



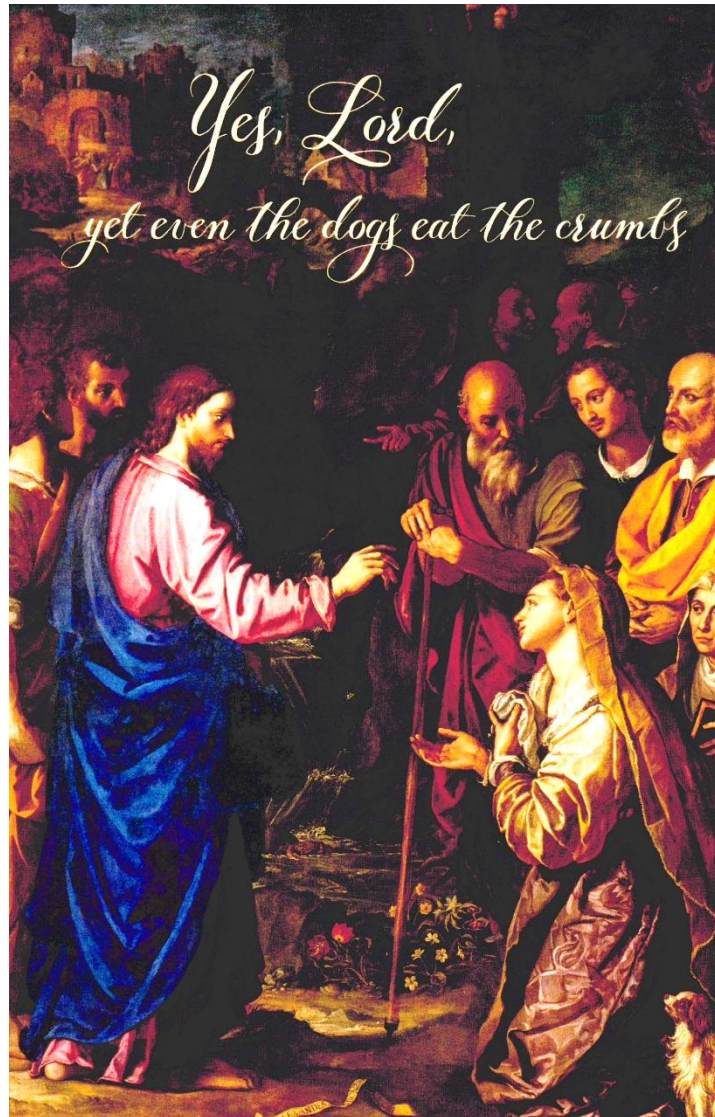
Reach out to all

Embrace His Gifts

Announce His coming

Commit to Christian Living

Honor His Word



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, August 23, 2026

## Opening Hymn "Beautiful Savior"

### 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.



## 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**O.T.: Ezekiel 33:7-9:** <sup>7</sup> “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for<sup>[a]</sup> their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. <sup>9</sup> But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

**Epistle: Romans 13:1-10** I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don’t you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: <sup>13</sup> I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry <sup>14</sup> in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. <sup>15</sup> For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? <sup>28</sup> As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, <sup>29</sup> for God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup> Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now<sup>[a]</sup> receive mercy as a result of God’s mercy to you. <sup>32</sup> For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

**Matthew 18:** At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

<sup>2</sup> He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. <sup>3</sup> And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup> And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

### Causing to Stumble

<sup>6</sup> “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. <sup>7</sup> Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble! Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come! <sup>8</sup> If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. <sup>9</sup> And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

### The Parable of the Wandering Sheep

<sup>10</sup> “See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven. <sup>[11]</sup> <sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>12</sup> “What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? <sup>13</sup> And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. <sup>14</sup> In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

*Read the rest of Chapter 18 in your Bible*

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

**Sermon Hymn: # 770 - "Oh that the Lord Would Guide My Way"**

**Sermon: Jesus Build His Church Upon the 'Rock' of Faith"**  
**Matthew 16:13-20**



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**

**Service of the Sacrament**

**Closing Hymn: Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow**

**Benediction**

## SERMON REVIEW FOR AUGUST 23, 2026 "Jesus Build His Church Upon the 'Rock' of Faith" Matthew 16:13-20

**Introduction: "Who is this man?"** The question Jesus presents to His disciples

### I. There are many O\_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus

- A. What His own people were saying
- B. Peter's personal discovery - "You are the C\_\_\_\_\_!"
  - 1. True faith is a G\_\_\_\_\_ from God  
"Not flesh and blood... but from My Father"
  - 2. When it comes to Jesus, we can't be N\_\_\_\_\_  
*We must take a stand, for or against*

### II. Upon Peter's Confession Jesus Builds His C\_\_\_\_\_

- A. Play on words ('Peter' and the 'Rock')
- B. The Rock is not the person of Peter, but his confession of faith. Upon this, Jesus builds His Church
  - 1. Jesus is the F\_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Peter is the first disciple to confess Him
  - 3. We follow this confession when we place our faith in Jesus
- C. In faith we receive God's P\_\_\_\_\_
- D. For those in Christ, not all the statistics are negative!
- E. As we grow in the W\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ,

***We build on His firm foundation***



**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.

**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 Annual Mission of the Month for August



**Founded in 1964, Lutheran Bible Translators is an independent mission organization dedicated to helping bring people to faith in Jesus Christ by making the Word of God available to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts. In the world today there are over 6,800 languages. Over 4,500, or 66%, still have no portion of Scripture. LBT believes that no language or cultural barrier should prevent people from having access to God's Word**

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