Your saints, we may rejoice forever in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O heavenly 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

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.

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 remain standing.)

CLOSING HYMN

“Christ Be My Leader”

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POSTLUDE

“Fugue in C”

G.F. Handel