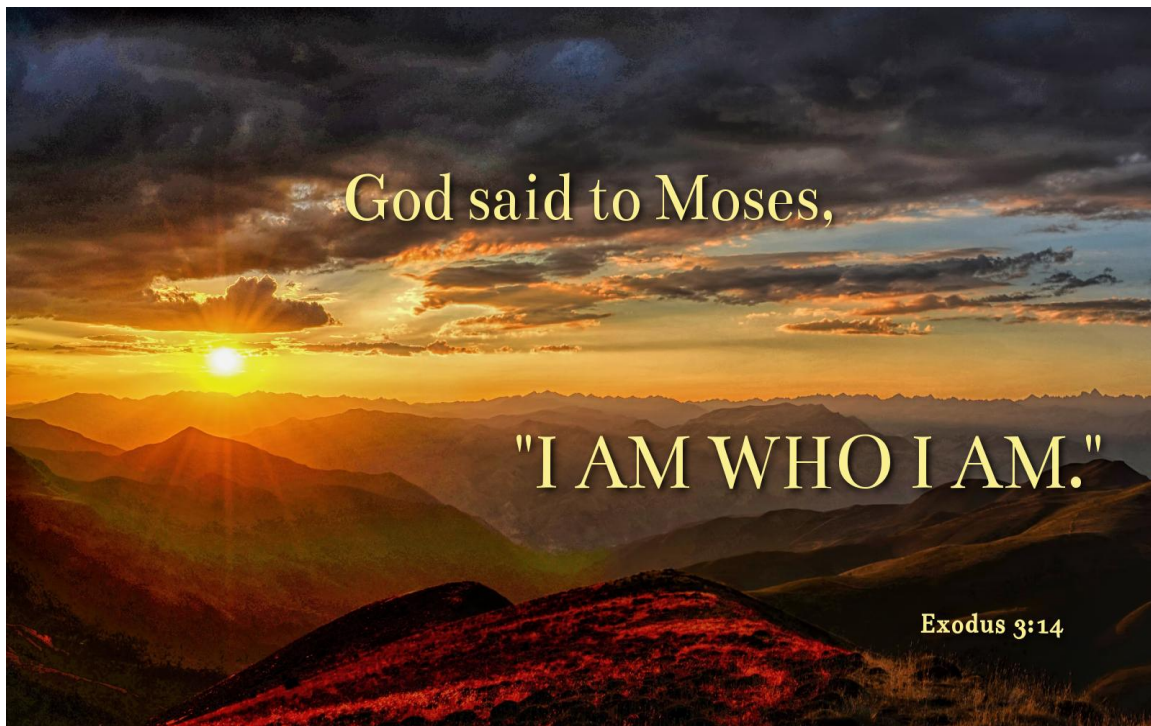




St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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November 8, 2025 – 5:00pm
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Chris Brune, Principal
Barb Christian, Preschool Director

THE TWENTY-SECOND WEEKEND AFTER PENTECOST

November 8, 2025 – 5:00pm

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PRE-SERVICE PRAISE

“I Love You, Lord”

(Praise Team)

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what You hear:
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

(All)

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RINGING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Only by Grace”

(Praise Team)

Only by grace can we enter; only by grace can we stand,
Not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb.
Into Your presence You call us; You call us to come.
Into Your presence You draw us, and now by Your grace we come.

Now by Your grace we come.

(All)

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Now by Your grace we come.**

(Praise Team)

Lord, if You mark our transgressions, who would stand?
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.

(All)

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P God hears our confession and offers us His forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, our merciful Father:

C Almighty God, we poor sinners plead guilty before You of all our sins. We have lived as if You did not matter and as if we mattered most. Your name we have not honored as we should; our worship and prayers have faltered. We have not let Your love have its way with us, and so our love for others has failed. There are those whom we have hurt, and those whom we have failed to help. Our thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. For all these things, forgive us, dear Lord.

P 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. Go in peace and serve Him.

C Amen.

PSALMODY

Psalm 148

P Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise him in the heights!

C **Praise him, all his angels;**
Praise him, all his hosts!

P Praise him, sun and moon,
Praise him, all you shining stars!

C **Praise him, you highest heavens,**
And you waters above the heavens!

P Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For he commanded and they were created.

C **And he established them forever and ever;**
He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

P Praise the LORD from the earth,
You great sea creatures and all deeps,

C **Fire and hail, snow and mist,**
Stormy wind fulfilling his word!

