

# Sts. Peter and Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church

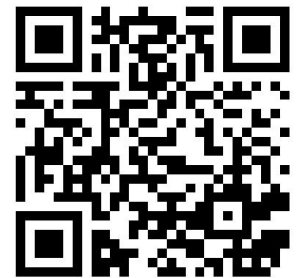
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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*During the Prayers of Intercession, you are invited to add your own prayer(s) either in speech or in silence as indicated by the line: "Other intercessions may be added here." You may wish to use this insert to write down your prayer(s) which you may then offer aloud during that time. If you wish to have your prayers added to the Prayer of the Church during the coming weeks, please remove and place this card in the offering plate.*

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## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 ✚ 10:15 a.m.

*This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific—the demonic—nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of the Holy Communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus "until he comes." It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."*

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### HOLY COMMUNION

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING FOUR, PAGES 147-155**

#### GATHERING

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

WELCOME AND PRELUDE

*Chorale Prelude*

Streicher

#### \*ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ☩ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

\*GATHERING HYMN

*Word of God, Come Down to Earth*

ELW 510

\*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

**WORD**

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*God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:1-9

*The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self absorption is idolatry, and images from pagan worship fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23-29

*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL

Luke 8:26-39

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus' mission includes foreigners, and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony of God's mercy and power.*

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*Rev. Marge VanderWagen*

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

*Cast Out, O Christ*

ACS 1016

\*CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ, living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**  
~~creator of heaven and earth~~

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**  
~~He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit~~  
**and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
**was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**  
**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
~~the holy catholic Church,~~  
**the communion of saints,**  
**the forgiveness of sins,**  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and the life everlasting. Amen**

## \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and Christians in our community. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence in Israel, Iran, Gaza, Ukraine, and Russia. When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick especially... . Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Other prayers may be added here in speech and silence.*

We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith, especially...  
Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we  
remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours  
forever. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**MEAL**

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

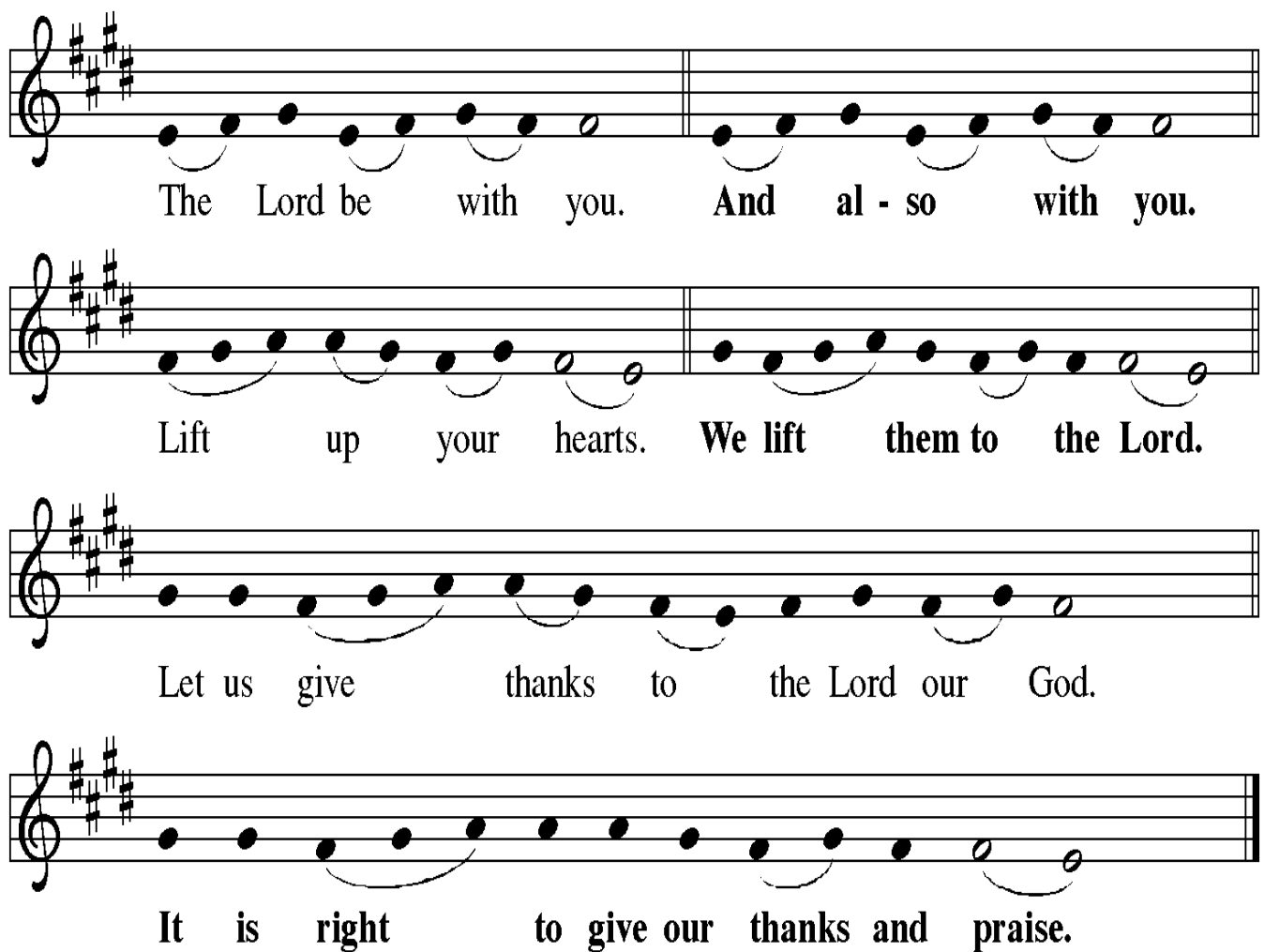
**OFFERING OF GIFTS**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and  
the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior.  
**Amen.**



