|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| St. Peter Lutheran Church  Deshler, Nebraska | **Sunday Service** | Faith Lutheran Church  Hebron, Nebraska |
|  | **July 27, 2025**  ***(creative worship)*** |  |

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

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Hymn: *“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”* sts.1–3, 6 LSB 813

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

P Jesus said, “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you.”

C **“Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”**

P Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

Confession and Absolution

P Most merciful God,

C **we call upon You because we are troubled by our sins—our sinful thoughts, words, and actions. We are equally troubled by those times when we have failed to act or speak up. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who delivered us through His perfect life, death, and resurrection so that we may glorify You with our lives.**

P Our God hears our prayers for mercy and graciously forgives our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I 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 138:1-5

1I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
 **before the gods I sing your praise;**  
2I bow down toward your holy temple  
 and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,  
 **for you have exalted above all things  
 your name and your word.**  
3On the day I called, you answered me;  
 **my strength of soul you increased.**

4All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord,  
 **for they have heard the words of your mouth,**  
5and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
 **for great is the glory of the Lord.**

**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 **and hear us as we boldly pray to You**

P Christ, have mercy,

C **that we would walk in You and with You always**

P Lord, have mercy,

C **and give us thankful hearts to receive Your good gifts.** **Amen.**

Hymn: *“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”* st.7 LSB 813

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us Pray. O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before 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.**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 18:20–33

20Then the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, 21I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”22So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. 23Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? 25Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” 26And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” 27Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. 28Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” 29Again he spoke to him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” 30Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” 31He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” 32Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” 33And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading: Colossians 2:6–15

6Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. 8See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. 9For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. 11In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. 13And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. 15He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel Luke 11:1–13

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

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

1Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” 2And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. 3Give us each day our daily bread, 4and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.” 5And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, 6for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; 7and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? 8I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. 9And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 11What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; 12or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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** T **of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn: *“Onward, Christian Soldiers”* sts. 1 & 3 LSB 662

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Distribution

Recorded Song

Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray.   
O God our Father, You are the source of all that is good. In Your mercy, You canceled the record of our debts that stood against us by nailing them to the cross. We thank You for nourishing us with the body and blood of Your Son. Continue to build us up into Him as You knit us together in one holy communion. Lead us to walk in Him, established in the faith that we have been taught; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **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.**

Hymn: *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”* LSB 918

Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2025 Concordia Publishing House.