

Welcome to
St. Peter's Lutheran Church



All Saints Sunday

*November 3, 2024
10:15 Worship Service*

Pastor Brandon Johns

On All Saints Sunday we remember all of those who have entered the Church Triumphant including these brothers and sisters of St. Peter's: **Mary Belle McMillan, Karen Marburger, Ruth Rasp, Kimberly Morris, Arthur Zattiero, Ruth Mullenax, Carol Green, and Helen Barto.**

No amount of our prayers are necessary to ensure the loving embrace of God's arms of mercy now and always for them. Instead, we pray in thanksgiving for the lives of our loved ones, rejoice in the baptismal promises that God has made real for them, and comfort one another with the mutual consolation we have in the hope of the resurrection. The lighted candle is one way of remembering their place in this community and before God, for it is from Jesus, the Light of the world, that we all obtain the saintly light.

Also, we recognize our recently baptized, **Matthew Green and Hudson Kenney**, for it is in our baptism that we receive the promise of adoption as God's children and while the sin of our old self continues to cling to us in this life, the adoption that God conveys to us through the water and Word justifies us, establishing us already among the saints in light.

PRELUDE

BELL RINGING

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM AND THE SAINTS

We gather for worship in the name of the one in whom we baptize, the one in whom is our life, the one in whose name we commend our dead, God the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Likewise, in Baptism your Spirit moves through water and the Word joining us to the new life in Christ.

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all." (Eph. 4:4-6)

We praise you God for uniting us with the saints of all times and places, especially Mary Belle McMillan (pause for candle lighting and chime ringing after each name is read), Karen Marburger, Ruth Rasp, Kimberly Morris, Arthur Zattiero, Ruth Mullenax, Carol Green, Helen Barto, and for their great cloud of witness that surrounds us.

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for-tress, and their might; thou,
 thee by faith be-fore the world con-fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap-tain in the well-fought fight; . . .
 name, O Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest.
 thou, in the dark-ness drear, their one true light.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

We give you thanks, O God, for your call to your people throughout the ages to green pastures and still waters, where you restore souls and show your path.

Likewise, your Son has called us to baptize all peoples, that we all might carry his light yoke as we follow the Way, and know his ongoing presence with us.

“And I heard a voice from heaven saying, ‘Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord.’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.’” (Rev. 14:13)

We praise you God for the work of the saints, which is now our work, and that you have led them now to your joyous rest.

(At this time you are invited forward to light a candle/s for loved ones who have died in the last year, whether members of our St. Peter’s congregation or our extended family.)

3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;

we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant glo - ry shine; yet
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants tri - umph song, and
 rest; . . .

all hearts are one in thee, for all are thine.
 sweet are the brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

(Those who were baptized since last All Saints Sunday are invited forward)

We give you thanks, O God, for the promises that you have given through prophets of old to be the well of salvation, and to turn mourning into dancing at the swallowing up of death.

Likewise, in Baptism, you have joined us to the great promises of eternity: resurrection, living water, a place at the banqueting table, the fullness of the presence of the living God.

“Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.”
(Romans 6:3-5)

We praise you God for in the waters of Baptism you have made sinful people like us saints in light, and you have included Matthew and Hudson with us and all your children in the promised gift of eternal life.

On behalf of Matthew and Hudson, receive these gifts as tangible reminders that through water and God’s Word, you have been claimed like us as a child of God, a fellow heir of God’s kingdom come and a servant with us in God’s kingdom on earth.

Shower us all, O God, with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, joy, and love.

6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .
King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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 God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SR. CHOIR ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food
filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe
away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people
he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited
for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom
we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

PSALM 24

¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

² **For the Lord has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

³ Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

⁴ **Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear
on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

⁵ They shall receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶ **Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ **Who is this King of glory?**

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ **Who is this King of glory?**

Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a} Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(The assembly stands, if able, to welcome the gospel.)



GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

The holy gospel according to John, the eleventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”

⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Give Thanks for Saints



1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -



round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their



while they live and when they die how force - ful -
true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on -
in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that



ly they speak— the strong, who once were weak!
toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
cerns they own— God's love through them is known.
we may say we share their pil - grim way.

Text: Martin E. Leckebusch, b. 1962
Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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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

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life.

The response for each petition is:

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through 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 plates located near the entrances to the nave.

