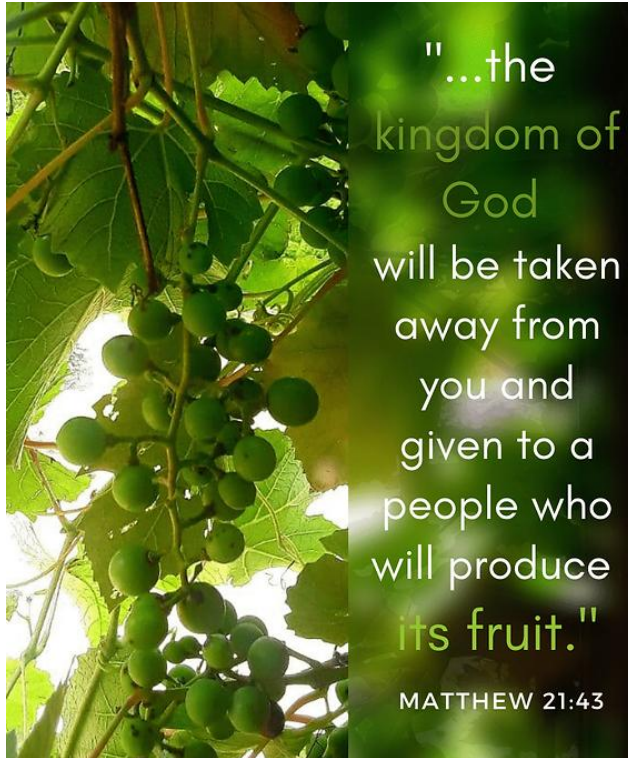




"...the
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away from
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will produce
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MATTHEW 21:43

St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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October 3, 2026 – 5:00pm
October 4, 2026 – 10:30am

Rev. Danny Eggold, Senior Pastor
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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 NINETEENTH WEEKEND AFTER PENTECOST

October 3, 2026 – 5:00pm

October 4, 2026 – 10:30am

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Shine On Us”

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE

“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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Burn like a fire

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Over every heart and every mind
'Cause I know there is peace within His presence
I speak Jesus**

(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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P O Almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ 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. Gracious God,

C You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(We are seated.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- P** Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- C** **You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.**
- P** You cleared the ground for it;
it took deep root and filled the land.
- C** **The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.**
- P** It sent out its branches to the sea
and its shoots to the River.
- C** **Why then have you broken down its walls,
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**
- P** The boar from the forest ravages it,
and all that move in the field feed on it.
- C** **Turn again, O God of hosts!
Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,**
- P** The stock that your right hand planted,
and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.
- C** **They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down;
may they perish at the rebuke of your face!**
- P** But let your hand be on the man of your right hand,
the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!
- C** **Then we shall not turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call upon your name!**
- P** Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!
Let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- 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.**

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Shine On Us”

(Praise Team)

Lord let Your light
Light of Your face shine on us
Lord let Your light
Light of Your face shine on us
That we may be saved
That we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night
Let Your light shine on us

(All)

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Light of Your face shine on us
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EPISTLE READING

Philippians 3:4b-14

^{4b}If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I

have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Knowing You”

(Praise Team)

All I once held dear, built my life upon
All this world reveres, and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now, compared to this

Knowing You, Jesus
Knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all, You're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love You, Lord

(All)

**Now my heart's desire is to know You more
To be found in You and known as Yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All-surpassing gift of righteousness**

**Knowing You, Jesus
Knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all, You're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love You, Lord**

Oh, to know the pow'r of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death, my Lord
So with You to live and never die

Knowing You, Jesus
Knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all, You're the best
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love You, Lord

(We rise.)

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³³[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’ ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

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.)

(We are seated.)

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Rock of Ages”

(Sing two times)

There is no rock; there is no god like our God.
No other name worthy of all our praise.
The Rock of Salvation that cannot be moved.
He’s proven Himself to be faithful and true.
There is no rock; there is no god like ours.

Rock of Ages; Jesus is the rock.
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Rock of Ages; Jesus is the rock.
There is no rock; there is no god like ours.

SERMON

“Undeserved Mercy”

Text: Matthew 21:33-46 – Pastor Nathan Widener

(We rise.)

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.

(We are seated.)

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG

“Freely, Freely”

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to

He said: Freely, freely, you have received
Freely, freely give
Go in My name, and because you believe
Others will know that I live.

All power is given in Jesus' name
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His power as He told me to

He said: Freely, freely, you have received
Freely, freely give
Go in My name, and because you believe
Others will know that I live.

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.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the Church and the world.

(A brief silence.)

P God of every generation, we give thanks for all who have sought to renew and transform Your holy church. Inspire us to follow their example today. Lord, in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

P God of every creature, bless and protect the earth and all those who dwell within it. We give thanks for those who have helped us to see Your work in creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P God of every tribe and nation, restore peace to the world's conflict zones, especially Iran, Sudan, Ukraine, and Gaza, and shelter those who live within them. We pray especially for the safety of our military and displaced people and refugees. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P God of every comfort, You made us in Your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are sick or suffering (*especially those we have named and those we name in our hearts...*). Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P God of every truth, You draw near to us in Your Holy Word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith. Fill their hearts with Your Spirit, that they inspire others with Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

P God of every soul, You are the One Who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with You (*especially...*). Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Trusting in Your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF OUR LORD

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

(We are seated.)

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

“Reckless Love”

(Praise Team)

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God

(All)

**When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me**

**O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God**

(Praise Team)

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

(All)

**There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me**

**There's no wall You won't kick down
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Love of God**

“Made for More”

(Praise Team)

I know who I am 'cause I know who You are
The cross of salvation was only the start
Now I am chosen free and forgiven
I have a future and it's worth the living

I wasn't made to be tending a grave
I was called by name
Born and raised back to life again
I was made for more
So why would I make a bed in my shame
When a fountain of grace is running my way
I know I am Yours
And I was made for more

(All)

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And I was made for more

(Praise Team)

Hallelujah You called out my name
So I'll sing out Your praise
Hallelujah You buried my past
I'm not going back

(All)

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“Lead Me, Guide Me”

Lead me, guide me, along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak, and I need Thy strength and pow’r
To help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness Thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Lead me, guide me, along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Lead me, guide me, along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

(We rise.)

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 and DISMISSAL

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.

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(We are seated.)

SENDING SONG “Bring Forth the Kingdom”

(Praise Team)

You are salt for the earth, O people: Salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people: Life in the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy
Bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice
Bring forth the city of God!

(All)

You are a light on the hill, O people: Light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: Shine for the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy
Bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice
Bring forth the city of God!

You are a seed of the word, O people: Bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, Grow in the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy
Bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice
Bring forth the city of God!

(We rise.)

We are a blest and a pilgrim people: Bound for the kingdom of God!
Christ our guide on our homeward journey: Ours is the kingdom of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy
Bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice
Bring forth the city of God!

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy
Bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice
Bring forth the city of God!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”