# Welcome to St. Peter's Lutheran Church



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost with Affirmation of Baptism for Leah Plank, Seth Price, and Mark Zoelle

June 9, 2024 10:15 Worship Service Pastor Brandon Johns

#### BELL RINGING

## INVOCATION

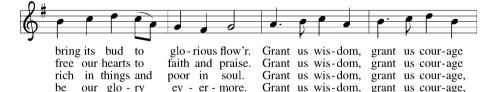
Sisters and Brothers, we are gathered for worship in the majestic name of God, our Lord, revealed to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

Amen. To you, O Lord, we sing with joy, praising your glory! Amen.

## GATHERING HYMN: God of Grace and God of Glory









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whom we

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Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

serv - ing you whom we

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

God, the Divine Father, our innermost being waits for you, our helper and our shield.

God, the Beloved Son, let your lovingkindness be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

God, the Holy Spirit, create in us a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from your presence, O God, and take not your Holy Spirit from any of us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

God, you send forth your Spirit, and your works are created, and so you renew the face to the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever.

We will sing praise to our God our whole lives long.

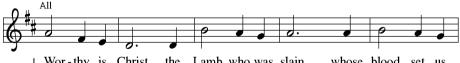
#### **GREETING**

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.** 

#### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



This is the least of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - la



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Let us pray. All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR

#### CHILDRENS MESSAGE

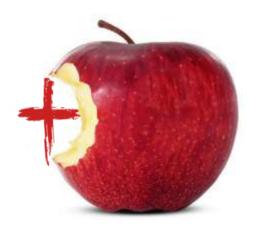
#### FIRST READING: Genesis 3:8-15

<sup>8</sup> [Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.

15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!



By God's grace, the missing piece has been transformed through perfect love into God's peace.

# **PSALM 130** (Read Responsively)

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;

<sup>2</sup>O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins,

O Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love; with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>For the Lord shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." <sup>33</sup>And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

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

#### **SERMON**

#### HYMN OF THE DAY: Built on a Rock



- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e ven when stee ples are 2 Sure ly, in tem ples made with hands God the Most High is not
- 3 Christ builds a house of liv ing stones: we are his own hab i -
- 4 Yet in this house, an earth ly frame, Je sus the chil dren is
- 5 Through all the pass ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; dwell - ing ta - tion; bless - ing; ring - ing,

ev - 'ry land, crum-bled have spires in bells still are high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - lv fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing he hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in hear your Word, man - v may come to who here this



chim-ing and call - ing—call-ing the young and old to rest, call-ing the tem-ples ex-cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a - life and sal-va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their Sav-ior con-fess - ing. Je-sus to us his Spir-it sent, mak-ing with prom-ise is bring-ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis-tressed, bide with us in love, midst will show his grace, us his cov - e - nant, world, my face shall see;

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The Church of the Holy Intercession in Sutkivtsi, Ukraine was a fortress that was converted into an Orthodox church building in 1476. May the stones of our hearts be transformed into one everlasting temple of God.



## THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

#### **PRESENTATION**

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, Leah, Seth, and Mark, have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism.

A: Dearest friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

#### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

A: Leah, Seth, and Mark, sister and brothers in Christ, in Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. You were clothed in his righteousness, sealed with the Holy Spirit, and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

The confirmands make the sign of the cross over themselves using water from the font in remembrance of their baptism.

A: In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation, a plan for the fullness of time to gather up all things in heaven and on earth in the Body of Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen Lord.

A: You have been nourished at his holy table and received the forgiveness, love, and life of Jesus himself in his body and blood.

P: You have been called and sent forth to be witness to this good news – the Gospel of Jesus Christ – and to live a life of repentance and thanksgiving. I ask you then to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

R: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

R: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

R: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.



#### **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

P: You have made public profession of your faith, the faith in which we baptize. Now I ask you, do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

R: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

P: People of God, do you promise to support our confirmands and pray for them in their lives in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

#### PRAYER OF BLESSING

A: Let us pray. Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these young people your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen** 

#### LAYING ON OF HANDS

P: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Leah/Seth/Mark the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her/his faith, guide her/his life, empower her/him in her/his serving, give her/him patience in suffering, and bring her/him to everlasting life. **Amen.** 

P: Let us rejoice in the ongoing baptismal life of our newest confirmed members and celebrate this new role in their fellowship with us in the Body of Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism and in the community we share. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world. *A brief silence.* 

You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community.

The response for each petition is: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

#### **PEACE**

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

#### **OFFFRING**

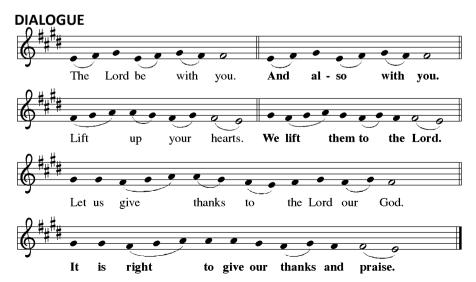
Our offerings are made processionally, which means dropped into the plates located near the entrances to the nave.

# OFFERING SONG: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



#### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.



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

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's passover from death to life, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

## Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

# Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

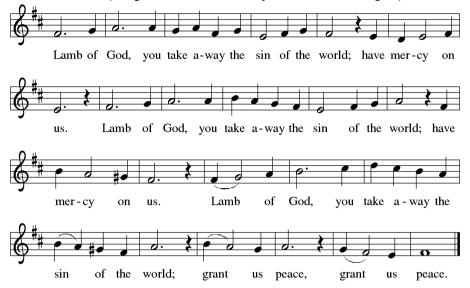
#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus 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.

