

# Welcome to St. Peter's Lutheran Church



“Increase our faith...” -Luke 17:5b

*17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*October 5, 2025*

*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: God is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of the life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are find ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en;  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here in the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dare.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

## 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



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



hun - gry and the poor; that

friends and fam - i - ly; for

wa - ter and the word; that you



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,



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**SENIOR CHOIR**     *May Jesus Christ Be Praised!*     *Joseph Barnby*

## CHILDRENS MESSAGE

### FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?  
Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.  
The wicked surround the righteous—  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>Then the Lord answered me and said:  
Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

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

**PSALM 37:1-9** (*Read Responsively*)

- <sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- <sup>2</sup>**For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**
- <sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the Lord and do good;  
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- <sup>4</sup>**Take delight in the Lord,  
who shall give you your heart's desire.**
- <sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord,  
and see what God will do.
- <sup>6</sup>**The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light  
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**
- <sup>7</sup>Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.  
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- <sup>8</sup>**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**
- <sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

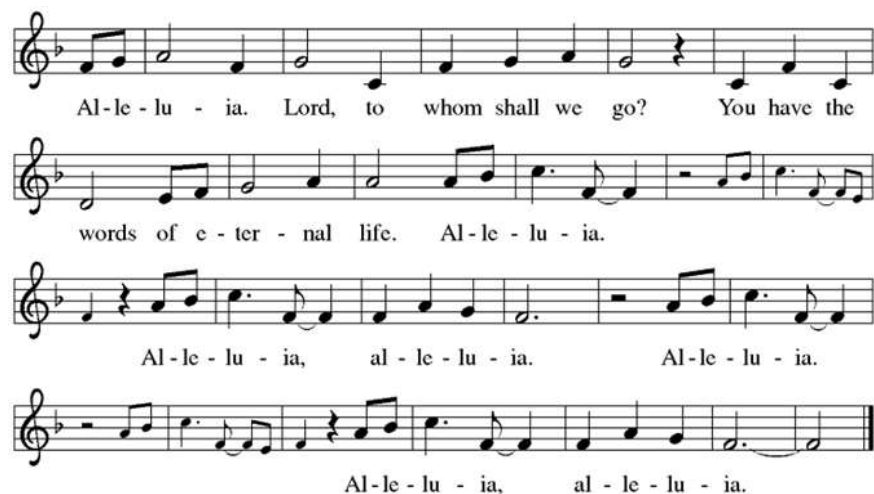
**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

- <sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
- <sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:  
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
- <sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

*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: Luke 17:5-10

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY: Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.



## 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.*

O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough.

***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.**

## 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 blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. (*silence*) Merciful God, **you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. 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*)

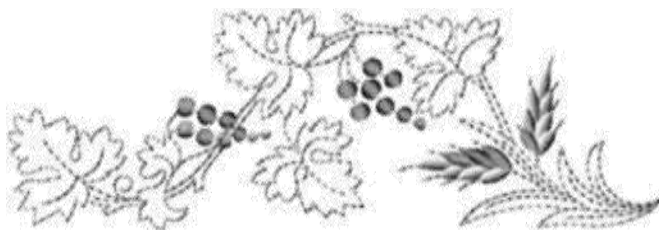
## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## 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

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, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through 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: My Faith Looks Up To Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

## SHARING FOR SERVING: Birthdays and Mission Notices

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

*Allegretto*

*E. L. Ashford*

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

Cole Barkley	Luke Clawson	John Wilson
Stephanie Hogan	Mary Fulghum	Pr. Jack Delk
Jim Schrader	Eilene Budisky	Jules Stella
Berty McMillen	Rick Reifenstein	Lori Burns
Amy Grigorovich	Troy Barkley	Garrie Wearing
Bea King	Curt Johns	Marge Lindgren
The family of Debbie Vogel	The family of Margie Brittner	

*The Altar Flowers are given  
by Denny & Inez Schmidt  
in Loving Memory  
of our son Bryon*



*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**.

**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. Join us this Thursday and get your Fall started on the right foot!

**Spaghetti Dinner** – Please come out for a home (church home) cooked meal and fellowship and while enjoying the food and friends, financially support members of our community. Hope to see you on Saturday, October 11 between 4 and 6:30 pm.

**Blood Drive** – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Elisa Walker Memorial Vitalant Blood Drive will be held on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 2-7:00 pm. Please save the date and volunteer to donate at St. Peter's.

**Harvest Home** – We'll celebrate Harvest Home on 10/12. Please take a specially decorated bag home with you next Sunday, but even if you don't, then you are still invited to bring food items to donate to the Food Cupboard. After the service on 10/12, we will take the items downstairs and pack up boxes and bags of food.

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**Help Please** – The Property Committee has been trying for months to find people to give us bids for renovating the downstairs bathrooms, but have come up empty. If you have a person who has done similar work for you or someone else that you know and you or they were happy with the quality and price, then we would appreciate you passing along their information to the committee. Please see Heinie Raupp if you would like to refer someone. Thanks!

**Pet Blessing** – Please come back today at 1 pm for this service!



***ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH***

*is a congregation of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod  
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Marsha Reedy

Anna Johns

Corey Walker

Dan Erin & Adam Price

Pat Capella

Adam Price

Debbie & Jim Merrison

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### **St. Peter's Upcoming Events:**

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Mon. October 6	6:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting
Tues. October 7	9:00 am	Pr. Cluster Zeli.
	6:30 pm	Property Mgt.
	7:15 pm	Council Meeting
Wed. October 8	10:00 am	Community Sewers
	5:30 pm	Manna Night
	7:00 pm	Cantata Choir Practice
	8:00 pm	Senior Choir Practice
Thurs. October 9	10:00 am	Quilters Group
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
Sat. October 11	4:00 pm	Spaghetti Dinner

### **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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