

# St. Peter Lutheran

## August 2025 Newsletter

Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Communion Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

~ Free Will offering during fellowship for Rodney and Malinda Hinrichs' "Reaching the Unreached"

Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> - Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m.

~ Church Picnic, 5:00 p.m. 4-Wheeler Ride starting at 3:30 Come and join in fun and fellowship together. The meat and drinks will be provided for the meal, congregation is asked to bring salads and desserts.

Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> - Quilting Workday, 1:00 p.m.

Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> - WMF Bible Study and Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m.

~ Muffin Sunday, Ladies K - V are asked to bring finger foods.

Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m.

Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> - Sunday Worship Service, 9:00 a.m.

Usher's List: Aug. 3 - Dwight Brenner & Ervin Fink

**Communion Lay Assistant - Scott Olson**

10 - Jack Hartmann & Jeff Grosz

17 - Jeremy Fink & Jeris Cleveland

24 - John Engelland & Justin Wright

31 - Keith Sprecher & Larry Klumb

Cleaning List: July 28 - Aug. 3 Pat Klumb & Renee Olson

Aug. 4 - 10 Pat Kreth & Tammy Bamberg

11 - 17 Renee Engelland & Sandy Lau

18 - 24 Samantha Lau & Sara Wright

25 - 31 Shelby Punt & Tami Fink



## I am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

Our hymn for August is "I am Trusting You, Lord Jesus," The following selection of content is from the website:

<https://womenofchristianity.com/i-am-trusting-thee-lord-jesus-by-frances-ridley-havergal-hymn-story/>

Author –Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-1879

Composer –Ethelbert W. Bullinger, 1837-1913

"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is." Jeremiah 17:7

This is another of the child-like, but beautiful expressions from the soul of the esteemed English poetess, Frances Ridley Havergal, often referred to as "the Sweetest Voice of Hymnody." Though highly educated and cultured, Miss Havergal always maintained a simple, child-like faith and confidence in her Lord. She is generally called "the consecration poet," since her hymns so reflect this quality. Her entire life was characterized by spiritual saintliness. It is said that she never wrote a line of verse without first fervently praying over it, and then she gave God all the credit for its composition:

"I believe my King suggests a thought, and whispers me a musical line or two, and then I look up and thank Him delightedly and go on with it. That is how my hymns come."

In August, 1850, she entered Mrs. Teed's school, whose influence over her was most beneficial. In the following year she says, "I committed my soul to the Saviour, and earth and heaven seemed brighter from that moment."

Miss Havergal was a devoted Bible student, memorizing much of the New Testament as well as the Psalms, Isaiah, and the Minor Prophets. She was a brilliant pianist and interpreter of the music of the masters, especially Handel, Mendelssohn, and Beethoven, and was also a lovely singer. Her numerous little books of poems and hymn texts are now treasured all over England and America. Perhaps the keynote of them is her own expression: "Thy will be done is not a sigh, but only a song."

Frail in health all of her life, Miss Havergal one day caught a severe cold which caused inflammation of the lungs. When told that her life was in danger, she exclaimed, "If I am really going, it is too good to be true!" At another time she responded, "Splendid! To be so near the gates of heaven." At the very end, it is reported that she sang clearly, but faintly, another of her hymns, "Jesus, I Will Trust Thee, Trust Thee With My Soul." Then, according to reports by her sister,

"She looked up steadfastly, as if she saw the Lord; and surely nothing less heavenly could have reflected such a glorious radiance upon her face. For ten minutes we watched that almost visible meeting with her King, and her countenance was so glad, as if she were already talking to Him! Then she tried to sing; but after one sweet, high note her voice failed, and as her brother commended her soul into the Redeemer's hand, she passed away."

Frances Havergal died at the early age of forty-two on June 3, 1879.

In August, we will begin a sermon series about Spiritual Gifts. This will be a few weeks of talking and praying about who God has made each of us to be. My hope is that these Sundays will help you to begin to explore and understand God's plan for your life. Frances had just 42 short years of life, but in those years God used her to encourage and teach uncountable numbers of people about Himself and His Truth through verse and song. In fact, God's plan for her life still impacts us today as we sing her words, inspired by God, these many years after she wrote them.

It can be frightening to stand before God and ask Him, "What do you want to do with me? How can I work for You, Lord?" But our verse for this month is an encouragement from Him to us through the prophet Isaiah:

**Isaiah 41:10 "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My Righteous Right Hand."**

God has work for all of His servants. He has given to all, just like in the parable of the talents in Matthew and parable of the minas in Luke. What makes the difference in this world and the next is how His servants respond. My purpose and prayers in life are that I may be a part of encouraging, guiding, and teaching the servants whom God will one day declare as "Good and Faithful." And also, that I may never back down from warning and rebuking those who are at risk of being declared, "wicked and slothful."

In the words of another Havergal hymn, Take My Life and Let It Be, may your life be consecrated to God.