

## **St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School**

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September 6, 2025 – 5:00pm  
September 7, 2025 – 10:30am

Rev. Daniel Eggold, Senior Pastor  
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# THE THIRTEENTH WEEKEND AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2025 – 5:00pm

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

## “No Higher Calling”

*(Praise Team)*

Down at Your feet, O Lord, is the most high place.

In Your presence, Lord, I seek Your face.

I seek Your face.

There is no higher calling, no greater honor

Than to bow and kneel before Your throne.

I'm amazed at Your glory, embraced by Your mercy,

O Lord, I live to worship You.

*(All)*

Down at Your feet, O Lord, is the most high place.

In Your presence, Lord, we seek Your face.

We seek Your face.

There is no higher calling, no greater honor

Than to bow and kneel before Your throne.

I'm amazed at Your glory, embraced by Your mercy,

O Lord, I live to worship You. O Lord, I live to worship You.

O Lord, I live to worship You.

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING SONG

## “Rescue”

*(Soloist)*

You are not hidden  
There's never been a moment  
You were forgotten  
You are not hopeless  
Though you have been broken  
Your innocence stolen  
I hear you whisper underneath your breath  
I hear your SOS, your SOS

*(Praise Team)*

I will send out an army to find you  
In the middle of the darkest night  
It's true, I will rescue you

***(All)***

**I will send out an army to find you  
In the middle of the darkest night  
It's true, I will rescue you**

*(Soloist)*

There is no distance  
That cannot be covered  
Over and over  
You're not defenseless  
I'll be your shelter  
I'll be your armor  
I hear you whisper underneath your breath  
I hear your SOS, your SOS

*(All)*

I will send out an army to find you  
In the middle of the darkest night  
It's true, I will rescue you  
I will never stop marching to reach you  
In the middle of the hardest fight  
It's true, I will rescue you


*(Soloists)*

I hear the whisper underneath your breath  
I hear you whisper, you have nothing left

*(All)*

I will send out an army to find you  
In the middle of the darkest night  
It's true, I will rescue you  
I will never stop marching to reach you  
In the middle of the hardest fight  
It's true, I will rescue you  
Oh, I will rescue you

## INVOCATION and OPENING VERSES

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. (*Deuteronomy 30:15*)

**C** The LORD knows the way of the righteous. (*Psalms 1:6a*)

**P** Therefore choose life, loving the LORD your God. (*Deuteronomy 30:19b*)

**C** Blessed is the man whose delight is in the law of the LORD. (*Psalms 1:1-2, adapted*)

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

**P** Dearly beloved, in order that we may receive life and good from God we must first confess our ways of death and evil. Our sin lures us to the way of loneliness and death. We confess our sin in the faith and hope of the promised forgiveness of our sin for the sake of Jesus Christ.

*(Silence for reflection.)*

**P** I confess to almighty God,  
**C** and to you my brothers and sisters that I have sinned in my thoughts, words, and deeds, and chosen the way of death and evil. In sincere sorrow God's gift of faith moves me to plead for forgiveness and the earnest desire to choose life and good for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Lord.

**P** Love the Lord your God, obey His voice and hold fast to Him, for He is your life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I pronounce to You His word and promise: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray together:  
**C** O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the

commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY

## Psalm 1

**P** Blessèd is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**C** **but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

**P** He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

**C** **The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

**P** Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**C** **for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**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.**

## SONG OF RESPONSE

## “I Will Delight in the Word of the Lord”

*(Sung once by Praise Team / Then once by All)*

I will delight in the Word of the Lord,  
I will meditate day and night.  
Then like a tree firmly planted I'll be,  
Grounded in Your Word.  
Blessed is the one who follows the way of the Lord,  
Blessed is the one.

## EPISTLE READING *(This is all but 4 verses of the entire book of Philemon.)* **Philemon 1-21**

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup>and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, <sup>6</sup>and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. <sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup>yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. <sup>15</sup>For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. <sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want

some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL READING

**Luke 14:25-35**

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

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

<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. <sup>34</sup>“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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



## SONG OF RESPONSE

## “I Surrender All”

*(Praise Team)*

All to Jesus I surrender; all to Him I freely give.  
I will ever love and trust Him; in His presence daily live.  
I surrender all, I surrender all.  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

*(All)*

All to Jesus I surrender; humbly at His feet I bow.  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken; take me, Jesus, take me now.  
I surrender all, I surrender all.  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to Thee.  
Fill me with Thy love and power; let Thy blessing fall on me.  
I surrender all, I surrender all.  
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

## SERMON

## “A Life-Giving Sacrifice”

Text: Luke 14:25-35 – Pastor Daniel Eggold

## NICENE CREED

**C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both  
the living and the dead,  
Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

### **OFFERING SONG                    “I Will Offer Up My Life”**

*(Praise Team)*

I will offer up my life in spirit and truth  
Pouring out the oil of love, as my worship to you

In surrender I must give my every part  
Lord, receive the sacrifice of a broken heart.

Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring  
To so faithful a Friend, to so loving a King?  
Savior, what can be said, what can be sung  
As a praise of Your name for the things You have done?  
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part  
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart.

