Welcome to St. Peter's Lutheran Church



18th Sunday after Pentecost

Harvest Home

October 12, 2025
10:15 Worship Service

Pastor Brandon Johns

BELL RINGING

GATHERING LITURGY

We bless you, God of seed and harvest, as you have richly blessed us. Bring to harvest the seed of your Word sown in us, that the beauty of this world, and the love that created it, might be expressed though our lives as a blessing to others, now and always. Amen.

We see signs of summer's passing in golden leaves, shortening days, misty mornings, autumn glow.

We sense its passing in rain that dampens, winds that chill, harvest's bounty gathered in before the snow. Yet, God promised through Noah to all Creation, "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

For summer's passing and harvest home, We thank you, O God.

For seed that has fallen and the promise of spring, We thank you, O God.

Together, let us confess and pray.

God our Creator, forgive our moments of ingratitude, the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is this world, the cycles of nature, of life and death and rebirth. Forgive us for taking without giving, reaping without sowing. Open our eyes to see, our lips to praise, and our hands to share. Help our feet walk humbly on the path we tread and make our footsteps be worthy of following by virtue of them leading to you.

Hear the good news:

We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In

→ Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God. **Amen.**



Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt. Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

GRFFTING

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.**

HYMN OF PRAYER



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR

Thankful

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage.

¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a-c}Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

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

PSALM 111 (Read Responsively)

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them.

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.

⁵You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

⁶You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

8They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;

holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise

to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go

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

on your way; your faith has made you well."

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven



Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, alt. Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. God of grace,

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

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

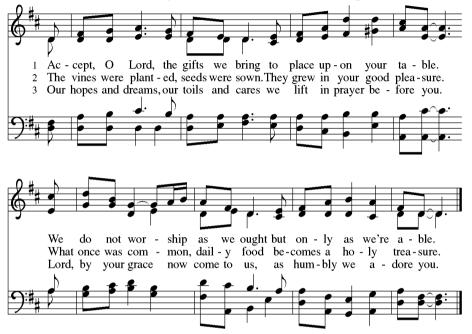
PEACE

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.

OFFERTORY SONG: Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

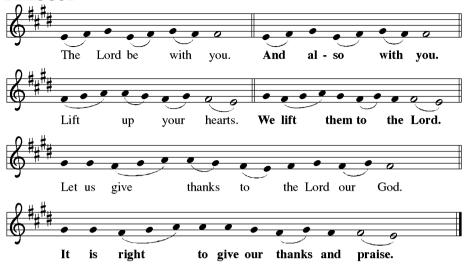


OFFERING PRAYER

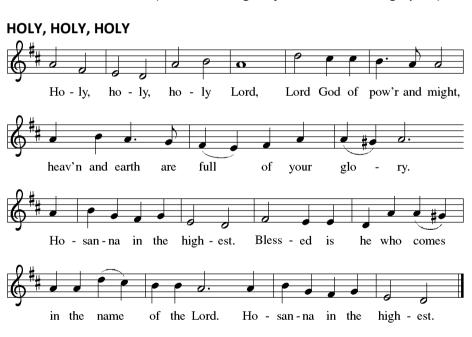
Let us pray. (silence) Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



DIALOGUE



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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our Bread of Life, our Host, our Sustenance, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to be food for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son. Through him all glory and honor are yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

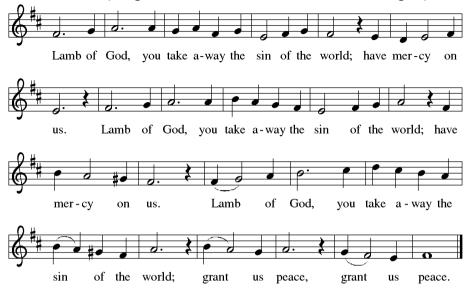
LORD'S PRAYER

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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

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



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. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **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.**



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SHARING FOR SERVING: Birthdays and Mission Notices

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Come With Rejoicing

R.S. Morrison

Prayers Have Been Requested Recently for the Following:

Cole Barkley	Luke Clawson	Pat Wolfe
Stephanie Hogan	Mary Fulghum	Pr. Jack Delk
Jim Schrader	Eilene Budisky	Jules Stella
Berty McMillen	Rick Reifenstein	n Lori Burns
Amy Crigorovich Troy Barklay		Carrio Waarir

Amy Grigorovich Troy Barkley Garrie Wearing
Bea King Curt Johns Marge Lindgren

The families of Debbie Vogel, Margie Brittner & Barry Spithaler

The Altar Flowers are given by
Staci & Michael
In Honor of our 9th Wedding
Anniversary
The Altar Flowers are given by
Dan & Casey in Celebration of
Josie's Birthday

The Eternal Candle is given by Teresa O'Malley to the Glory of God



Our Monthly Benevolent Cause for October

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

St. Peter's Upcoming Events:			
Mon. – Friday	4 – 6:00 pm	After School Program	
Mon. October 13	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	
Wed. October 15	10:00 am	Community Sewers	
	12:00 pm	Lunch Bunch	
	5:30 pm	Manna Night	
	7:00 pm	Cantata Choir Practice	
	8:00 pm	Senior Choir Practice	
Thurs. October 16	10:00 am	Quilters Group	
	7:00 pm	Bible Study	
Fri. October 17	9:00 am	Clothing Cupboard	
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ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

The Rev. Brandon Johns Pastor **Organist & Music Director** Marlene Domhoff Office Secretary Lisa French Sexton Joe Ludwik Asst. Minister Teresa O'Malley Lector **Becky Rengers** Carter Johns Acolyte **Bell Ringer** Josh Green Cindy & Tom Ayers Ushers Linda Schmidt Nurserv **Tech Support** Heidi Beahm Margaret Clawson & Jane Taylor Greeters

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. You are welcome to commune with us if that is your practice. 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). **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. 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.

RECOGNITION OF ARTISTS:

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