

**Pentecost 14 (August 25th, 2024)
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Opening Hymn: 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Stand

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
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.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.
L Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C O come, let us worship Him.

Venite

LSB 220

- C** O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hand formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

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.

- L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C O come, let us worship Him.

Sit

Office Hymn: 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 29:11–19

¹¹The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.”

¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, “Read this,” he says, “I cannot read.”

¹³And the Lord said:

“Because this people draw near with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
while their hearts are far from me,
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,

¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again
do wonderful things with this people,
with wonder upon wonder;
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.”

¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,
whose deeds are in the dark,
and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?”

¹⁶You turn things upside down!
Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,
that the thing made should say of its maker,
“He did not make me”;
or the thing formed say of him who formed it,
“He has no understanding”?

¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while
until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?

¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear
the words of a book,
and out of their gloom and darkness
the eyes of the blind shall see.

¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,
and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5:22–33

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their

wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 7:1–13

¹When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, ²they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, ⁴and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) ⁵And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

⁸You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

⁹And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ ¹¹But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God)—¹²then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

LSB 221

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Hymn of the Day: 865 Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

Sermon

Stand

Te Deum

LSB 223

**☐ We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs therein.
To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise You.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.**

**The noble army of martyrs praise You.
The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You:
The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and only Son;
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.**

**You are the king of glory, O Christ;
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.**

**When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,
You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.
When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.**

**You sit at the right hand of God
in the glory of the Father.
We believe that You will come
to be our judge.**

**We therefore pray You to help Your servants,
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Your saints
in glory everlasting.**

**O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify You.
And we worship Your name forever and ever.**

**Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.**

Sit

Offering

Kneel/Stand

Kyrie

LSB 227

- C** Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

- 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.

Collects

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.

- L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them including:
 Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews)
 Lynn and Lori Matthews
 Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)
 Eldora Fuelling
 Cheryl Caffee
 Shelly Gerke (Wife of Troy Gerke)
 Jim Thieme
 Glen Deatruck for healing from a fall
 Keith and Suzy Scherer
 Susan Gerke (Sister of Steve and Jim Fuelling)
 Sandy Werling
 Lynn Funk (Father of Mindy Reynolds)
- let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect for Grace

- L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous 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.**

Stand

Benedicamus

LSB 228

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

LSB 228

- P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **Amen.**

Hymn to Depart: 659 Lord of Our Life

In His Service Today:

Preacher: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Liturgist: The Sem. Nathan Kieser

Organist: Mrs. Vickie Hammond

Deacons: Nathan Scherer (Head), Louie Fuelling, Dan DeLong, Joe Werling

Elders: John Fuelling (Head), Andy Wolf, Fred D. Fuelling, Steve Fuelling

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERINGS: August 18th- Home Purpose: \$3,073.00, Missions: \$680.00, Vanco: \$44.78

NOTE: Needed each week to meet the ministry needs of St. Peter: \$5,700.00.



You may also donate your offerings online by scanning the QR code with your phone.

A Decatur Circuit Forum is Scheduled for Sunday, September 15 at 2:00 p.m. at St. John, Bingen. At this meeting, the church's delegates will elect the next Circuit Visitor. Also on the agenda are two presentations: Pastor Peter Brock will give an update on the work in Tanzania (with recent pictures) and Pastor Don Sauls will share information and updates about the work of Compassionate Ministries. All the members of our circuit congregations are invited to come and hear about the Lord's work supported by our circuit churches.

Open Position: St. Peter Fuelling Church is looking for an Assistant to the Cemetery Trustee. This is a voluntary position and is open to all members. Duties include but not limited to: measuring and plotting burial spots and keeping a log of whose buried where. Please contact Dave Bischoff or Duane Franz with questions, or if interested. Thank you!

Please start saving your paper & plastic grocery bags for the church dinner. There is a collection box in the basement. Thank You!

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for AUGUST & SEPTEMBER - "BAKING": During the months of August and September we will be collecting BAKING items. These items will be delivered to the

Seminary the first of October. Some suggestions are but not limited to: flour, sugar(white, brown, powdered), Oil(vegetable, canola), non-stick spray, spices, corn starch, baking powder, Brownie mix, cake mix, icing, foil, plastic wrap. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) and tomato products. All your donations are greatly appreciated by the Seminary and are a great benefit to the students and their families. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. **Thank you for all your donations!**

3 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at St. Peter Church on Saturday morning September 14th to help with serving Brunch for the LWML Devotion and Program about the Tanzania Mission by Pastor Brock.

Please let Karen Franz (260-341-4787) know if you can help. Everything should be finished up before 12 noon.

