

# ST. PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday, June 7, 2026  
Second Sunday After Pentecost  
Holy Communion

**PRELUDE: ORGAN / CLAVINOVA**  
**[\*] REQUESTS YOUR RISING IF COMFORTABLE**  
**GREETINGS**



**\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

**(The ‘sign of the Cross’ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism)**

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN *Morning Has Broken* (ELW 556)**

# Morning Has Broken

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet  
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965  
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version  
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**\*GREETING**

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

**C** **And also with you.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE (LBW p. 58)**



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (LBW p. 62)**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. . . .

**P** O God, the strength of those who hope in you: Be present and hear our prayers; and, because in the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, so that in keeping your commandments we may please you in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

**LECTOR: MIKE RABE**

**LECTIONARY YEAR A**

**FIRST LESSON: Hosea 5:15—6:6**

The First Lesson is from the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> chapters of Hosea.

*Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.*

<sup>15</sup> I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favor:

<sup>6:1</sup> “Come, let us return to the LORD,  
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup> Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

<sup>4</sup> What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?

What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

<sup>6</sup> For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Here ends the reading.

### PSALM: Psalm 50:7-15

To those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God. (*Ps. 50:24*)

<sup>7</sup> Hear, O my people, and I will speak: “O Israel, I will bear witness against you;  
for I am God, your God.

<sup>8</sup> **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;  
your offerings are always before me.**

<sup>9</sup> I will take no bull-calf from your stalls,  
nor he-goats out of your pens;

<sup>10</sup> **for all the beasts of the forest are mine,  
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.**

<sup>11</sup> I know every bird in the sky,  
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

<sup>12</sup> **If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

<sup>13</sup> Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,  
or drink the blood of goats?

<sup>14</sup> **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and make good your vows to the Most High.**

<sup>15</sup> Call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.”

## SECOND LESSON: Romans 4:13-25

The Second Lesson is from the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans.

*Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.*

<sup>13</sup> The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup> Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Here ends the reading.

### \*VERSE (LBW p. 62)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.*

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup> And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup> Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup> for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. <sup>23</sup> When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup> he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this spread through all of that district.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HOMILY: 'THE SUFFICIENCY OF FAITH'**

HYMN OF THE DAY *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* (LBW 551)

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1933  
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

**\*CREED (LBW p. 64)**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## \*THE PRAYERS

P Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

P God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P God of creation, all you have made is yours (*local landmarks and bodies of water may be named*). Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need (*especially*). God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness (*like Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, whom the church remembers today*). May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

**C Amen.**



**A TIME SET ASIDE FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\*PEACE**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Let us share God's peace with one another.

**\*OFFERTORY**

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

P Blessed are you,

**C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**\*DIALOGUE (LBW p. 68)**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**\*PREFACE (LBW p. 68)**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*SANCTUS (LBW p. 69)**



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



**Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.**



**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 (LBW p. 69)**

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.

## \*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.

## COMMUNION HYMN

☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
C Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN *I Lay My Sins on Jesus* (LBW 305)

I Lay My Sins on Jesus



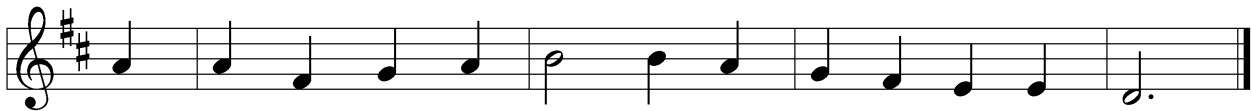
1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, the spot - less Lamb of God;  
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; all full - ness dwells in him;  
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, this wea - ry soul of mine;



he bears them all and frees us from the ac - curs - ed load.  
he heals all my dis - eas - es; my soul he does re - deem.  
his right hand me em - brac - es; I on his breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus to wash my crim - son stains  
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, my bur - dens and my cares;  
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



clean in his blood most pre - cious till not a spot re - mains.  
he from them all re - leas - es; he all my sor - rows shares.  
like fra - grance on the breez - es his name a - broad is poured.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889

Music: MUNICH, *Neu-vermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

COMMUNION HYMN *Just As I Am, without One Plea* (LBW 296)

Just As I Am, without One Plea

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my soul of  
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict,  
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es, heal - ing

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
of the mind, yea, all I need in thee to find,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown  
has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871  
Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

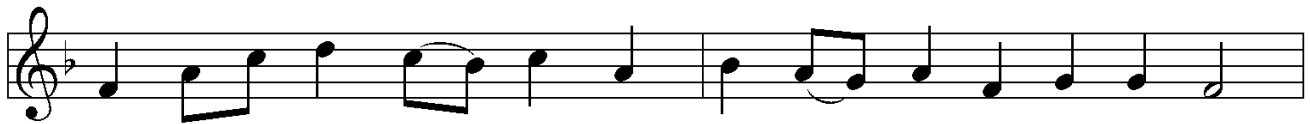
## \*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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

C Amen



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.

P We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

## **\*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**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **\*DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen

## **REFLECTIONS FOR THE TIME AFTER PENTECOST**

1. How much power does your faith in God have in your life? Try to put your answer on a scale (slight-considerable) on a scale of 1-10.
2. Here's a biblical question. Why did the woman in today's Gospel (9:20) touch Jesus' robe?
3. Can faith literally heal a person's problems (physical/mental)? Do all miracles involving healing physical?

**P** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

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

**\*THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS\***

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank you for coming!



