

Welcome to
St. Peter's Lutheran Church



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*August 18, 2024
10:15 Worship Service*

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.

GATHERING HYMN: Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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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.**

KYRIE

Refrain




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: Rick Reifenstein

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

FIRST READING: Proverbs 9:1-6

- ¹Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
- ²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
- ³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
- ⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,
- ⁵“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
- ⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

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

PSALM 34:9-14 (Read Responsively)

- ⁹Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.
- ¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**
- ¹¹Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence for the Lord.
- ¹²**Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**
- ¹³Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
- ¹⁴**Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵ Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise,
¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not
be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get
drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit,
¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among
yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts,
²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in
the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

The holy gospel according to John, the 6th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.

⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: What Feast of Love



1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
 2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
 3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
 What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
 What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
 This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
 Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
 Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
 Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.
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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

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible.

The response for each petition is:

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

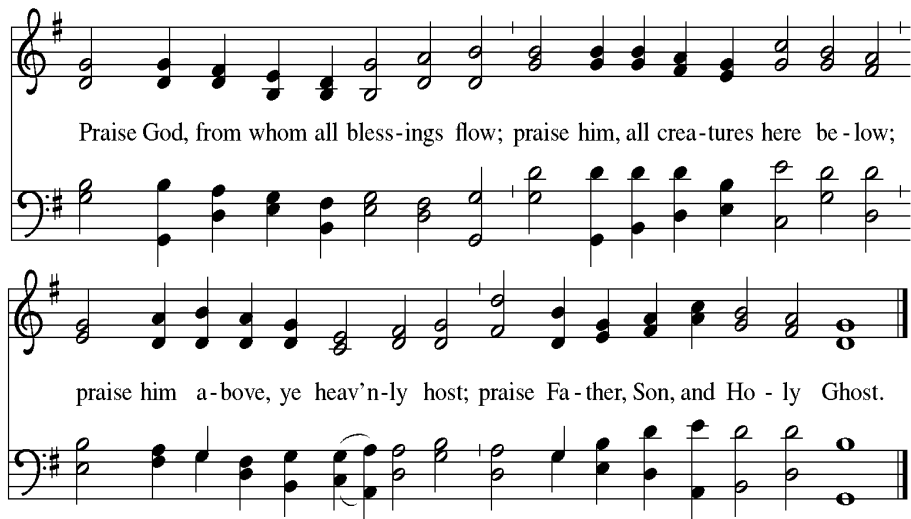
PEACE

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

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY SONG: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heav' n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDDTH, 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.

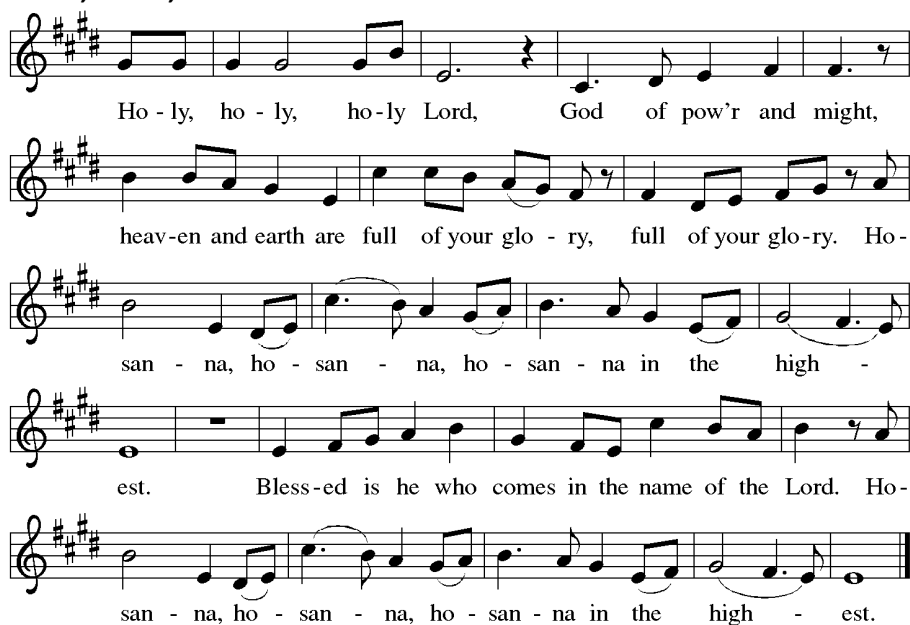
We lift them to the Lord.

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*)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

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



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

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.**

SENDING SONG: As We Gather at Your Table (*on the next page*)

SHARING FOR SERVING: Mission Notices and Birthdays

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Basilica March

Elizabeth T. Van Woert

The Altar Flowers are presented by Marlene Domhoff to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles M. Peters and Mabel A. Peters

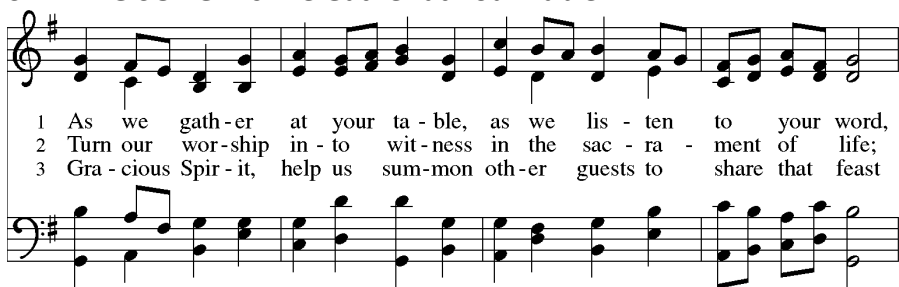
The eternal candle is presented by Teresa O'Malley in celebration of my sons John Barron (15th) and Timothy Barron (10th) and my granddaughter Summer Barron (6th) birthdays. Also, in loving memory of Roland Wise, Bob Ferringer and Rick Frankford.

