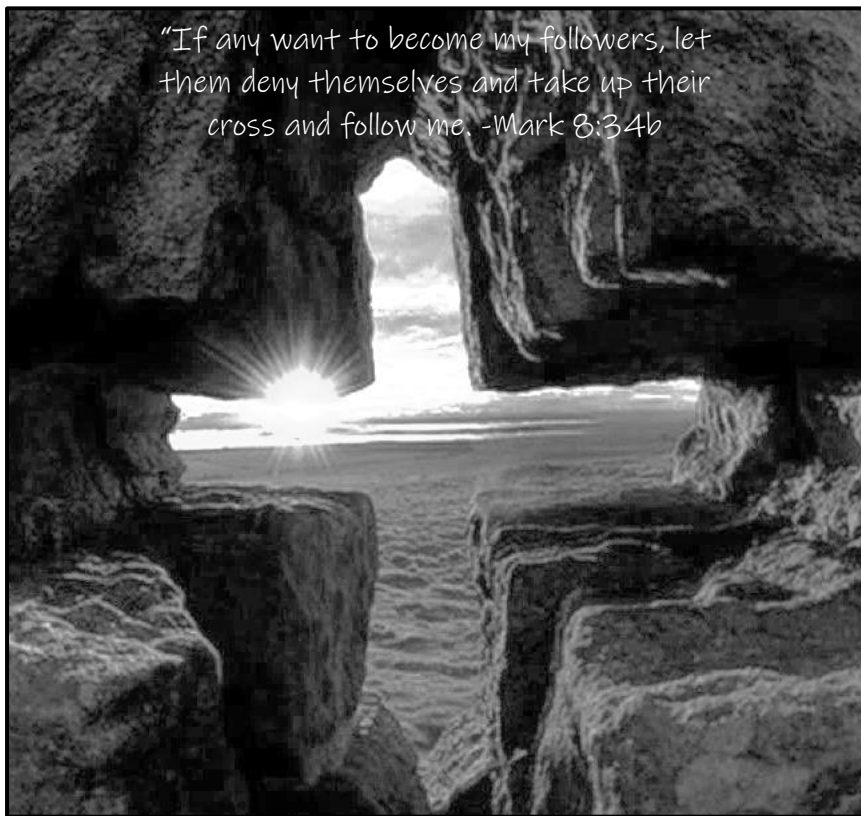


Welcome to
St. Peter's Lutheran Church

"If any want to become my followers, let
them deny themselves and take up their
cross and follow me. -Mark 8:34b



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

*September 15, 2024
10:15 Worship Service*

Pastor Brandon Johns

PRELUDE

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: Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

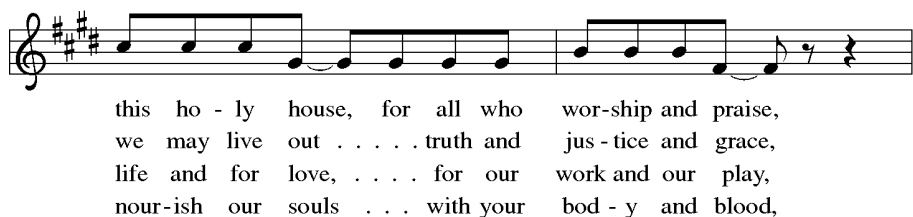
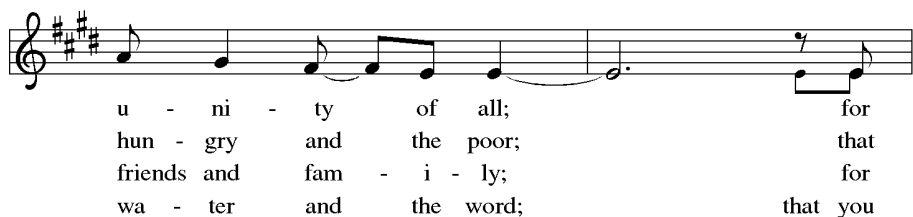
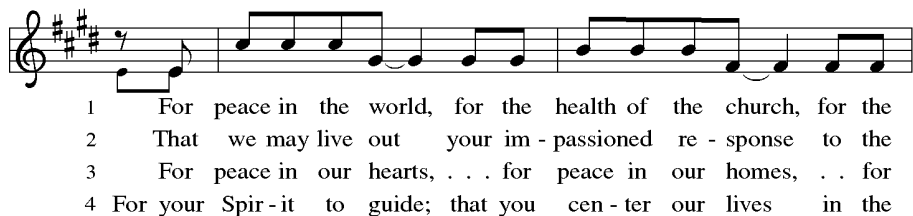
Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-9 *(Read Responsively)*

¹I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

²**for the Lord has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me;
the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴**Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”**

⁵Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

⁶**The Lord watches over the innocent;
I was brought low, and God saved me.**

⁷Turn again to your rest, O my soul.
for the Lord has dealt well with you.