# **LAMB OF GOD** (sung as the distribution of the sacrament begins)



#### 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. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **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  $\pm$  give you peace. **Amen.** 

# **SENDING SONG: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**



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**SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM** Go Now In Peace N. Price & D. Besig

The king-dom's ours for - ev

er!

**SHARING FOR SERVING: Mission Notices and Birthdays** 

win the day.

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** Chorus of Praise Randolph Johnston

The Altar Flowers are given by Kim & Jim Sharrar in loving memory of Ray and Ruth Wible.

The eternal candle is presented by Tom & Cindy Ayers in memory of their parents and son-in-law.

# **Prayers Have Been Requested Recently for the Following:**

Cole Barkley Helen Barto Luke Clawson

Michael Clawson Stephanie Hogan Joseph Marburger

Dan & Mary Brittner Joe Marburger Audrey Smith
Kim Morgan Brian Kenney Sandy Mullins
Maggie Daugherty Rick Marburger Davy Wildman

Ray Snider Dylan Rast Ella Jason

Family of Ann Henderson Family of Butch Zattiero

# **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 Seminary.

St. Peter's Upcoming Events:		
Mon – Fri.	9 am - noon	Morning Manna
Mon. June 10	7:00 pm	Anniversary Meeting
Tues. June 11	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wed. June 12	10 am – 2 pm	Community Sewing Group
	12:30 pm	Lunch Bunch
Thur. June 13	9:00 am	Quilters Group
	6:15 pm	Softball Game – ML
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Sat. June 15	6:30 pm	Game Night



## ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Presiding Bishop (ELCA) The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton Synodical Bishop (SWPA Synod) The Rev. Kurt A. Kusserow **Pastor** The Rev. Brandon Johns Organist & Music Director Marlene Domhoff Office Secretary Kimberly Peaco Joe Ludwik Sexton Acolyte Luke Zoelle **Assisting Minister** Karen Ferrari Trov Barkley **Bell Ringer** Marge Wearing & Robin Van Dyke Greeters Lector Tom Avers Beverly Barkley Nursery **Tech Support** Adam Price Ushers Heidi Beahm & Brian Johns

<u>St. Peter's Anniversary</u> – *Did You Know...* In 1961, an 8:30 am worship service began in order to ease overcrowding during the 11:00 am service. An average attendance was 137 people.

<u>WELCA School Kits</u> – The collection will be ongoing through mid-September. Our goal for this year is 175 school kits in celebration of our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. To help with reaching that goal, there is a donation poster in Luther Hall. Please consider taking a tag or two and donating the items to help make much needed school kits. The collection bin is there too. If you wish to give a monetary donation instead of items, please give it to Colleen Prenovitz or turn it into the church office marked School Kits. (*Please make checks* payable to **WELCA** not St. Peter's Lutheran Church.)

<u>WELCA</u> – Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, with a tureen dinner starting at 6:30 pm. We will meet in the picnic shelter if weather permits, or Luther Hall if not.

<u>Strawberry Festival</u> – St. John's Stone Church will be holding a strawberry festival on Saturday, June 15 from 4:30 -7:00pm, at 235 Stone Church Road, Harmony. If you would like more information, please contact Pastor Banyay.

<u>Pirates Game Outing</u> - We have 40 tickets to the Pirates game on Saturday, June 22 at 4 pm. Tickets are \$28 each with \$5 loaded value (to purchase food at concessions) in Section 307. Since we have purchased 40 tickets already, they are first come, first serve.

Rege Rengers Memorial Cornhole Tournament — Our 4<sup>th</sup> annual fundraiser for ALS research will take place on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Sign up ahead of time or just come to the lower lot the day of the event for fun, fellowship, and lots of food too!

<u>"Morning Manna" Kids Camp</u> – This is our own weeklong VBS-like children's ministry that we need more kids and more volunteers for

ASAP! It is NEXT WEEK! (June 10-14) It runs from 9 am until noon, and features a Beach Theme – Fun in the Son. Please use the QR code to register or talk to Heidi Beahm or call the church office. Please help us to make sure our children get the most important foundation



they can in their lives, faith in God, by bringing as many children as possible for this vital ministry.

<u>VBS</u> – St. John's UCC will be hosting Vacation Bible School this year from July 7 - 11, 5:30 - 7:30pm. Please see Pastor Johns if you are interested in volunteering.

<u>DANIEL Live on Stage</u> – We have reserved a block of 20 tickets at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster to see the live production of DANIEL on Saturday, November 2. Tickets are \$75 for adults and \$45 for children. If you would like more details, please contact Eileen Budisky.

# 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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Church Email: <a href="mailto:stpeterslcec@zoominternet.net">stpeterslcec@zoominternet.net</a>
Pastor Email: <a href="mailto:rev.brandonjohns@gmail.com">rev.brandonjohns@gmail.com</a>

Church Website: <a href="www.stpeterslutheranevanscity.org">www.stpeterslutheranevanscity.org</a> Church Facebook Page: St. Peter's Lutheran Church Sunday Bulletin Deadline: Wednesdays at 10:00 AM. Newsletter deadline: Third Sunday of the Month

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