



St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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October 25, 2025 – 5:00pm
October 26, 2025 – 8:00am & 10:30am

Rev. Daniel Eggold, Senior Pastor
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Rev. Nathan Widener, Associate Pastor & Director of Community of Care
Rev. James Sharp, Missionary to Puerto Rico
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Barb Christian, Preschool Director

THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

October 25, 2025 – 5:00pm
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PRELUDE

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

arr. Jan Bender

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

#837

*(Stanzas 2 & 4 will be sung by the soloist/choir.)
(St. Peter's Day School September 2025 Hymn of the Month.)*

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, today using words adapted from Martin Luther:
C Dear Lord God, we cannot count the sins that we have done and still do. We have forgotten most of them and no longer feel our guilt. All that is in us and all power that is not grace is sin and is condemned. Our works and our powers only make us despondent. We do not know what else to do but to hope and pray for Your mercy. As grace and faith control us, we are devout through Christ. Where these fail us, we know and confess that nothing good is left in us. Without Your divine grace and power there is nothing good in what we think, speak, live, and do. But by Your grace all our sins are forgiven. This is the joy and comfort which I beseech You to grant to me, a poor sinner.

- P** God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

PSALMODY

Psalm 46

- P** God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- C** **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**
- P** though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
- C** **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- P** God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
- C** **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**
- P** The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- C** **Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.**
- P** He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.
- C** **“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**
- P** The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
- 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.**

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together:

C Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

“Salvation Unto Us Has Come”

#555

(Stanzas 1-5)

Stanza 1 – All

Stanza 4 – Men

Stanza 2 – All

Stanza 5 – All

Stanza 3 – Women

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *(8:00 & 10:30)*

“We Rely on the Power of God”...Richard Hillert Adult Choir, Brass Choir
& Congregation

Choir:

We rely on the power of God,
who has saved us and called us to holiness.

Congregation: **We rely on the power of God,
Who has saved us and called us to holiness.**

Choir: Stir into a flame the gift that God has given: not a spirit of fear,
but a spirit of strength, and of love, and of wisdom.
Let us keep as our pattern the teaching we have heard.
In the faith and the love in Christ Jesus.

Congregation: **We rely on the power of God,
Who has saved us and called us to holiness.**

Choir: Never be ashamed of witness to the Lord but take your share
of the burdens for the sake of the Gospel.
Let us keep as our pattern the teaching we have heard.
In the faith and the love in Christ Jesus.

Congregation: **We rely on the power of God,
Who has saved us and called us to holiness.**

Choir: Preach the good news of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has broken
the power of death and brought life and immortality to light.
Let us keep as our pattern the teaching we have heard.
In the faith and the love in Christ Jesus.

Congregation: **We rely on the power of God,
Who has saved us and called us to holiness.**

Choir: Always trust these words: if we have died with Christ Jesus, we shall
also live with Him; if we endure, we shall also reign with Him.
Let us keep as our pattern the teaching we have heard.
In the faith and the love in Christ Jesus.

Congregation: **We rely on the power of God,
Who has saved us and called us to holiness.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“Salvation Unto Us Has Come”

#555

(Stanzas 6-10)

Stanza 6 – All

Stanza 9 – Men

Stanza 7 – Women

Stanza 10 – All (*We rise*)

Stanza 8 – Organ (*The congregation silently meditates on the text of stanza 8.*)

HOLY GOSPEL READING

John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone

who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(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.)

HYMN OF THE DAY “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” #656

(Stanza 3 will be sung by the soloist/choir.)

(Please rise and sing following the extended introduction.)

(St. Peter’s Day School October 2025 Hymn of the Month.)

SERMON “An Eternal Gospel”

Text: Revelation 14:6-7 – Pastor Adam McDowell

CREEDAL HYMN “We All Believe in One True God” #953

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

ANTHEM *(8:00 & 10:30)*

“Be Strong in the Lord”...Tom Fettke Adult Choir

Be strong in the Lord, and be of good courage;

Your defender is He who is always the same.

Mount up with wings as the eagle ascending;

Victory is sure when you call on His name.

Be strong in the Lord; and be of good courage for He is your guide.

Be strong in the Lord; and rejoice for the victory is yours.

Put on the armor the Lord has provided;

Place your defense in His unfailing care.

Trust Him for He will be with you in battle,

Lighting your path to avoid every snare.

Be strong in the Lord; and be of good courage for He is your guide.

Be strong in the Lord; and rejoice for the victory is yours.

Be strong in the Lord and be of good courage;

Your mighty commander will vanquish the foe.

Fear not the battle, for the victory is always His;

He will protect you wherever you go.

Be strong in the Lord; and be of good courage for He is your guide.

Be strong in the Lord; and rejoice for the victory is yours.

Be strong in the Lord; and rejoice for the victory is yours.

Be strong!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Almighty Father, You know best the needs of Your Church, Your people, and Your world. Help us not to squander Your gifts, but to apply our hearts diligently to the wisdom of Your Word and the work of Your kingdom. Receive our tithes and offerings as part of our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, that You may be glorified and the work of Your kingdom may be prospered.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Almighty God, we give You thanks and praise for all Your goodness and tender care, especially on this Reformation Sunday. Thank You for the gift of Your Son and for the revelation of Your will and grace. Implant Your Word in us, and give us fertile hearts to keep it and bring forth its good fruit in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P God of grace, keep us steadfast in Your Word, and prevent our wayward hearts from following false gospels that lead us away from You. Provide Your Church with faithful pastors who preach in purity and joy, that we are saved by Your grace alone, through faith alone, because of Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Mighty God, You have great power and yet You act with mercy. Teach those who lead us to use power rightly for the preservation of order, the accomplishment of justice, the protection of life and the defense of the weak. Give us wise, godly and faithful leaders who will follow Your commands and serve with integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, remember all who face adversity of any kind. Comfort them by Your Holy Spirit, that they would acknowledge their afflictions as the manifestation of Your fatherly will. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer.**

P Preserve Your Church, O Lord, and each of us as members of Christ's Body, that we may not surrender the true Gospel for any reason, but be kept in this faith and fear throughout the days of our earthly pilgrimage, until that day when we and all Your people shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the reward You have prepared for us and all who have loved His appearing; through the same 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.

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

“Thy Strong Word”

#578

*(Stanzas 2 & 4 will be sung by the soloist/choir.)
(If seated – We rise for stanza 6)*

POSTLUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

arr. Charles Ore