



St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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October 19, 2025 – 8:00am & 10:30am

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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 19, 2025 – 8:00am & 10:30am

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Word of God, Come Down on Earth” #545

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
C Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, creator of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not always put our trust firmly in You. We have transgressed Your commandments in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We repent and are truly sorry for our sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father, because of the atoning death of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son. Forgive us all that is sinful and broken in our lives. By the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve You in confident faith. Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build Your kingdom here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P Our gracious God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him, trusting His mercy and grace. 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. May He keep you steadfast in the Holy Spirit, lead

you to greater faith and growing obedience, and finally bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

PSALMODY

Psalm 121

P I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

C My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

P He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.

C Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

P The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

C The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

P The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

C The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

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.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together:
C O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN **“In Holy Conversation”** **#772**

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Genesis 32:22-30**

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” ²⁷And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING **2 Timothy 3:14-4:5**

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:1-8

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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.

(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.)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

#738

SERMON

“A Better Judge”

Text: Luke 18:1-8 – Pastor Danny Eggold

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Almighty God, Your mercies are new to us every morning, and though we have not deserved Your goodness, You abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Jacob wrestled with You, O Lord, and would not depart without a blessing. Grant us the blessing of Your grace and faith to hear and heed the voice of Your Word. Give us patience, courage and endurance in time of trial, that we may not despair when we suffer for the sake of the kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give faithfulness to pastors, that they may bear witness to the appearing and kingdom of Christ, who will judge the living and the dead. Instill in them patience and sober-mindedness, that they may rebuke, reprove and exhort all sinners with sound teaching. Grant preachers and hearers a fervent desire for the truth of Your Word, that we may not be led astray by our passions. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Holy One, bless our president; the Congress of these United States; our governor; and all elected and appointed officials of government. Guide them to promote good and just laws for the benefit of all people. Give them integrity, that they may serve the highest good with their abilities. Bless those whose sacrificial service regularly protects and defends us here and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, because You neither slumber nor sleep, deliver us from evil. Especially we beg You to keep the lives of those who face sickness, injuries and troubles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Unworthy though we are, we come, O Lord, at Your own invitation. Washed in the blood of the Lamb, we are the people of Your promise and the sheep of Your own flock. Grant us to receive with faith and in repentance the blessed food of Your Son's body and blood, and bring this Holy Communion to bear fruit in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Gracious Lord, teach us to pray with persistence because You love us, always provide for us and promise to give justice to Your elect who cry out to You day and night. Grant us faith that wrestles with You but trusts that You remain in control. Do not let us go until You have blessed us with forgiveness, guidance and eternal life with Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Merciful Father, as You have promised, keep safe our coming in and our going out from this time forth and forevermore, for we pray in the name of Jesus, 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.

AGNUS DEI

(Tune: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee")

O Lamb of God, we pray:
Take all our sins away –
Our faith increase.
Have mercy on us all,
Strengthen us when we fall,
Answer our fervent call
And grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You"	#668
"God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven" <i>(We rise for stanza 4)</i>	#877
"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"	#623

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 O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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.

CLOSING HYMN “Children of the Heavenly Father” #725

POSTLUDE