Special Note: *The altar flowers for 8/11 were presented by Talea Merrison in honor of her niece Anora Starr, just born Monday, August 5th, 2024 and to honor the 3rd birthday of our granddaughter Astara Catarina on Saturday, August 10th.*

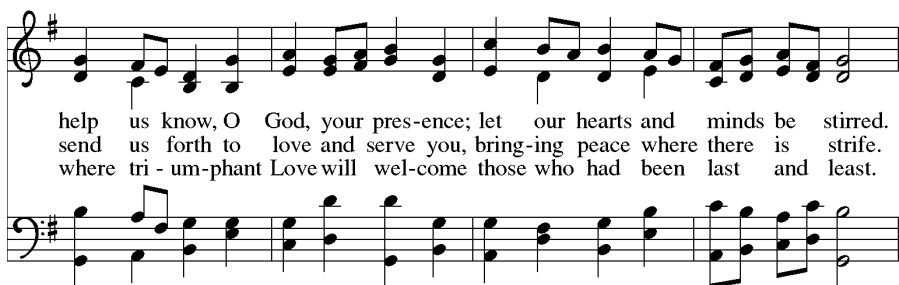
Monthly Benevolent Cause for August

Our Monthly Benevolent Cause supports Lutheran Campus Ministries. If you would like to support this cause, please mark the **Other** line on your contribution envelope **Campus Ministries**.

SENDING SONG: As We Gather at Your Table



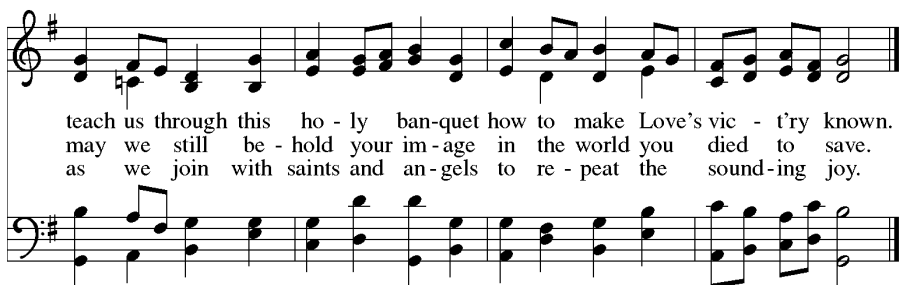
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

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Prayers Have Been Requested Recently for the Following:

Cole Barkley	Helen Barto	Luke Clawson
Michael Clawson	Lucille Wingard	Troy Barkley
Pat VanDyke	Jacob Savisky	Maggie Louwagie
Garrie Wearing	Vickie Baker	Aiden Bartley
Alan Wobb	Wendell Banyay	Patty Frishkorn
Max Whitlinger	Joan Gump	The family of Brian Kenney

St. Peter's Upcoming Events:

Mon. Aug. 19	6:30 pm	Softball Championship - MAC
Tues. Aug. 20	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wed. Aug. 21	6:15 pm	Softball Championship - ML
Thurs. Aug. 22	9:00 am	Quilters Group
	4:00 pm	After School Program
Fri. Aug. 23	4:00 pm	After School Program
	6:30 pm	Wine & Cheese
Tues. Aug. 27	7:00 pm	Dorcas Circle



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
Sexton	Joe Ludwik
Acolyte	Lily Johns
Assisting Minister	Robin Van Dyke
Bell Ringer	Volunteer
Greeters	Denny & Inez Schmidt
Lector	Jane Taylor
Nursery	Marge Lindgren
Tech Support	Adam Price
Ushers	Heidi Beahm & Curt Johns

St. Peter's Anniversary - The new **cookbooks** are now on sale for \$12. Please see Rita Reifenstein for more info. Our beautiful St. Peter's Christmas **Ornaments** are still available, at the cost of \$20. Please see Marsha Reedy for more details. Last but not least, please sign up for your **directory** photo session, September 10th or 11th. Remember that it is completely FREE of charge to have your photo included in the directory. Any additional prints or packages are priced accordingly.

To sign up online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photo appointment scheduling login on the right, enter **pa 1079** for the church code and **photos** in the password field. If you have 6 or more in your family, please use two consecutive time slots. Rita will also be available after worship service if you need assistance registering your appointment. If you cannot physically make it to the church, you can submit your own photo.

Food Cupboard – This month we will be collecting **condiments**.

***SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – We will meet after worship next Sunday for a special meeting to vote on a proposal to repair the cracking of the ceiling and walls of the nave and to repaint them.

Wine and Cheese – On August 23rd, we will have an evening of relaxation, with games, delightful conversation, tasty hors d'oeuvres, adult beverages, and maybe even a dip. Hope to see you at the Raupps' starting at 6:30 pm!

APPLE FEST - will be here before we know it! Many donations are needed to make this event possible. Sign up today to donate and take an "apple" off the donation tree as a reminder of the donation you signed up to bring. Save the dates to volunteer and have fun and fellowship during our annual event!

Apple Fest: Sept. 20, 21, 22

Dumpling Crust Making:

Sat. Aug. 31st at 8:30 am

Apple Cutting for Apple Butter:

Fri. Sept. 13th at 8:30 am

Dumpling Assembly:

Sat. Sept. 7th at 8:30 am

Apple Butter Making:

Sat. Sept. 14th at 5:00 am - ?

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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