Welcome to St. Peter's Lutheran Church



All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2025 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: Jane Brown, Dave Grubbs, Carol Kerr, Norma Iman, Charleen Lippincott, Virginia Roberts, and Lucille Wingard.

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, **Elena Barron**, **Emily Bettencourt**, **Brittany Green**, **and Benson VanDyke**, 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

My God And I

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BELL RINGING

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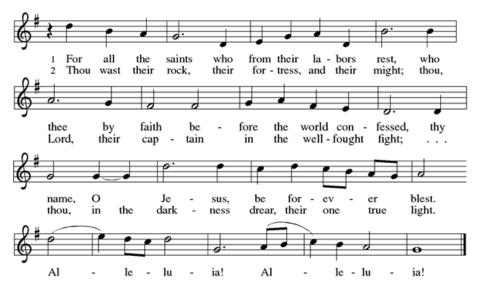
We gather for worship in the name of the one in whom we baptize, the one in whom is our life, the one in whose name we commend our dead, God the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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 Jane Brown (pause for candle lighting and chime ringing after each name is read), Dave Grubbs, Carol Kerr, Norma Iman, Charleen Lippincott, Virginia Roberts, Lucille Wingard, and for their great cloud of witness that surrounds us.



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.)



(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.

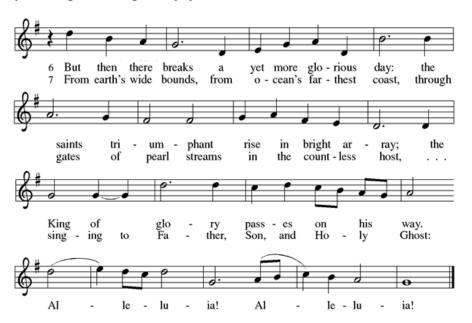
Likewise, in Baptism, you have joined us to the great promises of eternity: resurrection, living water, a place at the banqueting table, the fullness of the presence of the living God.

"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 Elena, Emily, Brittany Green, and Benson with us and all your children in the promised gift of eternal life.

Elena, Emily, Brittany Green, and Benson, 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.



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. Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM The Loving God Who Made Us All **Andrew Birling**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Isaiah 1:10-18

- ¹⁰ Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!
- ¹¹ What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? savs the Lord;
- I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of goats.

- ¹² When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more!
- ¹³ Bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation —

I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

- ¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.
- ¹⁵ When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, will not listen;

your hands are full of blood.

- ¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove your evil deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil;
- ¹⁷ learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow.

18 Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord:
If your sins are like scarlet,
will they become like snow?
If they are red like crimson,
will they become like wool?
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

PSALM 32:1-7

- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!
- ² Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- ⁶ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;

when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

² Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ⁴ Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

¹¹ To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, ¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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





GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10

The holy gospel according to Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ [Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through it.² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich.

³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature.

⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.

⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today."

⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him.

⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner."

⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."

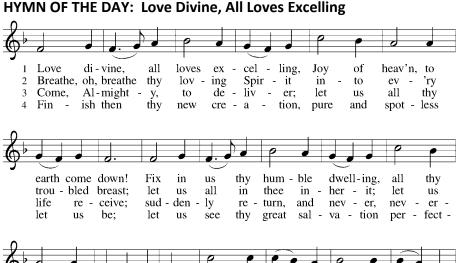
⁹ Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham.

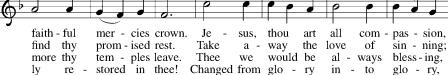
¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling









Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887



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

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God who became human in Jesus, challenge the church to recognize Christ in all our neighbors. Give church leaders endurance in times of weakness and affliction. Grant wisdom in conflict and joy in service.

The response for each petition is:

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

OFFERING

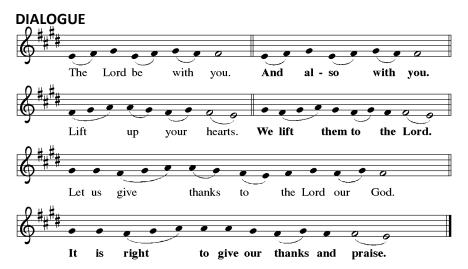
Our offerings are made processionally, which means dropped into the plates located near the entrances to the nave.

OFFERTORY SONG: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



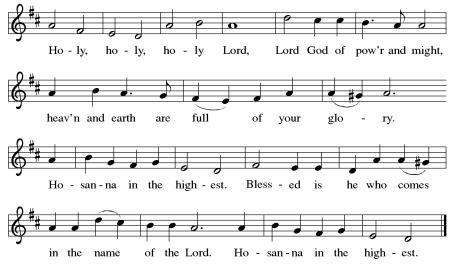
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.



