

**St. Peter Lutheran Church
422 North Pierce Street
Delphos, OH 45833**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Wednesday, July 2, 2025 – 7:00 PM
Sunday, June 6, 2025 – 9:00 AM**

INTRODUCTION

Listening to Community: Listening to the wider community is a call to understand our neighbors and how our relationship with each other influences culture and our collective relationship on a wider level. As a member of a Christian community which reflects the love of Jesus, we are called into relationship with the community around us. As Jesus spent time with and listened to the people around him, so we are to listen and understand as best we can the pain points of the community, what others experience, and to enter into relationship compassionately with those around us, those we are called to serve. We do that best by listening.

PRELUDE

Alida Pletcher, organist

*Congregational responses are in **bold print**. The symbol + before a section signifies that the assembly is to be standing.*

+CALL TO WORSHIP

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.

+GATHERING SONG

#815

“I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light”

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

+CANTICLE OF PRAISE

W&P #113

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **Holy Lord, you have placed us in families in communities to live life together in ways that build up the various communities to which we belong. Help us to use our gifts within the communities you have placed us and help all of us to better understand each other as a functioning part of our community. Allow us to understand the history, that has shaped our community and to be sensitive to the needs of people in our various family, work, worship and life communities. Amen.**

EPHESIANS 2:11-22

A Reading from Ephesians, chapter 2, verses 11-22.

So then, remember that at one time you gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

PSALM 67


Please pray the psalm by reading it responsively.
May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and
guide the nations upon earth.


Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is



close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be-gan cre-a-tion;



lis-ten e-ven if you don't un-der-stand.

+GOSPEL: John 15:1-11

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch

cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Carol Pretorius

+HYMN OF THE DAY

#802

"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"

+APOSTLES' CREED

Let us declare what we believe in the words of The Apostles' Creed.
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

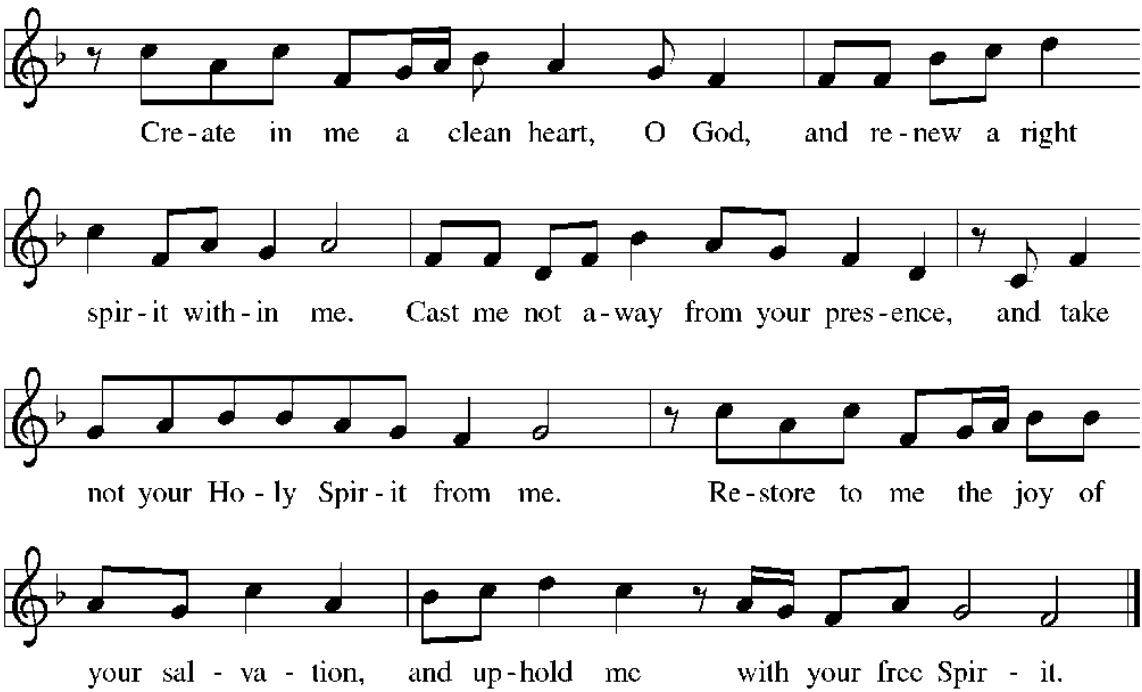
+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
(Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**)

+PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

CHILDREN’S SERMON

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ELW #186

“Create in Me”



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+DIALOGUE
The Lord be with you. **And also 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.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION
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
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
In Christ’s presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.
Thanks be to God.
(The assembly is seated.)

COMMUNION (All who are baptized and believe that Jesus is Lord may share Holy Communion with us. Children who have not yet received instruction may come forward for a blessing. Grape juice is available as an alternative for those who cannot drink wine—just ask the server for it.)
After receiving the bread and the cup each person may respond: **Amen.**

COMMUNION SONG

1 -- "Lamb of God"

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, grant us peace.

+POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Living God, **as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

+BLESSING

God, the Source of glory, God the Word of life, God, the Spirit of truth ✠bless you all, now and forever. **Amen.**

+SENDING SONG

#808

"Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Welcome to St. Peter Lutheran Church! We're glad that God has brought you here today. We believe that Jesus offers his love, peace, and forgiveness to all people – and that includes you. We pray that the Holy Spirit will touch your heart today as you worship. *The mission of St. Peter Lutheran Church is to grow our faith in Jesus as we journey together and serve others.*

Please pray for the following family and friends:

Jimmy Behman, Ed Talboom, Roger Calvert, Mark Downey, Pam, Joe, Mark

The radio ministry is given to the glory of God by the Klenz family in memory of Rolland Klenz.

Servants of the Lord for Sunday, July 6
Counters – Dan Marlow | Larry Miller
Altar Guild – Karen Hartman | Jenny Snipes
Acolyte – Alayna Beverly
Communion – Dave Stemen
Usher – Ron Kloeppel

Servants of the Lord for Sunday, July 13
Counters – Lois Ewing | Deb Trentman
Altar Guild – Karen Hartman | Jenny Snipes
Acolyte – Alayna Beverly
Communion – Dan Kramer
Usher – Dave Stemen

Delphos Community VBS 2025

Delphos Trinity Methodist Church &
St. Peter Lutheran Church



"It's going to be WILD!"

July 6 — July 10*

7/6—7/9
6:00 pm — 8:30 pm at
DTMC Family Life Center
702 Ambrose Dr.
Delphos, OH 45833

**7/10 Family Night & Pool Party
7:00—9 pm at the Stadium Park*

All kids Pre-K through 5th Grade invited!



- Bible Skits
- Arts & Crafts
- Science Experiments

- Fun Games
- Music & Singing
- Snacks & Refreshments



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