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20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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## St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

**WELCOME to Worship today!** What a joy to be together in Christ! Please fill out the "Member" or "Guest" side of our Communication Card located in the pew racks. Please place them in the offering plate or hand to an elder during the singing of the first hymn. Prayer request cards are also available. Again, welcome!

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is offered at the **10:30 AM service today** to all Confirmed members of our congregation.

**+ For personal preparation for communion**, use the following prayers:

**Before communion (communing):** Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**After Communion (Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament):** Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen

**+ Lutherans** who are in good standing with their own congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) are welcome to join with us in receiving this blessed meal.

**+ Guests** are asked to speak with the Pastor or elder **before** communing that they may properly understand the Lutheran teaching on the Lord's Supper.

**+ Children, Teens, and Adults** who have not yet completed confirmation instruction are invited to come forward with their row and cross their arms in front of their chest to receive a blessing from the Pastor during distribution.

**+ White grape juice** is available from the center of the individual cup tray.

**+ Gluten-Free wafers** are located in the silver dish at the center of the altar for you to pick up as you come forward. Standard wafers will be distributed to other communicants during the Distribution of the Supper.

**+ Communion at the pew** is available at the start of Distribution to those who sit in the second pew on either side.

**+ Those with wheelchairs or walkers** are invited to come forward with others who are communing. However, anyone who wishes to receive Communion at your seat please speak to an Elder or the Pastor prior to the start of Worship.

## **AS WE GATHER**

In a world intent upon remaking God's gift of family into its own creation, we are confronted with the goodness of the Lord. In His wisdom, He created man for woman and woman for man, and in His grace, He established the home and family as the first place where His love is known and shared. Today our challenge is not simply to preserve what God designed but to rediscover the beauty, wisdom, and goodness of His creative will and purpose. Even when sin has made this gift a challenge, God has provided an abundance of His mercy that we might forgive as He has forgiven us and so restore what sin would destroy.

### **Prelude      Welcome/Announcements      The Ringing of the Bell**

#### **Opening Hymn: 869 With the Lord Begin Your Task**

- 1    With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.  
     For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.  
     Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,  
     In His name then close your eyes;  
     Be to Him commended.
- 2    Let each day begin with prayer, Praise, and adoration.  
     On the Lord cast ev'ry care; He is your salvation.  
     Morning, evening, and at night. Jesus will be near you,  
     Save you from the tempter's might,  
     With His presence cheer you.
- 3    With your Savior at your side, Foes need not alarm you;  
     In His promises confide, And no ill can harm you.  
     All your trust and hope repose. In the mighty Master,  
     Who in wisdom truly knows  
     How to stem disaster.
- 4    If your task be thus begun. With the Savior's blessing,  
     Safely then your course will run, Toward the promise pressing.  
     Good will follow ev'rywhere. While you here must wander;  
     You at last the joy will share  
     In the mansions yonder.
- 5    Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task. Be to You commended;  
     May Your will be done, I ask, Until life is ended.  
     Jesus, in Your name begun. Be the day's endeavor;  
     Grant that it may well be done  
     To Your praise forever.

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## Invocation/Confession and Absolution

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

**C Amen.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

**C men.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 127:3–5; antiphon: v. 1a*

**P** Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

**C Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,  
the fruit of the womb a reward.**

**P** Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.

**C Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall  
not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the  
gate.**

**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.**

**P** Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

## Kyrie



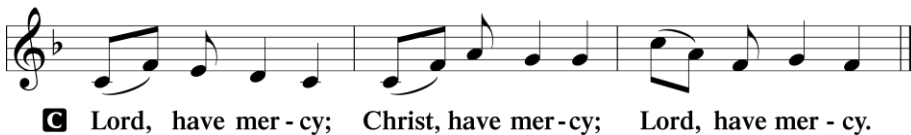
**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**P** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



## Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 204*



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 2:18–25*

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

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

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Hebrews 2:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup>For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, <sup>3</sup>how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, <sup>4</sup>while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. <sup>5</sup>Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup>It has been testified somewhere,

"What is man, that you are mindful of him,  
or the son of man, that you care for him?"

<sup>7</sup>You made him for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned him with glory and honor,  
<sup>8</sup>putting everything in subjection under his feet."

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup>But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup>For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should

make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup>For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

<sup>13</sup>And again, “I will put my trust in him.”

