

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

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Wednesday, September 18, 2024 – 7:00 PM
Sunday, September 22, 2024 – 10:00 AM**

INTRODUCTION

After Moses and Aaron go to Pharaoh and ask him to let the people go, Pharaoh tells the Israelites to make the same tally of bricks as well as to now gather all of the straw that is needed to make the bricks. The people are upset. Moses prays to God, God answers him.

PRELUDE

Emily Dienstberger, Wednesday organist
Alida Pletcher, Sunday 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

#641

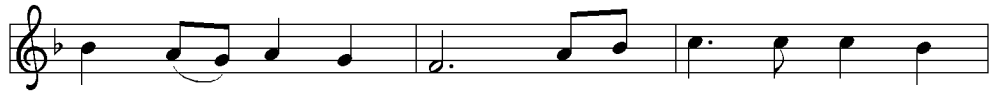
“All Are Welcome”



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

To you, O God, **all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

+CANTICLE OF PRAISE

#451

“We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”

(vs. 1 and 3 only)



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
 2 In the wa - ter and the wit - ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
 3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
 in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
 glo-ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
 God has made a new be - gin-ning from the ash - es of our past;
 as it was in the be - gin-ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
 in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
 in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

The radio ministry is given to the glory of God by Mark and Linda Downey.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **In an act of faith, you call us to bring all that we are to you, our giftings, our failures, our motives, our trust and our love. Help us to live out our faith in you, God, with hearts that seek and trust you on our journeys. Allow us to grow deeper in faith each day of our lives.**

READING: Exodus 6:1-13 and 11:1-7

Israel's Deliverance Assured in Exodus 6:1-13

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh: indeed, by a mighty hand he will let them go; by a mighty hand he will drive them out of his land."

God also spoke to Moses and said to him, "I am the Lord. I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name 'The Lord' I did not make myself known to them. I also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they resided as aliens. I have also heard the groaning of the Israelites whom the Egyptians have enslaved, and I have remembered my covenant. Say therefore to the Israelites: I am the Lord, and I will free you from the burdens of the Egyptians and deliver you from slavery to them. I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. I will take you as my people, and I will be your God. You shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has freed you from the burdens of the Egyptians. I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; I will give it to you for a possession. I am the Lord." Moses told this to the Israelites, but they would not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and their cruel slavery.

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, "Go and tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his land." But Moses spoke to the Lord, "The Israelites have not listened to me; why should Pharaoh listen to me, poor speaker that I am?" Thus the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron and gave them orders regarding the Israelites and Pharaoh king of Egypt, to free the Israelites from the land of Egypt.

Warning of the Final Plague in Exodus 11:1-7

11 The Lord said to Moses, "I will bring one more plague upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt; afterward he will let you go from here; indeed, when he lets you go, he will drive you away. Tell the people that every man is to

ask his neighbor and every woman is to ask her neighbor for objects of silver and gold.” The Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, Moses himself was a man of great importance in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh’s officials and in the sight of the people. Moses said, “Thus says the Lord, ‘About midnight I will go out through Egypt. Every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne to the firstborn of the female slave who is behind the handmill and all the firstborn of the livestock. Then there will be a loud cry throughout the whole land of Egypt, such as has never been or will ever be again. But not a dog shall growl at any of the Israelites—not at people, not at animals—so that you may know that the Lord makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.’

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 19:7-10

Let us read it responsively.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;

the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever;

the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

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

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia, Lord"

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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The score ends with a double bar line.

+GOSPEL: Luke 6:20-26

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

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

SERMON

Pastor Carol Pretorius

"Goodness is Stronger Than Evil"



Good -ness is stron - ger than e - vil; love is stron - ger than hate;



light is stron - ger than dark - ness; life is stron - ger than death; vic - t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic - t'ry is



ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

+APOSTLES' CREED

Let us say 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

(... God of grace. **Hear our prayer.**)

+PEACE

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

(The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say:

Peace be with you or similar words.)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY (Sunday Only)

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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 dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written in G minor (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, **source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through 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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God. **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.**

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

1 -- "Lamb of God"

Musical score for "Lamb of God" in G minor, 3/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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." The music features several triplet markings (indicated by a bracket with a '3' above it) over the words "a-way", "sin", "mer-cy", and "a-way".

2 -- #465 "As the Grains of Wheat"

+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. **Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

+SENDING SONG

#439

“Soon and Very Soon”



1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



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 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon

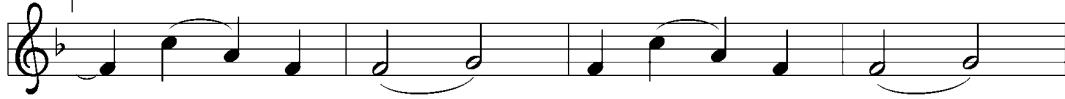


soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God lovingly shapes and forms us, and all living creatures. God commands us to till the earth and keep it. God gifts each one of us with a place to do so. **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.*

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Servants of the Lord for Sunday, September 22

Counters – Deb Trentman | Lois Ewing

Altar Guild – Sue Kloeppe

Acolyte – Alayna Beverly

Communion – Ron Kloeppe

Usher – Eric Fritz

Servants of the Lord for Sunday, September 29

Counters – Sue Kloeppe | Larry Miller

Altar Guild – Sue Kloeppe

Acolyte – Jason St. Pierre

Communion – Larry Miller

Usher – Sam Miller

Upcoming events at St. Peter Lutheran Church		
Wednesday, September 18	Last Wednesday Worship Service "Campfire Service"	7:00 PM
Sunday, September 22	Worship Service	10:00 AM
Sunday, September 29	Worship Service	10:00 AM
Sunday, October 6	Worship Service	9:00 AM
Sunday, October 6	Pork Loin Dinner	
Sunday, October 13	Worship Service	10:00 AM
Sunday, October 13	Kick off to Sunday School	9:00 AM

Please pray for the following family and friends:

Sharon Calvelage, Robin Caudill, Mark Downey, Carol Schooner, Jarred Liebreck, Chad Beagle, Donna Calvelage, Stacie Tackett, Chuck Peters, Rose Hager, John Sanders, Connie Stemen, Jimmy Behman, Frank LaSota, Norma Koenig, Pam Schimmoeller, Willie Vasquez, Maya Lee

Pork Loin dinner tickets are due by Sunday, September 22nd. **Donations of BACON** for the German potato salad should be placed in the refrigerator or freezer by Sunday, September 29th. **Workers/servers** on the day of the dinner (10/6) are always appreciated and should arrive at the Parish Hall at 10:30. *Thank you!*

Save the date: Sunday School will kick off on October 13th at 9:00 in the Parish Hall. Everyone ages 3 & potty trained through adults are welcome to attend. If you are interested in helping with a class or have questions regarding attending, please reach out to Carrie Calvelage at 419.233.4561.