Welcome to St. Peter's Lutheran Church



"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23

Síxth Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2024 10:15 Worshíp Servíce Pastor Brandon Johns

BELL RINGING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ⊕ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**



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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

by Robin VanDyke

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33

²²The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end: ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." ²⁵The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. ²⁷It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, ²⁸to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, ²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), ³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. ³¹For the Lord will not reject forever. ³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone. This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

PSALM 30 (Read Responsively)

¹I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

²O Lord my God, I cried out to you,

and you restored me to health.

³You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful;

give thanks in holy remembrance.

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning. ⁶While I felt secure, I said,

"I shall never be disturbed.

⁷You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸I cried to you, O Lord;

I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; O Lord, be my helper."

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing;

you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

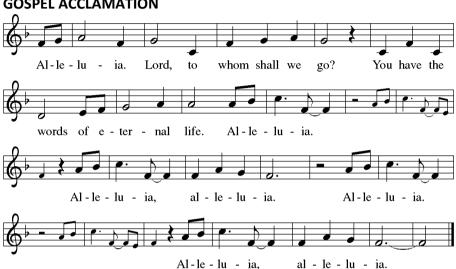
¹²Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written.

"The one who had much did not have too much. and the one who had little did not have too little." This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 5th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸ for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well."

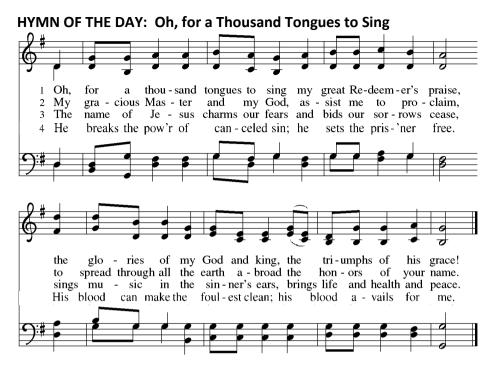
²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum." which means. "Little girl. get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

This is the Holy Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON





5 Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race! Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace! 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer. *A brief silence*.

God of abundance, you fill your church with a multitude of gifts. Sustain those among us who feel they are not valued. Open our hearts to the wondrous breadth of all who call upon your name.

The response for each petition is: In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

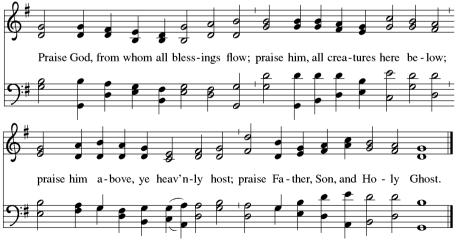
PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

OFFERING

Our offerings are made processionally, which means dropped into the plates located near the entrances to the nave.

OFFERTORY SONG: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

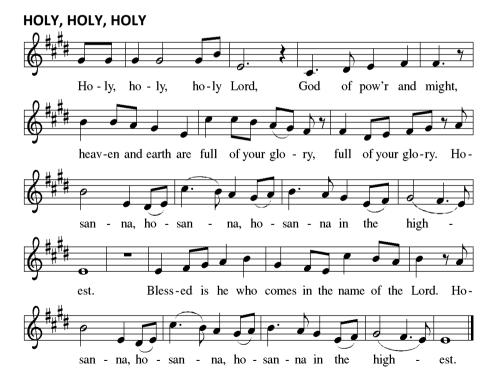
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. *(silence)* Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE (It is indeed right....join their unending hymn)



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

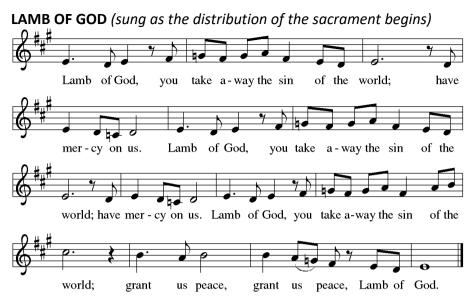
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as our Lord taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Let us join together in the heavenly banquet that has no end.





