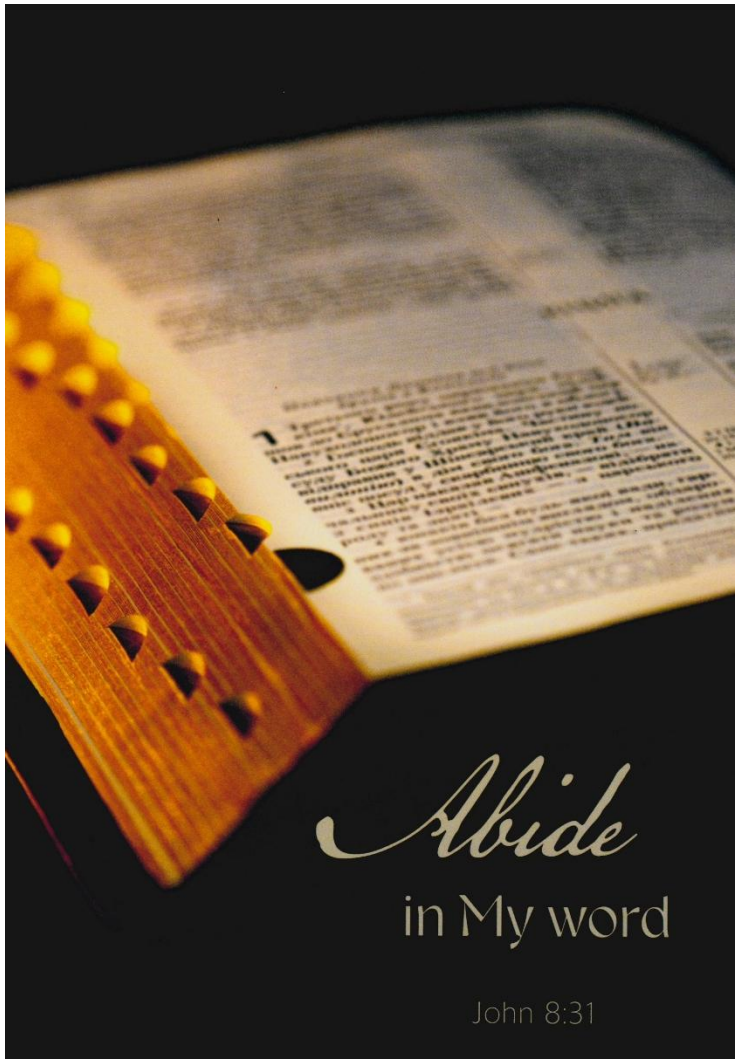
Reach out to all

Embrace His Gifts

Announce His coming

Commit to Christian Living

Honor His Word



St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sunday, October 25, 2026

Opening Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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.



20h Sunday after Pentecost

Revelations 14:6-7: 6 Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. 7 He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

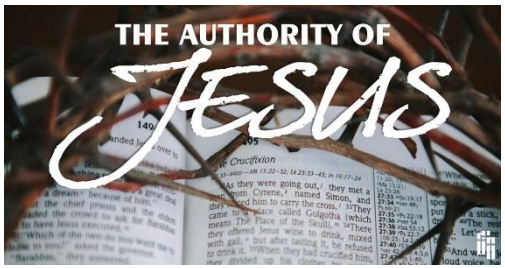
Epistle-Romans 3:19-28: 9 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. 20 Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

Righteousness Through Faith

21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. 25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— 26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. 27 Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. 28 For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

Gospel John 8:31-36: Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: 2 “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. 4 “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’ 5 “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. 6 The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. 9 So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ 10 So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 12 He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless. 13 “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

14 “For many are invited, but few are chosen.”



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: - "Thime the Amen, Thine the Praise"

***Sermon:* "The Four States of Humanity" Romans 3:28**

Following the sermon, continue on pg. 223 with the Te Deum & Kyrie pg. 227



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: # 662 - "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

Benediction

SERMON REVIEW FOR OCTOBER 25, 2026
"The Four States of Humanity" Romans 3:28

Introduction: "Just say NO!" Is it always the best answer?
The condition of the H_____ determines our response
To God. (Put on your 'thinking cap' for this sermon)

I. First State: B_____ the 'Fall "Man is A_____ to sin"

A. Our F_____ will
B. The 'Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.'

II, Second State: A_____ the 'Fall "Man is U_____ not to sin"

A. B_____ of our will
B. Total D_____ of human race

III. Third State: U_____ "Man is able N_____ to sin"

A. Jesus Christ sets us F_____ from bondage
B. Now we can exercise our freedom by saying 'No' or 'Yes' to God.

III. Fourth State: I_____ Heaven "Man is U_____ to sin."

A. Sin's power is forever D_____!
B. An eternity of O_____ to God's perfect will.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS meets today downstairs in Zimmerman Hall.



Sunday School & Jr. Bible Class will meet, Nov 1st, 15th & 29th.

LWML/Ladies Aid will meet on November 10, 2026 at 10:00am.

October - Lutheran World Relief

Empowered by God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ, Lutheran World Relief envisions a world in which each person and every generation lives in justice, dignity, and peace. Lutheran World Relief works with partners in 50 countries to help people grow food, improve health, strengthen communities, end conflict, build livelihoods and recover from disasters. With people in the U.S., we work for justice for those we serve.

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





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

Daylight Savings Time ends of November 1st. Don't forget to turn your clock back 1 hour.



