



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 30, 2026

Opening Hymn # 605 - "Father Welcomes"

Sacrament of Holy Baptism of Elinor

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.



12th Sunday after Pentecost

O.T.: Jeremiah 15:15-21 Lord, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. ¹⁶ When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, Lord God Almighty. ¹⁷ I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails.

¹⁹ Therefore this is what the Lord says: “If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. ²⁰ I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you,” declares the Lord. ²¹ “I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel.”

Epistle: Romans 12:9-21: ⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. ¹⁷ Do not be conceited. ¹⁸ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁹ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ²⁰ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. ²¹ On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²² Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 16:21-28: ²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life^[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

²⁸ “Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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: "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

Sermon: "Our Transformed Life" Romans 12:1-3



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: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Benediction

SERMON REVIEW FOR AUGUST 30, 2026

"Our Transformed Life" Romans 12:1-3

Introduction: Our frantic attempts at change -

Focus on Externals that never fully S_____

I. God's definition of change

A. Contrasts internal and external change

1. External - "schema" deals with A_____ Only (the schemes of men)
2. "Do NOT conform!" - to this world's patterns of life.

B. Internal change

1. "Be transformed" (note the passive voice)
2. "Morphe" is changing our E_____ (Not just our appearance)
3. God makes us totally new from the I_____ - Out.

II. "The renewal of our ,mind"

A. Two Bible words for 'new'

1. 'Neos' - something new in time (never there before)
2. 'Kainos' - something new in character or nature (We are to be R_____)
3. Paul calls for 're-newal' -

To be made new again by change for our inner nature

B. Christians do not change how they look -

We are changed as to what we A_____!

C. 'Renewed' people can verify the change within them; (We can, 'test and approve what is God's will' by asking:)

1. Is it G_____ - in the sight of other people?
2. Is it P_____ - to God?
3. Is it P_____ - the loving thing to do?



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

LWML/Ladies Aid will meet on September 8th at 10:00am.

Flowers on the altar today from Cindy Shermak for the baptism of Elinor Reus and Shelly Shermak's 30th birthday.

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.