## \*DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

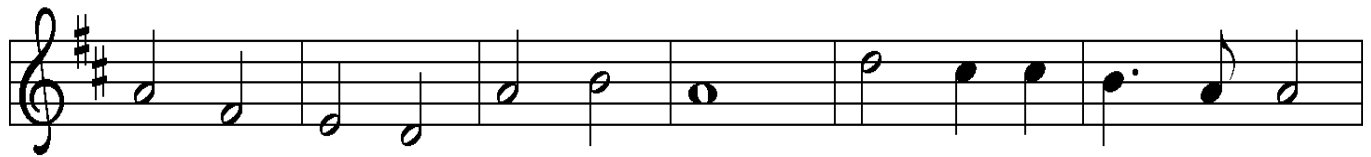
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## \*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



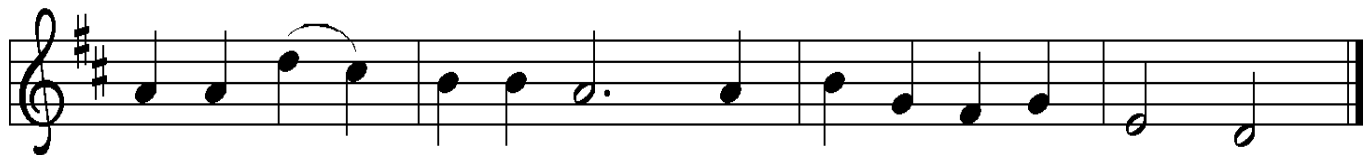
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.



Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen**

#### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
**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**

\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

DISTRIBUTION

\*BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

SENDING

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*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

\*BENEDICTION

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit

✙ bless you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN

*Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

ELW 445

\*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Tempesta*

Vivaldi

## SERVING IN THE LITURGY

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PREACHING AND PRESIDING MINISTER

Pastor Marge VanderWagen

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David Richards

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Charles Matthies

GREETER

Walter and Judith Cudecki

LIVE STREAM

Charles Matthies

USHER

Walter Cudecki

ALTAR CARE AND SACRISTAN

Kristine Boike

## IN THE PRAYERS...

***Members of the Congregation:*** Heather Greer, Shirley Kostelny, Luddy Kovalsky, Rev. James Kuemmerle, Lois Mika, Mary Sasuta, Edward Sefara and Gregg Valek. ***Friends and Relatives of the Congregation:*** Betty Bartel, Kurt Behrendt, Wally Bisping, Ann Boor, Rich Caliendo, Bill Costello, Dan Costello, Eric Dennison, Becky Dice, Barbara Dykes, Melissa Foe, Denise Fricano, Walid Jabbar, Drew Janos, Ron Kelly, Michael Kerney, Nicole Kisiel, Jeff Kubik, Lenyce Lawrenson, Darlene Loughlin, Artem Molovkina, Donald Neal, Gail Purcell, Mary Lee Rosland, Sandy Rossella, Greg Schaefer, Gus Sicaras, Thomas Sicaras, Peter Spilotro, Kathy Stenson, Janie Tarbox, Marta Vrtichova, Eric, Rondell, Diane, and Tom Zajac.

Welcome and thank you to **Pastor Marge VanderWagen** for serving as the preaching and presiding minister in the liturgy this morning during our time of transition.

The flowers at the Lord's Table this morning are given in loving memory of beloved mother **+Arlene Gana+** on the anniversary of her death by remembering daughter Adrienne, sister Audrey Bucz, and nephew Brian Bucz.

### Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering

June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*Weekly Budgeted Offering for 2025:* \$2,615.00

*Offering Received for the Above Categories:* \$ 950.00

*Shortage:* \$1,665.00

Donations are welcome via Zelle at [donations@stspeterandpaulriverside.org](mailto:donations@stspeterandpaulriverside.org).

## UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

*John the Baptist*

*Tuesday, June 24, 2025*

John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease." And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

*Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530*

*Wednesday, June 25, 2025*

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.

*Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560*

*Wednesday, June 25, 2025*

Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany."

*Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444*

*Friday, June 27, 2025*

Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ. After a conflict involving all of the major Christian leaders of the time, it was decided that Cyril's interpretation, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct.

*Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202*

*Saturday, June 28, 2025*

This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.