



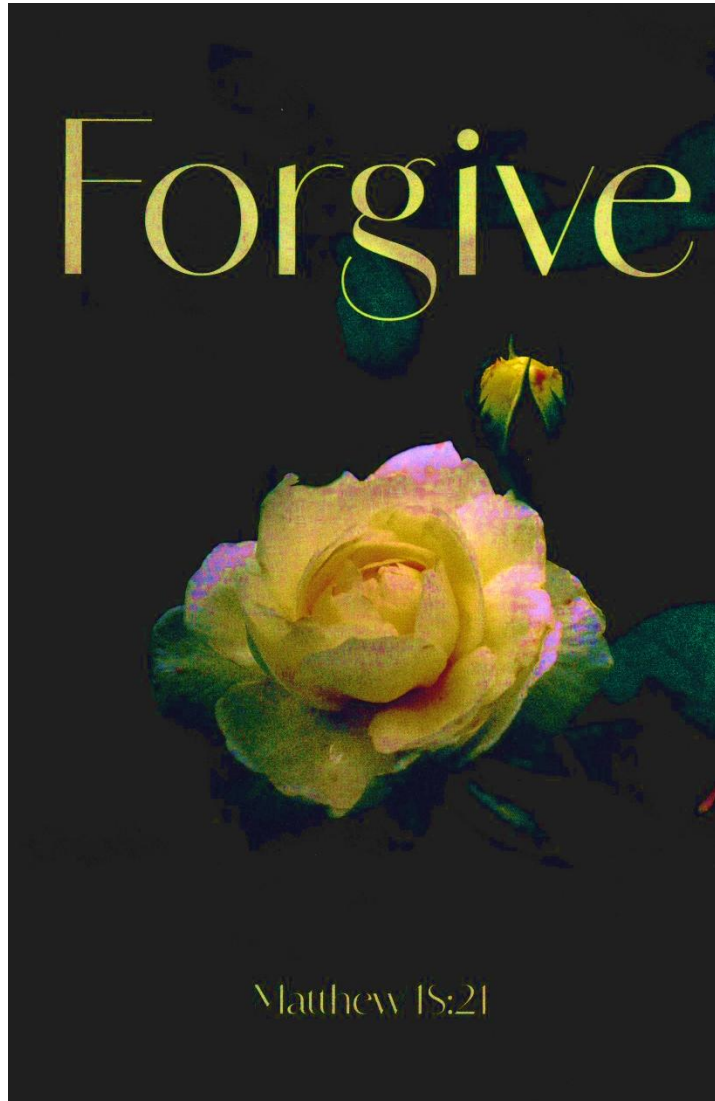
Reach out to all

Embrace His Gifts

Announce His coming

Commit to Christian Living

Honor His Word



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, September 13, 2026

Opening Hymn - "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: Let us then confess our sins to God the Father

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.



17th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis- 50:15-21- ¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: ¹⁷ 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept. ¹⁸ His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. ²¹ So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Epistle-Romans 14:1-12 - Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. ² One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³ The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵ One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶ Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister^[a]? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'" ¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Gospel Matthew-18:21-35 - ¹⁸ "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be^[a] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be^[b] loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" ²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold^[b] was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. ²⁶ "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. ²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. ²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.' ³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened. ³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. ³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who, for us men for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe one holy and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn: "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

Sermon : "Alone, No More!" Genesis 2:18-24



Pray for our country, for our military, for our healthcare workers & first responders, for those that are sick, for those in need, for those who have lost loved ones, for our home-bound, for wisdom for our leaders, and for all of your concerns. Pray for all your concerns.

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers for those in need

Closing Hymn: "When Peace, Like a River"

Benediction

Closing Hymn: # 763 - "When Peace, Like a River"

SERMON REVIEW FOR September 13, 2026

"Alone, No More!" Genesis 2:18-24

Introduction: Gospel Lesson - asking the W _____
Questions

I. The necessity of being 'Alone'

A. God creates "humanity" ("Adam" is word for human race)

1. U _____ creature (not a animal) in God's Image

B. The Biblical view of 'Personhood'

1. Personhood is God's G _____

2. Everything needed for successful living is ours from creation Alone with God (Example of Jesus, alone with God even on the cross)

II. The "Good" of being "not Alone"

A. God (not Adam) observed, "It is not good for man to alone"

1. S _____ in his personhood, Adam can now receive a "H _____ fit for him."

2. God makes a significant addition to His 'good creation'

B. A Helper S _____

1. Gender is created (the word 'ish: for male/ishsha" for female)

2. Helper is take out of the man (one becomes T _____) A Gift

III. Application for God's People

A. 'Singleness' is God's first gift - a necessary beginning point

1. A time to V _____ our 'personhood'

2. A complete person is able to stand A _____

B. He Blessing of Gender:

1. Content as persons, we can celebrate the blessing of gender.

2. As a complete person, I can accept another in the same way.

C. A spouse is God's gift

1. "God brought her to the man"

2. God G _____, we R _____

D. The summary statement: God's P _____ for life

1. "Man leaves father & mother"
(Personhood comes first - single)
2. "Is united to his wife" (God's gift of gender - two)
3. "They will become one flesh" (full cycle/back to one)

Church Council will meet on September 20th after church service.

JBC will meet Sept 20th, Oct 4th & 18th, Nov 1st, 15th & 29th.

LWML/Ladies Aid will meet on October 13th at 10:00am.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS meets today downstairs in Zimmerman Hall.



Sunday School & Jr. Bible Class will meet on Sept 20th, Oct 4th & 18th, Nov 1st, 15th & 29th.

Special Voter's meeting today after church regarding Carillon bells.

LWML/Ladies Aid will meet on October 13th at 10:00am.

The ground level door will be open on Sunday mornings for those who wish to avoid climbing the hill. Also shortly after service begins



St. Peter's Mission of the Month for September Comfort Dog Ministry Mission

A dog is a friend who brings a calming influence, allowing people to open up their hearts and receive help for what is Turning 70? If you want to share the Good News of Jesus with someone who does not attend church please pass this information to them. are trained Comfort Dogs for Lutheran Church Charities. They interact with people at churches, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, events and in disaster situations.

Turning 70?

Did you know that the IRS rules allow one to take a charitable donation from an IRA without paying taxed on that distribution? It is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution and it can A) can count towards you required minimum distribution B) is not included in your taxable income C) can reduce your overall tax burden-even if you do not itemize your return. Contact your financial advisor if you have an IRA in your retirement portfolio about increasing your charitable giving.

In the event you are unable to attend church you can watch a 30 minute LCMS service on Television locally. The program is entitled WORSHIP ANEW and can be heard locally on the following stations.

Sunday @ 11:30 am on all stations
Dish Broadcast Channel 49
Dishnet Channel 7537
Direct TV Channel 377
Spectrum Cable Channel 2
Comcast Cable Channel 26

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