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| St. Peter Lutheran Church  Deshler, Nebraska | **Sunday Service** | Faith Lutheran Church  Hebron, Nebraska |
|  | **July 20, 2025**  ***(creative worship)*** |  |

*(During the worship service, we invite you to stand, as you are able)*

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Opening Song: *"Cornerstone" by Hillsong Worship"*

Baptism: Arlo Vanderslice (StP)

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P God is gracious and full of compassion. Let us go to Him with contrite hearts.

*A moment of silence for personal prayers of confession.*

P Heavenly Father,

C **like Sarah, we laugh when it seems like You are doing the impossible. Forgive us for failing to see Your almighty power at work for us.**

P O Holy Spirit,

C **sometimes, like those who have not heard the Good News, we have thought Your promises are dependent on our good works. Forgive us.**

P Lord Jesus,

C **although all the Father’s promises came true through Your efforts, too often we depend on our own thoughts, words, and deeds to merit Your grace and mercy. Forgive us for not accepting Your last laugh in the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

P Sarah gave birth in her old age, Scripture records for everyone how God’s many promises were kept, and in Christ’s resurrection is the power to work inside and through you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore announce the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Psalm 27:1-5

1The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

2When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes,

**it is they who stumble and fall.**

3Though an army encamp against me,

**my heart shall not fear;**  
though war arise against me,

**yet I will be confident.**

4One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:  
**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**  
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord

**and to inquire in his temple.**

5For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;  
**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**

**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.**

Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie)

P Lord, have mercy,

C **to remember that nothing is too hard for You.**

P Christ, have mercy,

C **so that we treasure Your Word**

P Lord, have mercy,

C **and give us boldness to stand firm for the Gospel.** **Amen.**

Hymn: *“In Thee Is Gladness”* LSB 818

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us Pray. O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**.

Old Testament Reading: *NLT* Genesis 18:1–14

1 The Lord appeared again to Abraham near the oak grove belonging to Mamre. One day Abraham was sitting at the entrance to his tent during the hottest part of the day. 2He looked up and noticed three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran to meet them and welcomed them, bowing low to the ground. 3“My lord,” he said, “if it pleases you, stop here for a while. 4Rest in the shade of this tree while water is brought to wash your feet. 5And since you’ve honored your servant with this visit, let me prepare some food to refresh you before you continue on your journey.” “All right,” they said. “Do as you have said.” 6So Abraham ran back to the tent and said to Sarah, “Hurry! Get three large measures of your best flour, knead it into dough, and bake some bread.” 7Then Abraham ran out to the herd and chose a tender calf and gave it to his servant, who quickly prepared it. 8When the food was ready, Abraham took some yogurt and milk and the roasted meat, and he served it to the men. As they ate, Abraham waited on them in the shade of the trees. 9“Where is Sarah, your wife?” the visitors asked. “She’s inside the tent,” Abraham replied. 10Then one of them said, “I will return to you about this time next year, and your wife, Sarah, will have a son!” Sarah was listening to this conversation from the tent. 11Abraham and Sarah were both very old by this time, and Sarah was long past the age of having children. 12So she laughed silently to herself and said, “How could a worn-out woman like me enjoy such pleasure, especially when my master—my husband—is also so old?” 13Then the Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, ‘Can an old woman like me have a baby?’ 14Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: NLT Colossians 1:21-29

21This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. 22Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault. 23But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don’t drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News. The Good News has been preached all over the world, and I, Paul, have been appointed as God’s servant to proclaim it. 24I am glad when I suffer for you in my body, for I am participating in the sufferings of Christ that continue for his body, the church. 25God has given me the responsibility of serving his church by proclaiming his entire message to you. 26This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to God’s people. 27For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of sharing his glory. 28So we tell others about Christ, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all the wisdom God has given us. We want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ. 29That’s why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ’s mighty power that works within me.

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C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel NLT Luke 10:38-42

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

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

**38**As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named

Martha welcomed him into her home. **39**Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord’s feet, listening to what he taught. **40**But Martha

was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, “Lord, doesn’t it seem unfair to you that

my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me.” **41**But the Lord said to her, “My dear Martha,

you are worried and upset over all these details! **42**There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has

discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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** T **everlasting. Amen.**

Children's Message

Hymn: *"Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"* sts.1–2 LSB 589

Sermon

Offering (StP)

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

Blessing (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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Song: *"This is Amazing Grace" by Phil Wickham*

**1)** Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

**(Chorus)**

This is amazing grace This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for All that You've done for me

**2)** Who brings our chaos back into order?  
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?  
The King of glory, the King of glory  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

**(Chorus)**

**(Bridge)**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy, worthy, worthy

**(Chorus)**

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