*(All)*

**I will offer up my life in spirit and truth  
Pouring out the oil of love, as my worship to you  
In surrender I must give my every part  
Lord, receive the sacrifice of a broken heart.**

Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring  
To so faithful a Friend, to so loving a King?  
Savior, what can be said, what can be sung  
As a praise of Your name for the things You have done?  
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part  
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart.

**You deserve my every breath, for You've paid the great cost  
Giving up your life to death, even death on the cross  
You took all my shame away, there defeated my sin  
Open up the gates of heav'n and have beckoned me in.**

Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring  
To so faithful a Friend, to so loving a King?  
Savior, what can be said, what can be sung  
As a praise of Your name for the things You have done?  
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part  
Of the debt of love that is owed by this thankful heart.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P** Blessed Lord, all things are Yours and You have richly supplied us with the blessing of time, with talents and abilities, with the gift of labor and the income it provides. Receive our thanks for all Your gifts, and accept these tithes and offerings we bring as part of the worship of our hearts and our sacrifice of praise. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** You have granted us great privilege and mercy, O Lord, that we should be called Your people. Work in us by Your Spirit, that we may love what is good and obey Your command cheerfully. Keep us from an easy faith that costs us nothing, and preserve us so that we may be the salt of the earth and light in the darkness of a world that does not know You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, bless this congregation and all congregations of our Synod; Matthew, our Synod president; Richard, our district president; and all servants of the Church, that they would be strengthened to cherish each member of Christ's Body as dearly beloved brothers and sisters. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Give Your aid, O Lord, to all elected and appointed public officials, especially our president, the Congress of these United States, our governor, the legislature of this state and all who serve us in Your name in government. Grant peace to the nations, and prosper to the benefit of all people the cause of justice. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** God, our King, You promise blessing to those who follow in Your way, yet You also call them to carry their crosses. Grant Your peace to those who suffer among us. Guide them by Your Word to follow Your way through the pains of this world to the glories of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

**P** Gracious God, grant that all who come to the Lord's Supper this day may in faith receive Your Son's body and blood and with it the forgiveness of sins, the desire to amend our sinful lives, and the strength to confess the true faith in all that we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

**P** Join these, our prayers and praises, with those of Your faithful servants of every time and place, and unite them in the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest, until He comes again in power and glory as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, 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.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

## THE PEACE OF OUR LORD

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### COMMUNION SONGS

#### “I Speak Jesus”

*(Solo)*

I just want to speak the name of Jesus  
Over every heart and every mind  
‘Cause I know there is peace within Your presence  
I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the name of Jesus  
‘Til every dark addiction starts to break  
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom  
I speak Jesus

*(Praise Team)*

Your Name is power  
Your Name is healing  
Your Name is life  
Break every stronghold  
Shine through the shadows  
Burn like a fire

*(All)*

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus  
Over fear and all anxiety  
To every soul held captive by depression  
I speak Jesus

**Your Name is power  
Your Name is healing  
Your Name is life  
Break every stronghold  
Shine through the shadows  
Burn like a fire**

*(Praise Team)*

**Shout Jesus from the mountains  
Jesus in the streets  
Jesus in the darkness over every enemy  
Jesus for my family  
I speak the Holy Name: Jesus**

*(All)*

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Jesus in the streets  
Jesus in the darkness over every enemy  
Jesus for my family  
I speak the Holy Name: Jesus**

**Your Name is power  
Your Name is healing  
Your Name is life  
Break every stronghold  
Shine through the shadows  
Burn like a fire**

**Your Name is power  
Your Name is healing  
Your Name is life  
Break every stronghold  
Shine through the shadows  
Burn like a fire**

**I just want to speak the name of Jesus  
Over every heart and every mind  
'Cause I know there is peace within His presence  
I speak Jesus**

## **“Who You Say I Am”**

*(Praise Team)*

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?  
I was lost but He brought me in, oh, His love for me,  
Oh, His love for me.

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.  
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

*(All)*

**Free at last He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep,  
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me,  
Yes, He died for me.**

**In my Father's house there's a place for me.  
I'm a child of God, yes I am.**

*(Praise Team)*

I am chosen, not forsaken,  
I am who You say I am.  
You are for me not against me,  
I am who You say I am.

*(All)*

**I am chosen, not forsaken,  
I am who You say I am.  
You are for me not against me,  
I am who You say I am.**



Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.  
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

In my Father's house there's a place for me.  
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

### **“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”**

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend;  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?  
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.  
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for;  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;  
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,  
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.  
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for;  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;  
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,  
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore.  
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for;  
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

## DISMISSAL

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

**C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

*(Remain standing.)*

## SENDING SONG “Cry of My Heart”

It is the cry of my heart to follow You.  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.  
Teach me Your holy ways, oh Lord, so I can walk in Your truth.  
Teach me Your holy ways, oh Lord, and make me wholly devoted to You.

It is the cry of my heart to follow You.  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.

It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.  
Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that You do.  
Open my heart up more and more, and make me wholly devoted to You.

It is the cry of my heart to follow You.  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.  
All of the days of my life. All of the days of my life.

## **POST-SERVICE MUSIC**

“Cry of My Heart”