COMMUNION

The Sacrament will be offered with these words:

The body of Christ, given for you. *And* The blood of Christ, shed for you. *Optional responses* **Amen** *or* **Thanks be to God** *or* **Renew us, Lord**

BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

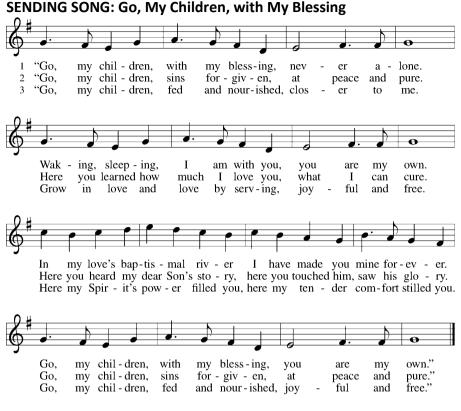
Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim with joy your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. Amen.



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SHARING FOR SERVING: Mission Notices and Birthdays

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Procession of Trumpets

Ellen Jane Lorenz

The Altar Flowers are given by Eilene Budisky in memory of Ron and Dan Budisky. The eternal candle is presented by Tom & Cindy Ayers in memory of their parents and son-in-law.

<u>St. Peter's Anniversary</u> – Did You Know... In 1976, 10:15 Worship began during the summer months.

Our Monthly Benevolent Cause for June

Our Monthly Benevolent Cause supports Evans City Fire Department. If you would like to support this cause, please mark the Other line on your contribution envelope Fire Department.

| Prayers Have Been Requested Recently for the Following: | | | |
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| Helen Barto | Luke Clawson | | |
| Stephanie Hogan | Joseph Marburger | | |
| Brian Kenney | Rick Marburger | | |
| Troy Barkley | | | |
| Families of: Carol Green, Shirley Wright, Colby Lippencott, | | | |
| Nancy McCombs, Dick Hanf, Ruth Mullenax and Carol Green | | | |
| | Helen Barto Stephanie Hogan Brian Kenney Troy Barkley een, Shirley Wright, Col | | |

| St. Peter's Upcoming Events: | | | |
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| Mon. July 1 | 6:15 pm | Softball Game - ML | |
| Tues. July 2 | 7:00 pm | Property Meeting | |

Peach Festival – On Sunday, July 21 after worship, we will have a special summertime fellowship gathering. Everyone is invited to stay and head to the picnic shelter for some food and fun that's just peachy. Bring a peach-themed dish to share if able, and be prepared for mouth-watering delight.



ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

is a congregation of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

| Pastor | The Rev. Brandon Johns |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Organist & Music Director | Marlene Domhoff |
| Office Secretary | Kimberly Peaco |
| Sexton | Joe Ludwik |
| Acolyte | Alyssa Mossor |
| Assisting Minister | Robin Van Dyke |
| Bell Ringer | Joe Ludwik |
| Greeters | Luann Brosius & Bev Critchlow |
| Lector | Robin Plank |
| Nursery | Colleen Prenovitz |
| Tech Support | Adam Price |
| Ushers | Tom & Cindy Ayers |

Members of St. Peter's who are age



- * Cindy Ayers
- * Tom Ayers
- * Beverly Banyay
- * James Banyay
- * Troy Barkley
- * Beverly Barkly
- * Ronald Blinn
- * Jane Brown
- * Kay Burr
- * Pat Capella
- * Magaret Clawson
- * Donna Daugherty
- * Marlene Domhoff
- * Karen Ferrari
- * Charlie Flach
- * Patti Flach
- * Lloyd Green
- * Barbara Graham
- * Charles Harbaugh
- * Norma Iman
- * Carol Kerr
- * Bea King

- * Charleen Lippencott
- * Joe Ludwik
- * Richard Marburger
- * Marcia Marburger
- * Janice Marburger
- * Magaret Myers
- * Joyce Nalevanko
- * Patricia Painter
- * Carolyn Parenti
- * Rick Reifenstein
- * Virginia Rinkus
- * Ruth Roberts
- * Vickie Sammons
- * Dennis Schmidt
- * Inez Schmidt
- * Lynn Schweingruber
- * James Shaffer
- * Janet Shaffer
- * Lucille Wingard
- * Nancy Zatterio
- * Dean Zinkhann

Jane Brown

Proverbs 31:30b, "But a woman who reverently and worshipfully fears (is in awe of) the Lord, she shall be praised." Jane Brown is such a woman who leans on and knows Jesus is with her. Jesus is her rock and hiding place, her Lord and savior.

We realize life is challenging at certain times and seasons. Some of Jane's generation were taught that faith in God was personal and not to be talked about. If you saw her at church, she would have smiled, but probably would not have talked a lot, because she is also an introvert. But fortunately, today in her 100th year of life, she freely speaks and gives full credit to Jesus, who give her the strength for every day. His mercies are new every morning and His faithfulness at night.

