



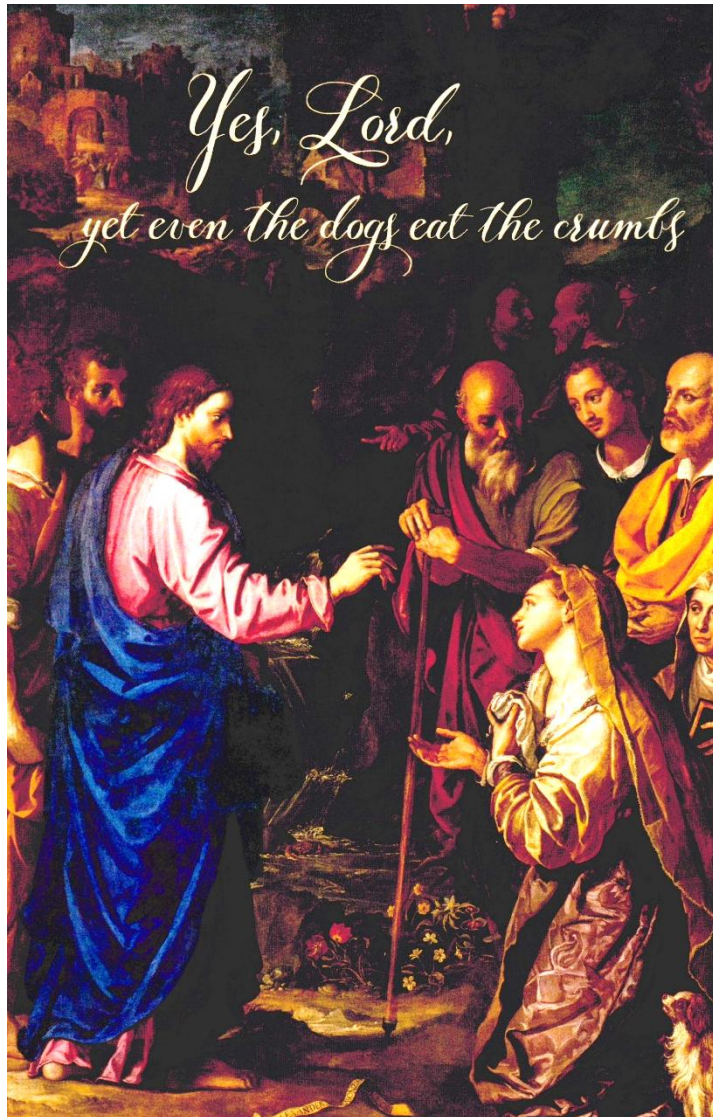
Reach out to all

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 16, 2026

Opening Hymn "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

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.



10th Sunday after Pentecost

O.T.: Isaiah 56:1, 3-8: “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. **3** Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. **4** See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. **5** Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.” And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant—⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” ⁸ The Sovereign Lord declares—he who gathers the exiles of Israel: “I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered.”

Epistle: Romans 11:1-2,13-15,28-32: 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. ² 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: ¹³ I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry ¹⁴ in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? ²⁸ 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, ²⁹ for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now ^[a] receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. ³² For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

²⁴ He answered, **“I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”**

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

²⁶ He replied, **“It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs.”**

²⁷ “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table.”

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, **“Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.”** And her daughter was healed at that moment.

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 - "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Sermon: "A Great Faith" Matthew 15:21-28"



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. Prayers of Strength and Comfort for the Ukrainian People and wisdom for all NATO Members. Pray for all your concerns.

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers for those in need

Service of the Sacrament

Closing Hymn:

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Benediction

SERMON REVIEW FOR AUGUST 16, 2026

"A Great Faith" Matthew 15:21-28

Introduction: A Great Faith lets 'God be God'

Illustration: "Can anyone help me?"

I. A troubled woman came to Jesus

- A. C_____ caused a change in direction
 - 1. Pagans M_____ religion
 - 2. Jesus refuses to be 'used'
 - 3. His lack of immediate response did not mean He was U_____
- B. Her move from G_____ Religion o P_____ Faith
 - 1. She worked through the barriers (Gender, Race, Religious Background)
 - 2. From "Son of David" to "Knelt before Him" to "L_____ help me"
- C. Jesus commands a faith that focuses on HIM

II. Applying her example to P_____ Faith

- A. The disciples would face hard times and need strong faith.
 - 1. Jesus' P_____ would demand faith
 - 2. They would grow through H_____
- B. Our faith is prepared now for tomorrow's struggles
 - 1. "Q_____ -F_____" Solutions seldom serve God's purpose
 - 2. Our faith also grows through hardship
 - 3. Define today's struggle in light of tomorrow's C_____.



ADULT BIBLE CLASS meets today. .

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

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