OFFERTORY SONG: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have
gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who
gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al-so 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)*

SANCTUS

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

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 saints in light. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim 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: Borning Cry (*on next page*)

SHARING FOR SERVING: Mission Notices, Birthdays & Anniversaries

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Prayers Have Been Requested Recently for the Following:

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|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Cole Barkley | Lucille Wingard | Luke Clawson |
| Michael Clawson | Joan Gump | Troy Barkley |
| Jeff MacKay | Roberta Domhoff | Vickie Baker |
| Lisa Burr | Raquel Barron | Annastyn Hogan |
| Bill Boice | Marlene Domhoff | Kay Burr |
| The Zorn & Brittner Families | | |

The families of Alex Kinch, Carl Huffman and Jeff Carroll

Please hold these members and friends of St. Peter’s in your prayers.

“The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.” James 5:16

SENDING SONG: Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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*Today's altar flowers are to
the Glory of God and in loving memory
of Mabel A. & Charles M. Peters
and given by
Lucille Wingard & Marlene Domhoff*



*The Eternal Candle
is presented by
Becky & Rick Riddle
in memory
of our parents*



Our Monthly Benevolent Cause for November will support
Glade Run Lutheran Services.

To support this cause, please mark the “Other” option on your contribution envelope.

St. Peter’s Upcoming Events:

Mon. – Fri.	4-6 pm	After School Program
Mon. Nov. 4	6:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting
	7:00 pm	Boy/Cub Scouts
Tues. Nov. 5	7:00 pm	Property Meeting
Wed. Nov. 6	10:00 am	Community Quilting Group
	5:30 pm	Manna Night
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
	8:00 pm	Cantata Practice
Thur. Nov. 7	10:00 am	Quilters Group
	1:00 pm	Mary Circle
	7:00 pm	Bible Study



ST. PETER’S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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Congregational Meeting – Next Sunday, we will have our annual congregational meeting. Please plan to stay after worship for that important part of our life together. We will consider and approve a budget for our community, elect people we believe to be called by God into leadership for this season in our congregation’s life.

Advent Lunch – Our annual kickoff to the Advent season is returning this year on Dec. 1. Our SPY will be hosting a lunch after worship and there will be Advent-themed activities for all ages. Any funds donated for the lunch will support next summer’s youth mission trip.

Advent Friends - Brothers and sisters, the season of hope and anticipation, joy & merry-making is nearly upon us. In order to help prepare our hearts for the expectant delight of the holiday season, we are again organizing our secret gift-giving activity. Being an Advent Friend is another special way to highlight Advent by enjoying the fellowship of others and having some fun keeping secrets. Look for a sign-up form in the newsletter and on the table in coming weeks. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor.

Annual Christmas cookie sale – Sun., Dec. 22nd following our worship service, cookies will be provided by Lutherlyn camper families for fellowship time. If you enjoy the sweet, festive treats, then you are invited to purchase more to take home in order to help defray the cost of camp for our youth. Christmas tins will be available to fill.

Upcoming Youth Schedule:

- 11/10 - Worship. Meeting. Food Pack Up. Lunch. Games until 2 pm
- 11/22 - Saturday 11/23, 7pm - 9 am - Overnight at Church
- 12/1 - SPY Advent Lunch - prepare during Sunday School. All help during and afterwards
- 12/13, 6 - 9 pm - Christmas Party
- 12/14, 10 am - Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 12/20, 5 - 8 pm - Christmas dinner (5-6pm) and caroling (6-8pm)
- 12/21, 10 am - Christmas Program Rehearsal
- 12/22, 6 pm - Christmas Program



NOVEMBER 16, 2024

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
202 Van Buren St. Evans City

TURKEY DINNER!

4 - 6:30 pm

Menu:



**Eat In
or
Carry Out**

Turkey
Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Stuffing
Cranberry Sauce

Roll
Coleslaw
Green Beans
Dessert
Beverage



A portion of the
proceeds benefit the
Evans City Library.

*Dinner is sponsored by
Thrivant Financial*

OCTOBER 2024

ELCA.org/hurricanes

In late September, Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane, ravaging communities in the southeast, from Florida to Virginia. As the floodwaters have started to recede, the extreme devastation — especially in North Carolina and Tennessee — has become clearer. Entire towns, roads and bridges have been washed away, and millions are without power and cell service.

Whatever unfolds because of this storm, Lutheran Disaster Response will be there. Lutheran Disaster Response has strong relationships in the region and is already at work on the ground. Working alongside synods and other partners,

Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to provide support throughout the impacted region. We anticipate that our greatest impact will be reaching those in underserved and rural areas.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, such as mudslides, severe storms and flooding. These gifts also empower us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts to “Hurricane Response” will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete.

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YES, I WANT TO HELP!

- Lutheran Disaster Response: *Where needed most* \$ _____ DDG0010
- Lutheran Disaster Response: *Hurricane Response* \$ _____ DDG0087

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22116-8009** and write “*Where needed most*” or “*Hurricane Response*” on your check’s memo line.

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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 through 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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