⁸**For you have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;**

⁹I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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: Mark 8:27-38

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: O Master, Let Me Walk With You

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.
 Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

INSTALLATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS

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

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit,
we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation,
and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

We pray for the church throughout the world. Form us into
communities of forgiveness and grace. Help us to notice where you
are calling us into new relationships, and give us courage to embrace
the uncomfortable and unfamiliar.

The response for each petition is:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of
your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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 plate located near the entrance to the picnic shelter.

OFFERTORY SONG: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711
Music: OLD HUNDREDETH, 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.

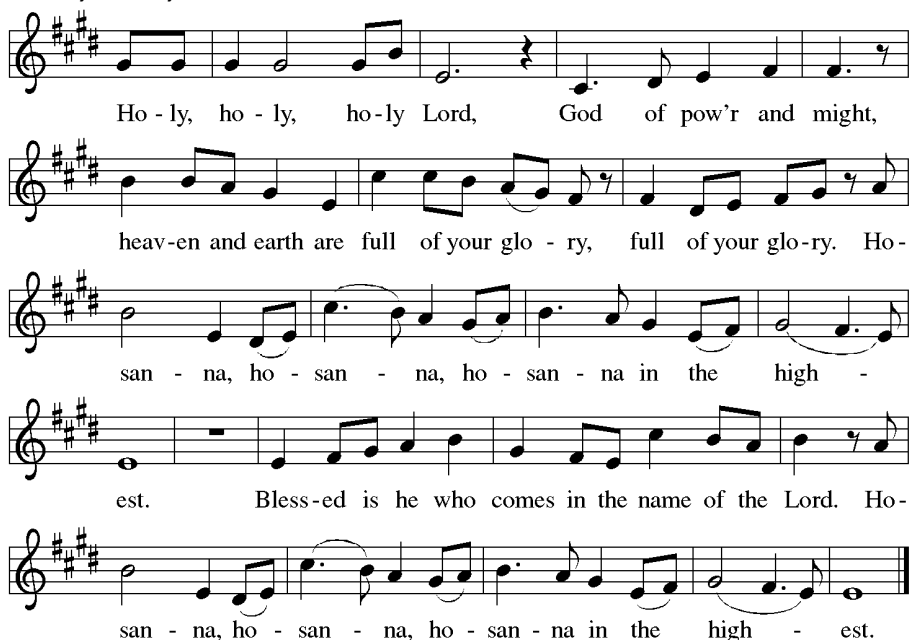
We lift them to the Lord.

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.**

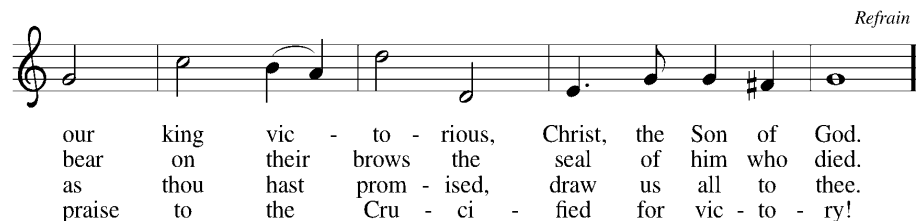
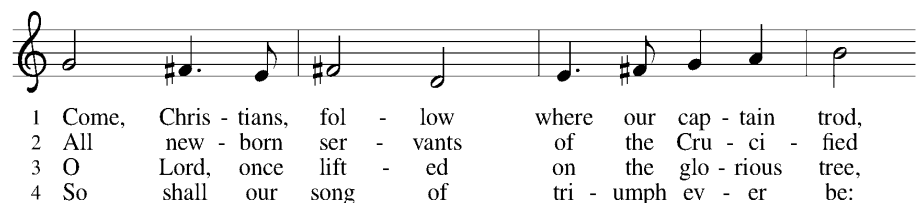
BENEDICTION

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: Lift High the Cross



Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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SHARING FOR SERVING: Mission Notices and Birthdays

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Monthly Benevolent Cause for September

