

C: You made us your own that we may serve you with a joyful heart.

M: You have united us into one family through our Lord Jesus Christ and kept us in the true faith.

C: Give us the gifts of the Spirit: unwavering trust, love that knows no limit, and courage to meet every trial now and at the end of our life.

M: You have been good to us for so many years and given us many opportunities to glorify your name and proclaim your wonderful deeds from one generation to another.

C: We thank you for upholding your little flock through fortune and misfortune, through times of war and peace, of depression, recession, and prosperity.

M: We praise you that you have prospered Christian Education among us, by which the truths of our Savior are imprinted on young souls.

C: We thank you for the ministry and service of the called workers and lay volunteers now fallen asleep.

M: Keep your little flock firm in faith and steadfast in their service, so that generations yet unborn may share your gift of eternal life.

C: Continue to be with us in the future as you have been in the past.

M: Here us Lord as we pray the prayer you taught us the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: 389 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn: 441 O God Our Help in Ages Past

Blessings Old and New



St. Peter's Lutheran Church

August 25th

10:30 AM

Opening Hymn: A Mighty Fortress is Our God

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

M: God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all our sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you're the strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

M: Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

C: Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

M: Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

C: Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

M: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

C: Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.
Silent prayer.

M: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

God's Word for Today:

Psalm 84:1–4

¹How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty! ²My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. ³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young a place near your altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God. ⁴Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

Titus 2:11–14 (NIV)

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹²It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Anthem: Childcare Center “This Little Light of Mine” and “Jesus Loves Me”

Sermon: Source, Sustainer, Savior

Offering:

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth. You have made us, and you still preserve us with everything we need to nourish our body and bring joy to our life.

C: You are our gracious Father in heaven.

M: Lord, our God, how glorious is your name in all the earth! You have freed us lost and condemned creatures from the curse of sin, from the sting of death, and from slavery to the devil.