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

SANCTUS



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.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

With your holy ones of all times and places,

we praise you, O God, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and help us to pray:

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

Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

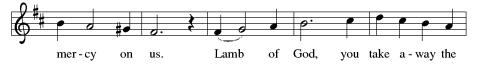
LAMB OF GOD (sung as the distribution of the sacrament begins)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy or



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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 \pm give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: O Christ the Same (on next page)

SHARING FOR SERVING: Mission Notices and Birthdays

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE For All the Saints Lani Smith

Prayers Have Been Requested Recently for the Following:

Cole Barkley Luke Clawson Mary Fulghum
Stephanie Hogan Pat Wolfe Troy Barkley
Penny Dusenberry Pr. Jack Delk Berty McMillen

Bea King the Haddox Family Bill Boice

The family Carl Powell

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.

SENDING SONG: O Christ the Same



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In Holy Remembrance

Jane Brown served the Lord for more than a hundred years in quiet humility, even continuing to participate in our congregational life by watching services from home with the help of her son Gene and daughter Barb until her final days with us in this life. She loved all of God's creation, and in particular birds, flowers, and children.

Dave Grubbs came to be part of our extended family through his beloved wife Pat's regular attendance in our Bible study. He served his family and God with humble strength, maintaining his devotion to both despite his lung cancer, which witnessed to all those around him the great value of life and faith in Jesus.

Carol Kerr was a lifelong member of St. Peter's and involved in its many ministries throughout her life. In particular, she used the gifts and talents God had given her to bring sweetness, both literally and figuratively, into the lives of those around her.

Norma Iman served the Lord and our faith community in a variety of roles throughout her life, until the decline of physical well-being forced her to step back from those ministries. However, she never stopped sharing about Jesus and her church or taking care of children, as she always had treats prepared for children who would visit her at Christmas, and she would invite others to come share in that visit.

Charleen Lippincott lived the life her Lord had blessedly given her with a gleam in her eye, despite the tragedies she encountered over its course, trusting in the unfailing grace of God. She played the bells for a time, and also quietly came to the office to repeatedly offer financial support to people and places who were in need.

Virginia Roberts is the daughter of Ruth Roberts. Virginia served God through her loving, compassionate care of others, as a nurse and caregiver.

Lucille Wingard had a steady, joyful faith, like the poetic waters of Psalm 23, whose words she poignantly read at Bible study, carried with her in times of trial, and she gracefully lived as a loving disciple of Jesus. She served God and her neighbors in ways known, like being the financial secretary for years, and modestly unknown to all but Jesus.

Today's altar flowers
are given by
Marlene Domhoff
in loving memory of
Mabel A. & Charles M. Peters

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

St. Peter's Upcoming Events:		
Mon. – Fri.	4-6 pm	After School Program
Mon. Nov. 3	6:30 pm	Fellowship Meeting
Tues. Nov.4	7:00 pm	Property Meeting
Wed. Nov. 5	10:00 am	Community Quilting Group
	5:30 pm	Manna Night
	7:00 pm	Cantata Practice
	8:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thur. Nov. 6	10:00 am	Quilters Group
	1:00 pm	Mary Circle
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
Fri. Nov. 7	12:00 pm	500 Club & Lunch

<u>Congregational Meeting</u> – 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.

Upcoming Youth Schedule:

Friday, 11/7 - Saturday 11/8, 7pm - 9 am - Overnight at Church

11/14 - Turkey Dinner (opportunity to serve and stay for games)

11/16 - Worship. Meeting. Lunch.

11/30 - SPY Advent Lunch - prepare during Sunday School. All help during and afterwards

12/13, 10 am - Christmas Program Rehearsal

12/19, 5 - 10 pm - Christmas dinner (5-6pm), caroling (6-8pm), party

12/20, 10 am - Christmas Program Rehearsal

12/21, 6 pm - Christmas Program



Ushers

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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<u>Advent Lunch</u> – Our annual kickoff to the Advent season is returning this year on Nov. 30. 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.

Dean Zinkhann & Joe Ludwik

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.

<u>Annual Christmas Cookie Sale</u> - Sun., Dec. 21st 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.

<u>WELCA Outreach Collection</u> - We are collecting items for our designated outreach, Robin's Home, located in Butler. The collection will run until 11/16. Items requested are: Shelf Stable Coffee, Creamer and Sugar, Bottled Water, and Individually Sized Packaged Snacks: Poptarts, Cereal Bars, Peanut Butter Crackers, Cookies, etc.



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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