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

*The Altar Flowers are
presented by
Troy and Beverly Barkley in
memory of their son
Troy Barkley Jr.*

*The eternal candle is presented by
Teresa O'Malley,
in celebration of Mike Mashuda,
and to all grandparents,
Happy Grandparents Day.*

Prayers Have Been Requested Recently for the Following:

Cole Barkley	Sandy Mullins	Luke Clawson
Michael Clawson	Lucille Wingard	Troy Barkley
Max Whitlinger	Joan Gump	Roberta Domhoff
Lisa Burr	Nancy Caruso	Jeff MacKay

The families of Chuck Ferrainolo, Helen Barto, and Linda Price Young

St. Peter's Upcoming Events:

Mon. – Fri.	4 – 6 pm	After School Program
Tues. Sept. 17	7:00 pm	WELCA Meeting
Wed. Sept. 18	5:30 pm	Manna Night
Thurs. Sept. 19	9:00 am	Quilters Group
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
Fri. Sept. 20	9:00 am	Rummage Sale
	9 am - 6:00 pm	Apple Fest
Sat. Sept. 21	9 am - 4:00 pm	Apple Fest & Rummage Sale

Did you know ...Coming soon, a detailed history of St. Peter's Lutheran Church is now being printed and will be for sale at a very reasonable price soon. Your name is included at least once in the history. Learn about our history and maybe your ancestors.



ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Pastor	The Rev. Brandon Johns
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Sexton	Joe Ludwik
Acolyte	Penelope Erin
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Bell Ringer	Corey Walker
Greeters	Michael & Staci Bettencourt
Lector	Patti Flach
Nursery	Melissa Bonicky
Tech Support	Adam Price
Ushers	Heidi Beahm & Brian Johns

Anniversary Dinner – Our dinner will be held at Lutherlyn on Sunday, October 6th. You may start arriving at 3:00 if you are interested in seeing the space; programming will begin at 4:00; dinner will be served at 5:00 pm. All are welcome and wanted! Sign up today!

WELCA - General Meeting will be held September 17 @ 7:00 pm. We will be assembling the 175 school kits. All ladies are welcome to attend. See Marsha Reedy or Robin VanDyke for more information.

Food Cupboard –In September, we are collecting items to create **cookie baking kits**. On the table outside of the picnic shelter there are baking kit bins which have lists of specific items needed. Either sign up to contribute certain ingredients to a bin so it can be filled by a team of volunteers or take a whole bin and return it with all the needed items. We are hoping to supply our neighbors with 20 completed baking kits. Thank you for your help in this ministry of hospitality and outreach!

Manna Night Returns! – We are back to weekly gatherings from 5:30 to 7:15 pm. Our theme is Fruit of the Spirit. Please be a co-worker in God's Garden and bring a children or children to this vital ministry where the seeds of faith are planted and grown! Volunteers need too. Please talk to Patti Flach.

Bible Study Returns – If you would like to join this entertaining and enlightening ministry, please let Pastor know so that he can add you to the group email. A link is emailed weekly. We start this Thursday!

Community Worship - We invite you to join us at this service next Sunday at 10 am. The service will take place in front of the Fire Hall. If you would like to bring your own chair you are welcome to do so or you can use the chairs that are provided. Sunday school will still be offered at St. Peter's at 9 am, but will be shorter than usual.

Fellowship Outing – There are just a few tickets left for an exciting road trip to Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA on Saturday, November 2. Tickets are \$75. Please see Eilene for more details.

Rummage Sale – We are collecting clean and ready to sell items for our rummage sale. There are also sheet with timeslots for volunteers to help. Please sign up! All proceeds fund our Manna Night Ministry and send our youth to Camp Lutherlyn.

Harvest Home – Fall mums are now on sale. Order forms must be returned by October 6th. We will celebrate Harvest Home on 10/13.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser – Saturday, October 12th, at 4:30-7pm, here at St. Peter's Church. Proceeds will benefit the Aiden Bartley Family. Aiden has a rare form of adult pancreatic cancer and is only 11 years old. They have to travel to Los Angeles for treatment.

Blood Drive – The 2nd Annual Elisa Walker Memorial Vitalant Blood Drive will be held on Monday, October 28th from 2-7:00 pm. Please save the date and volunteer to donate at St. Peter's.

Welcome to St. Peter's

We are thankful that you found us outside as our nave is being refurbished and 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. You are welcome to commune with us if that is your practice.

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