

**ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 12, 2026 - 8:15 AM**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING PRAISE SONG

"The King Is in the Room"

Verse 1 Come open the doors and make way, the King is in the room
The King is in the room, expectant for strongholds to break
'Cause we know what You can do, we know what You can do

Pre-Chorus We're gonna see lives changed, souls saved, broken hearts made new

Chorus The King is in the room, Lord, we enthrone You upon our praise
The King is in the room, there's freedom and life anywhere You reign
Jesus, we bow only to You, we're laying down all of our crowns
The King is in the room

Tag The King is in the room

Verse 2 Come see all the captives run free, he's tearing down the walls
He's tearing down the walls, there's grave shaking power when we sing
The Name above them all, Your Name above them all

Chorus

Bridge (x2) Fear has to flee, shame has to leave, before the King, before the King
Chains have to break, dry bones awake, prepare the way

Chorus

Tag

Ending (x2) Prepare the way, prepare the way He's in the room

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

(Based on Psalm 65)

P Today we come before the God who hears our prayers and abundantly blesses His people.

C Praise belongs to You, O God, for Your mercy and faithfulness endure forever.

P Though our sins are many, You forgive our transgressions and draw us near through Your grace.

C Blessed are those who dwell in Your presence and receive Your saving gifts.

P You are the Creator of heaven and earth, the One who calms the seas, provides for every living thing, and crowns the year with Your goodness.

C In Jesus Christ, You have given us every spiritual blessing and filled us with everlasting hope.

P Come, let us worship the Lord!

C We will rejoice in His steadfast love, for He alone is worthy of all praise. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In Holy Baptism, God raised us with Christ and called us to seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Yet we confess that we often set our minds on earthly things. Let us come before our gracious Father, confessing our sins and trusting in His mercy through Jesus Christ.

(Silence for Self-reflection on God's Word and Confession)

P Let us confess our sins together.

C Most merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Too often we have lived according to our sinful desires instead of the new life You have given us in Christ. We have failed to put away anger, bitterness, malice, slander, and unwholesome speech. We have not loved one another with compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. We have not forgiven others as You have forgiven us. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us,

renew us, and clothe us once again with love, that the peace of Christ may rule in our hearts and His Word dwell richly within us. Amen.

P Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and, for His sake, forgives you all your sins. Through your Baptism, you have been raised with Christ and your life is hidden with Christ in God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Go in the peace of Christ, clothed with His righteousness, strengthened by His Word, and empowered by His Spirit to live as His redeemed people.

C Thanks be to God. Amen.

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:10–13

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1–17

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and

choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

“Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

PRAISE SONG

"Gratitude"

Verse 1 All my words fall short, I got nothing new
 How could I express, All my gratitude
 I could sing these songs as I often do
 But every song must end and You never do

Chorus So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again
 ‘Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
 And I know it’s not much but I’ve nothing else fit for a king
 Except for a heart singing, “Hallelujah, Hallelujah”

Verse 2 I’ve got one response, I’ve got just one move
 With my arms stretched wide I will worship You

Chorus

Bridge (x3) Come on my soul, oh, don’t you get shy on me
 Lift up your song ‘cause you’ve got a lion inside of those lungs
 Get up and praise the Lord

Chorus

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Please be seated.

SERMON

“A New Life, A New Identity” *Colossians 3:1-17*
SERMON SERIES: A LIFE WORTH LIVING – Living Out the Doctrine of Christ
(See Provided Weekly Devotional Booklet for Outline)

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kim Kaylor, Director of Family Life Ministry

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

"On My Knees" Sung by Praise Team

Please stand as you are able.

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"See a Victory"

Verse 1 The weapon may be formed but it won't prosper
When the darkness falls it won't prevail
'Cause the God I serve knows only how to triumph
My God will never fail, my God will never fail

Chorus I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord
I'm gonna see a victory, I'm gonna see a victory
For the battle belongs to You Lord

Verse 2 There's power in the mighty Name of Jesus
Every war He wages He will win
I'm not backing down from any giant
I know how this story ends
I know how this story ends

Chorus (x2)

Bridge (x4) You take what the enemy meant for evil
And You turn it for good
You turn it for good

Chorus (x2)

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