And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

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

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

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse





## **Holy Gospel** *Mark 10:2–16*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>2</sup>Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." <sup>5</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and they shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." <sup>10</sup>And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." <sup>13</sup>And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

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

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

## **Apostles' Creed (see back cover of the hymnal)**

*Sit*

### **Hymn of the Day: 863 Our Father, by Whose Name**

- 1 Our Father, by whose name. All fatherhood is known,  
Who dost in love proclaim. Each family Thine own,  
Bless Thou all parents, guarding well,  
With constant love as sentinel,  
The homes in which Thy people dwell.
- 2 O Christ, Thyself a child. Within an earthly home,  
With heart still undefiled, Thou didst to manhood come;  
Our children bless in ev'ry place  
That they may all behold Thy face,  
And knowing Thee may grow in grace. ►

- 3 O Spirit, who dost bind. Our hearts in unity,  
Who teachest us to find. The love from self set free,  
In all our hearts such love increase  
That ev'ry home by this release  
May be the dwelling place of peace.

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## Sermon

### The Gathering of our Tithes and Offerings

### The Noisy Gathering of the LWML Mite Boxes

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### Prayer of the Church

#### **8:00 AM service concludes as follow**

**The Lord's Prayer** *(see back cover of the hymnal)*

#### **The Benedicamus**

**P** Let us bless the Lord

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

#### **The 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.

**G** **Amen**

*Sit*

**Closing Hymn: LWML song - Serve The Lord With Gladness (page 16)**  
**(sung to the tune of LSB hymn 662)**

**Silent Prayer**

**Postlude**

## **Service of the Sacrament begins here for 10:30 AM Service**

### **Preface** *LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**G** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**G** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **Sanctus** *LSB 208*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**Lord's Prayer (see back cover of the hymnal)**

## The Words of Our Lord

### Pax Domini

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

**G** Amen.

### Agnus Dei *LSB 210*

**G** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## **Distribution of the Elements**

### **Distribution Hymn: 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread**

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,  
May I in grace possess You.  
Let me with holy food be fed,  
In hunger I address You.  
Prepare me well for You, O Lord,  
And, humbly by my prayer implored,  
Give me Your grace and mercy.
- 2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,  
To restful waters lead me;  
Your table well for me provide,  
Your wounded hand now feed me.  
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,  
Refuge in You alone I seek,  
To share Your cup of healing.
- 3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight,  
For full and free remission  
I come with prayer before Your sight  
In sorrow and contrition.  
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me  
That I receive You worthily,  
Assured of Your full pardon.
- 4 I do not merit favor, Lord,  
My weight of sin would break me;  
In all my guilty heart's discord,  
O Lord, do not forsake me.  
In my distress this comforts me  
That You receive me graciously,  
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–67; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, alt.  
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### **Distribution Hymn: 865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain**

- 1 Lord, help us ever to retain. The Catechism's doctrine plain  
As Luther taught the Word of truth  
In simple style to tender youth.
- 2 Help us Your holy Law to learn, To mourn our sin and from it turn  
In faith to You and to Your Son  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One.
- 3 Hear us, dear Father, when we pray. For needed help from day to day  
That as Your children we may live,  
Whom You baptized and so received.
- 4 Lord, when we fall or go astray, Absolve and lift us up, we pray;  
And through the Sacrament increase  
Our faith till we depart in peace.

Text: Ludwig Helmbold, 1532–98; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.  
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### **Distribution Hymn: 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me**

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me, Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me, From day to day.  
Without Your grace and favor  
I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior,  
And lead the way.
- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,  
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding,  
I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding,  
In peace I go.
- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen. And night has come,  
I know that You will strengthen. My steps toward home.  
Then nothing can impede me,  
O blessed Friend;  
So take my hand and lead me  
Unto the end.

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## Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**G** Amen.

## **Benedicamus**      *LSB 212*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

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

## **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.**

Sit

## **Closing Hymn: LWML song - Serve The Lord With Gladness** **(sung to the tune of LSB hymn 662)**

**"Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone.  
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own.  
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,  
Will at last in glory. Meet us face to face.  
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:  
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name.**

**"Serve the Lord with gladness!" He gave us command.  
To proclaim His Gospel. Now in every land  
So that fellow sinners. May, like us, be blest.  
Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best.  
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:  
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!**

**"Serve the Lord with gladness!" There's no greater joy.  
Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ.  
As we build His kingdom. Angels, too, rejoice.  
Over every sinner. Brought to hear His voice.  
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:  
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!**

## **Silent Prayer**

## **Postlude**

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