The Holy Spirit's gifts of perseverance and self-control are also clearly shown thru her. Jane is also a woman who has been there for friends and family. She is an inspiration to those who know her best and have the privilege of calling her Mom.

Barb Graham

Barb is actively involved in many groups at St. Peter's. She attends worship weekly and is a member of the Fellowship Committee, WELCA, Bible Study (online), and volunteers for Manna Night children's ministry and helps with funeral dinners. Her favorite book of the Bible is Luke. Barb's favorite Bible verse is from 1 Corinthians 13, "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth."

Barb joined St. Peter's after she married Harold. Both of their children were baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's. Her favorite thing about St. Peter's is how friendly and welcoming everyone has always been.

Norma Iman

Norma Iman married Leland at St. Peter's on December 11, 1945. Her parents were members of St. Peter's as well. While at St. Peter's Norma and Leland attended adult Sunday school, she participated in the choir, and attended church weekly. Every Christmas she has a gift bag of candy for children who visit to sing Christmas carols.

Lucille Wingard

Lucille Annetta Peters was born in Evans City on February 11, of 1930, to Charles and Mabel Wahl Peters and was baptized that same year at St. Peter's Lutheran Church by Reverend Barnett. The current baptismal font was donated in part by her great grandfather, Augustus Wahl.

The family attended Sunday School regularly, and as a teenager Lucille attended weekly Sunday evening Luther League meetings. Reverend Shaulis took Lucille and another girl to Camp Nawakwa near Gettysburg for a week of camping during their teenage years.

In high school she met and dated Paul Wingard, whom she married on June 26, 1951, with the Reverend Shaulis officiating. Lucille's Church activities included playing the piano each week for the primary department and assisted in teaching the children in first, second, and third grades. When the classes were reorganized she and Paul attended the VTC (Victory Through Christ) adult class.

She was also a member of the Ladies Aide Society, the Mary's circle, a council member, a financial secretary, and served on the 150th Church Anniversary Committee in 1999 with Agnes Watson.

Although Lucille is not able to attend weekly Church services in person she is able to watch the service online and she is able to attend weekly Bible study online.

Margaret Clawson

Margaret Clawson recently turned 90! She moved to Evans City in 1955 after her marriage to Kenneth Clawson. She lifted her letter from St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Butler to become a member of St. Peter's Lutheran.

Margaret was very active in the church. She attended adult Sunday school classes, was a member of Mary Circle, and was a cochairperson of the 125th Anniversary celebration and former member of the St. Peter's choir. She admits she cannot sing, but participated to be with Ken.

Margaret and her family have been lifelong members and she has seen baptisms, confirmations, first communions, weddings, and funerals.

A story of St. Peter's that Margaret likes to tell occurred when she was in Mary's Circle. They decided to do a mission project of knitting bandages for the lepers. For those of you who know Margaret very well she cannot do anything crafty like knitting but she wanted to try to help anyways. She was taught how to knit and worked diligently on the bandages. She lost a knitting needle and did not realize you had to replace it with a needle of the same size. Margaret brought her bandages to the church to donate. When the real knitters of St. Peter's saw her bandages, they were appalled! Uneven edges and large holes from slipped stitches made the bandages unacceptable for even the lepers. Margaret has a strong love for our small community church and its members. She often has said that her faith in Christ has come from

the walls of St. Peter's.



Special thank you to the Anniversary Committee for organizing the reception today honoring our great cloud of witnesses who have acquired valuable years of wisdom. Also, thank you to all those listed for how your lives tell the story of God's love.

Welcome to St. Peter's

We are thankful that you are here to worship with other Christians today. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray that your worship experience will fill you



with the grace and mercy of Almighty God through his Holy Spirit.

Newcomers and Guests

New to St. Peter's? Please sign the GUEST REGISTER behind the last pew. A handicapped accessible RESTROOM is located near the Van Buren Street entrance (through Luther Hall, past the kitchen, restroom is on the left in the foyer). You are welcome to commune with us if that is your practice.

Nursery - is staffed by a volunteer and available for children and caregivers. Exit the rear of the nave and follow the steps to the basement, the nursery is on the left. The service can be heard through an intercom in the nursery. There are activity bags in the back of the sanctuary and children's bulletins geared for children ages 5 and up are at the nave entrances.

Staying in Touch:

Our church office is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am until noon. Pastor is often there also or by appointment. Please feel free to contact us by phone or internet:

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