**~ Strength & Healing Concerns~**

**\*PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS\***

Pam Rabe	Judy Livingston	Pat Janssen	Bill Juraco
Mary Lou Nannen	Judy Wyss	Virginia Mahan	Richard Sathoff
Carl Satterlee	Dave Kroepel	Linda Meyer	Grant Blaza
Doug Rabe	Alice Lopez	Marsha Shafer	Bobby Creamer
Becky Pfahl	Brenda Hyneman	Rita Scott	Karen Randle
Julie Scott	Lois Chitwood		

**And All Soldiers Serving Our Country**

**~ THANK YOU ~**

**Music:** Linda Garmon  
**Reader:** Mike Rabe  
**Greeter:** Council  
**Comm. Assts:** Loren Benson, Gary Rosenbohm, Lynda Riekema

**New Summer Worship Hours**

Reminder – beginning June 7<sup>th</sup>, worship time will begin at 9am. The summer hours will go through the months of June, July and August. During the summer there will be no Sunday School classes.

**Summertime Outdoor Services**

Weather permitting, we will have outdoor services on June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, and August 9<sup>th</sup>. Bring your comfortable lawn chairs and enjoy the beautiful country scenery that God has provided for us here at St. Peter. Services will begin at 9am with fellowship hour to follow.

~ ST. PETER HAPPENINGS ~

June 7<sup>th</sup> – Communion Sunday

9am Worship Service Begins!!

June 10<sup>th</sup> – 9am Sewing

6pm Council Meeting

June 14<sup>th</sup> – Non-Communion Service

9am Outdoor Worship Service – weather permitting

June 20<sup>th</sup> – 8am Men's Breakfast @ Smithville Bible Church

June 21<sup>st</sup> – Communion Sunday

9am Worship Service

~Happy Father's Day~

June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Ladie's Night @ Gil's – beginning at 5:30

June 28<sup>th</sup> – Non-Communion Sunday

9am Worship Service

The WELCA "Project Promise" continues its next phase for the summer months by collecting donations for the School Kits in June, July, and August. Containers will be available in the Narthex to collect the following items:

- ❖ Notebooks – 70 sheets only
- ❖ Pencils (unsharpened) and ball point pens (no gel ink)
- ❖ Pencil Sharpeners
- ❖ Erasers (2 inches)
- ❖ Rulers (inches on one side and centimeters on the other)
- ❖ Scissors (blunt safety)
- ❖ Boxes of crayons (16 or 24 count only)

**\*If you would like for Sharon to do the shopping, just give her the money and she will get it done!!**

## **St Peter Lutheran Church's All American Celebration**

Come join us for an all-American celebration honoring our country's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Our celebration will begin at 5:00 p.m. with festivities being outdoors if weather permits. The evening includes:

- Delicious all-American meal including Fried Chicken and the fixings provided by St. Peter's
- Wear your patriotic clothes – prize for best dressed!
- Activities include a Cake Walk, Scavenger Hunt, bags and other fun activities for all ages

Invite your friends and family to our celebration. It's going to be a fun evening celebrating our country.

We will have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex so we have an idea of how much food we will need. We will also have a sign-up sheet if you would like to donate a cake for the cake walk.

Any questions, contact the Evangelism Committee: Kathy Rosenbohm, Sharon Phelps, John and Dianne Turner and Tom and Rosemary Haynes.



**!!Calling all Choir Members!!**

**Help lead us with some patriotic songs for the All-American Celebration!! Fun will be had by all. Can't wait to see everyone!**

**Ladie's Night Out at Gil's** will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday this month instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday! So please join us on **Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 5:30**. Please let Caryn know if you will be attending! 309-678-7484.

At the funeral luncheon for Phyllis Fischer, someone drew this and gave it to Sharon Benson (the kitchen person in charge). How wonderful is this?!



**Please visit our website to view the weekly bulletin and the monthly messenger! Plus updates for events through-out the month. [www.stpeterlutheranchurch.net](http://www.stpeterlutheranchurch.net)**

## **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**June 7, 2026**

**LECTIONARY 10**

**To Be Well**

The fourteenth-century mystic Julian of Norwich is famous for writing about a vision of Jesus assuring her that “all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.”

Jesus, in today’s reading, is deeply concerned with the matter of wellness. He uses a metaphor of illness and wellness to defend his decision to keep fellowship with those whom society has rejected, despised, or cast out. Just a few verses later, Jesus performs two intertwined acts of healing, saying to one of the individuals, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well” (Matthew 9:22).

Wellness, for Jesus, is a holistic endeavor. Physical health is one part of the equation, but so are spiritual wholeness, mental and emotional well-being, financial stability, and health in relationships and society. Jesus does not limit his work to any one of these areas. Consistently in the gospels, Jesus is concerned with all aspects of life. He recognizes and works to dismantle all kinds of barriers to full, whole, peaceful living.

Too often, our contemporary society exploits the idea of wellness to sell us a product, to market an unattainable lifestyle, or to guilt us into a particular set of behaviors. Jesus, however, is not trying to sell us something. Jesus invokes wellness as a way of assuring us that he cares deeply about our whole being, and that every part of us is worthy of God’s care and keeping. Jesus desires that we be at peace in our bodies, minds, spirits, and relationships.

When our world and our lives are difficult and painful, we can turn again and again to scripture, which witnesses to Jesus’ deep compassion, empathy, and care for us. He is a living sign of God’s power to comfort and heal. He is our living sign and symbol of resurrection and restoration. He is the embodiment of our divine assurance that all manner of things will, one day, be well, and whole, and at peace.

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