- P** Mountains and all hills,
Fruit trees and all cedars!
- C** **Beasts and all livestock,
Creeping things and flying birds!**
- P** Kings of the earth and all peoples,
Princes and all rulers of the earth!
- C** **Young men and maidens together,
Old men and children!**
- P** Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;
His majesty is above earth and heaven.
- C** **He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints,
For the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise 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.**

SONG OF RESPONSE “Let Everything That Has Breath”

Let everything that Everything that
Everything that has breath Praise the Lord
Let everything that Everything that
Everything that has breath Praise the Lord

Praise You in the morning
Praise You in the evening
Praise You when I'm young and when I'm old
Praise You when I'm laughing
Praise You when I'm grieving
Praise You ev'ry season of the soul

If we could see How much You're worth
Your pow'r Your might Your endless love

Then surely we would Never cease to praise

Let everything that Everything that
Everything that has breath Praise the Lord
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Everything that has breath Praise the Lord

Praise You in the heavens
Joining with the angels
Praising You forever and a day
Praise You on the earth now
Joining with creation
Calling all the nations to Your praise

If they could see How much You're worth
Your pow'r Your might Your endless love
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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

P Let us pray together:
C **Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 3:1-15

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." ¹³Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'" ¹⁵God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SONG OF RESPONSE

“I Am Forever Who I Am”

(Praise Team)

I am forever who I am
Above you, beneath you,
Around you and within you.
Be still and know that I am God.

(All)

**I am forever who I am
Above you, beneath you,
Around you and within you.
Be still and know that I am God.**

(Praise Team)

Though mountains slide into the sea,
And waters rush where fields should be,
Though monuments and nations fall,
Your holy city stands through all.
When nothing seems to stay the same,
You teach us Your eternal name:

(All)

**I am forever who I am
Above you, beneath you,
Around you and within you.
Be still and know that I am God.**

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Above you, beneath you,
Around you and within you.**

Be still and know that I am God.

EPISTLE READING

2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

¹³But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter. ¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL READING

Luke 20:27-40

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷ There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸ and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰ And the second ³¹ and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³² Afterward the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.” ³⁴ And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶ for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷ But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” ³⁹ Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” ⁴⁰ For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

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

“Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty”

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, who was and is, and is to come!

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, who reigns forevermore!

Father in heaven, how we love You,

We lift Your name in all the earth.

May Your kingdom be established in our praises,

As Your people declare Your mighty works.

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, who was and is, and is to come!

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, who reigns forevermore!

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, who was and is, and is to come!

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, who reigns forevermore!

Who reigns forevermore!
Who reigns forevermore!

SERMON

“Holy Ground”

Texts: Exodus 3:1-15 & Luke 20:27-40 – Pastor Nathan Widener

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.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP and GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG

“Offering”

(Praise Team)

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love.
There is no shadow in Your presence.
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne,
before the Holy One of heaven.
It's only by Your blood, and it's only through Your mercy, Lord, I come.

I bring an offering of worship to my King.
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing.
Jesus, may You receive the honor that You're due.
O Lord, I bring an offering to You.

(All)

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O Lord, I bring an offering to You.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P O Lord, all things are Yours and nothing is ours to own, only to use for Your glory. Bless the labors of our hands, the fruits of that labor, and the tithes and offerings we bring this day. Keep these material treasures from displacing Christ as our greatest and true treasure, and help us mark their use as instruments of faith and blessing. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Almighty God and Father, You sent Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to overcome the world for us through His cross and resurrection. Grant us grace and peace in Him, that whatever troubles, tribulations and temptations afflict us in this world of sin and sorrow, we may never forget You or forsake You. Rather, strengthen us by Your grace, that we may bear our crosses in patience and trust and remain faithful in Christ Jesus, until He comes again in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, You have built Your Church and called her to hold fast to the Word of life in the midst of a crooked and twisted world. Preserve her from all grumbling, rivalry and conceit, and sustain her in humble and devout faith until the day of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Grant to us, heavenly Father, those good works that flow from faith in Your precious Son. Grant that everything Your children do in thought, speech and action would bring glory and honor to the name of Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, we ought always to be thankful for Your rich and abundant blessings to us and to our country. Bless our president; the Congress of these United States; our governor; our legislators; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Deliver us from threats of violence, and teach us the way of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, the physical and mental ills with which Your people struggle are not beyond Your power or grace. Bless the sick with healing according to Your will, bless the suffering with relief, bless the grieving with comfort and bless the dying with peace. We trust in Your good and gracious will to grant us all things needful for this body and life and to keep us amid all these afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God 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.

(Remain standing.)

SENDING SONG

“We Will Glorify”

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords, Who is the great I Am.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before His throne;
We will worship Him in righteousness, we will worship Him alone.

He is Lord of Heaven, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live;
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to Him we give.

Alleluia to the King of kings, alleluia to the Lamb;
Alleluia to the Lord of lords, Who is the great I Am.

POST-SERVICE MUSIC

“We Will Glorify”