



Reach out to all

Embrace His Gifts

Announce His coming

Commit to Christian Living

Honor His Word

Let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD,
that He may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon

Isaiah 55:7

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, September 27, 2026

Opening Hymn - "O Bless the Lord My Soul"

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.



18th Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 1-4, 25-32:- The word of the Lord came to me: ² “What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel:

“‘The parents eat sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³ “As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. ⁴ For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die. ²⁵ “Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? ²⁶ If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die. ²⁷ But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. ²⁸ Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. ²⁹ Yet the Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?

³⁰ “Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. ³¹ Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? ³² For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!

Epistle-Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18: Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain. ¹⁷ But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. ¹⁸ So you too should be glad and rejoice with me.

Gospel Matthew-21:23-27: ²³ Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

²⁴ Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵ John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

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: "It's Tough Being Like Jesus" Phillipians 2:1-11



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

Closing Hymn: Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me"

Benediction

Closing Hymn:

Closing Hymn: # 783 - "Take My Life and Let It Be"

SERMON REVIEW FOR SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

"It's Tough Being Like Jesus" Phillipians 2:1-11

Introduction: "The Peter Principal"

Potentially we can all rise to the level of our I _____

I. Christ-like Q _____ ("He humbled himself")

- A. "Made Himself Nothing" – E _____ Himself of divine power
- B. "Refused to grasp" – did not take full advantage of what was H _____
- C. "Obedient unto death"

II. "Therefore God exalted Him"

- A. Jesus W _____ for God's way & God's time.
- B. In response to Jesus' humility, God the Father:
 - a. "Exalted Jesus" (The victory of te R _____)
 - b. "Gave Him the highest N _____" (above all others)
 - c. Requires all to H _____ Him" (Every knee WILL bow)

III. "You're a _____ should be the same as Jesus"

- A. We are not asked to do what Jesus did But adopt His a _____ as our own)
Honor God with: 1. Self-D _____
- B. Honor God with:
 - a. Self-D _____
 - b. S _____ Putting others before self vs "Considering putting self before others"
 - c. O _____ in giving
"self-sacrifice vs "Selfish ambition"

ADULT BIBLE CLASS meets today downstairs in Zimmerman Hall.



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



October 11 is LWML Sunday

We will be collecting coins and currency for our mites on this Sunday for our mites collection to the Michigan District. These monies are used to fulfill mission grants. The Ladies will be going from pew to pew shaking the tins for your donations. Please go through your pockets and save your change for this donation!

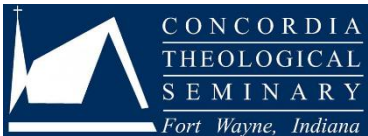
LWML/Ladies Aid will meet on October 13th at 10:00am.

Three Rivers Area Mentoring Coat Drive



Starting September 30th TRAM will be collecting new or gently used coats for all sizes. (adult & children). They are also collecting hats, gloves, mittens and boots. There will be a box in the Narthex for these donations. Now may be a good time to go through your closets!

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



September - Concordia Theological Seminary-Ft. Wayne
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In the event you are unable to attend church you can go to our website: <https://www.stpeterstr.org> Click on the Pastor's sermon to listen or navigate to the services page under the Worship tab to see our recent bulletins and other Sermons.

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

If you want to share the Good News of Jesus with someone who does not attend church please pass this information to them.