Upcoming Decatur LWML events are:

Saturday, September 14 is the Fall Gathering at St. Peter Fuelling. Our speaker will be Rev. Peter Brock who will give us an update on the Tanzania Children's Home. A free-will offering will go towards the Tanzanian Mission. Registration will be at 8:45 with opening devotions at 9:00 AM. There will also be a 20-30 minute business meeting. Brunch will be served after the meeting.

Saturday, October 5 is the SRD (Spiritual Resource Department) Workshop at St. Paul - Preble. We will be marking Bibles for prisons and local missions.

Get tickets now for Getty Music concert at CLHS

Listen and sing with the uplifting hymns from Getty Music during a special concert at 7 PM October 28 at Concordia Lutheran High School, 1601 St. Joe River Drive, Fort Wayne, Ind. Hymn-writers, Keith and Kristyn Getty, and special guests, Matt Boswell and Matt Papa, are bringing their Fall Tour to Fort Wayne for one unique night. The concert is locally hosted by Concordia Lutheran High School, Foundations of Truth, Holy Cross Lutheran Church & School, and Worship Anew. All proceeds will be used to support the identification and the nurture of current and future leaders of congregational singing.

Tickets are now on sale at gettymusic.com/tour. Tickets range from \$20-\$45 with floor and bleacher seating available.

Fish & Tenderloin Dinner Committee Meeting: will be Tuesday August 27th at 7:00pm at Mike & Bonnie Crosby's shop. We would like to welcome anyone who is interested to attend. Questions can be directed to either Erin Franz-(260) 341-2932 or Amber Shaffer- (260) 223-9897. Thank you!

Zion Lutheran Church: Annual Diaper Give-a-way is Saturday September 14th, from 12 NOON-3:00pm at 2313 S. Hanna Street Fort Wayne, IN 46803. All are welcome to pick up diapers, wet wipes & other giveaways. It's first come first serve, while supplies last. Newborn-size 7 available, plus pull-ups. For more information call the church at (260) 744-1389.

Church Directories: The 2024 address/phone number directories are available on the table in the narthex. Thank you St. Peter congregation for your contributions and patience.

Ice Cream Social: SPI PTL Presents Back To School Ice Cream Social, TODAY August 25th 2:00pm-4:00pm. Let's kick off the school year with a sweet treat! Please join us for our first PTL Event/Meeting. There will also be games in the gym. The PTL meeting will begin at 3:00pm. A booster club meeting will follow.

Concordia Lutheran High School is Hiring a Human Resources Specialist

Our high school is looking for a human resources specialist! If you or someone you know might be a good fit for the position, you can find more information and apply at the schools employment webpage: <https://www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/employment>

Come on out and cheer on the SPI volleyball teams. Here is the 2024 Volleyball Schedule

Monday 8/26: vs. Emmaus 4:30pm(JV ONLY)

Wednesday 8/28: AT St. Paul 4:30pm(JV); 5:30pm(V)

Thursday 8/29: AT WOODBURN 4:30pm(JV), 5:30pm(V)

Wednesday 9/4: AT SJE 4:30pm(JV), 5:30pm(V)

Thursday 9/5: vs. Sub. Bethlehem 4:30pm(JV), 5:30pm(V)

Saturday 9/7: AT CENTRAL (V ONLY) 10:00am vs. LSU, 11:00am vs. Central, 1:00pm vs Ascension

Monday 9/9: vs. Zion 4:30pm(JV ONLY)

Wednesday 9/11: AT ESM 4:30pm(JV), 5:30pm(V)

Wednesday 9/18: vs. St. Peter 4:30pm(JV), 5:30pm(V)

Thursday 9/19: AT HOLY CROSS 4:30pm(JV), 5:30pm(V)

Saturday 9/21: SPI JV Volleyball Tournament (ALL DAY)

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF August 25th, 2024

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service
	2:00 pm	SPI PTL Ice Cream Social
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Fish and Tenderloin Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Holy Communion

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Pentecost 15

Collect of the Day

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; 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

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

¹“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. . . .

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

Epistle

Ephesians 6:10–

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¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Holy Gospel

Mark

7:14–23

¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Introit

Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!
Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;*
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.
Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.
Cast me not away from your | presence,*
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.
Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,*
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!

566 By Grace I'm Saved



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that
tremble, In tribulation's furnace
tried, By grace, in spite of fear and
trouble, The Father's heart is open
wide. Where could I help and
strength secure If grace were not my
anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice; For though I
know my heart's condition, I also know
my Savior's voice. My heart is glad, all
grief has flown Since I am saved by grace
alone.