Welcome to St. Peter's Lutheran Church



Twenty-second Sunday after
Pentecost

November 9, 2025 10:15 Worship Service

Pastor Brandon Johns

BFLL RINGING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

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.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.

Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God.

Here, death is washed away forever.

Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation.

Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions.

Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Text: Bernhardt S. Ingemann, 1789–1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt. Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944

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. O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR

God Is Always with Me

Becki Mayo

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Job 19:23-27a

- ²³ "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book!
- ²⁴ O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!
- ²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;
- ²⁶ and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,
- ^{27a} whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

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

PSALM 17:1-9 (Read Responsively)

- ¹ Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.
- ² Let my vindication come forth from your presence; let your eyes be fixed on justice.
- ³ Examine my heart, visit me by night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.
- ⁴ I have not regarded what others do; at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.

- ⁵ My footsteps hold fast to your well-worn path; and my feet do not slip.
- ⁶I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my words.
- ⁷ Show me your marvelous lovingkindness,
 O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand from those who rise against them.
- ⁸ Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings,
- ⁹ from the wicked who assault me, from my deadly enemies who surround me.

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

- ¹ As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴ He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?
- ¹³ But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. ¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

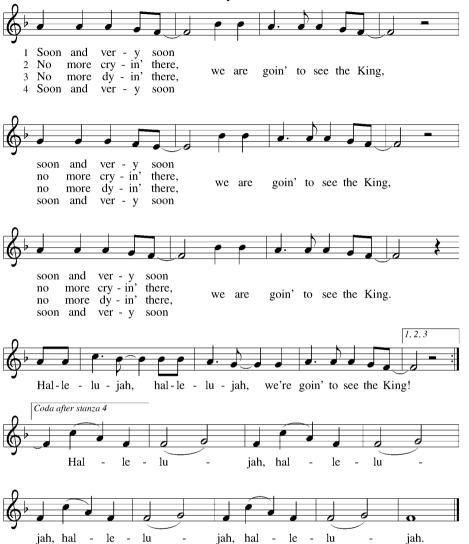
²⁷ Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸ and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; ³⁰ then the second ³¹ and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³² Finally the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴ Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶ Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷ And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Soon and Very Soon



Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945
Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch
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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.

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.

ORDER FOR HEALING

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Laying On of Hands

Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come forward to be prayed for and to pray for one another. Come forward to feel the love of the Living God at work in you and through you. Come forward to be anointed with oil and the cross as you were at your baptism. May the voices in prayer, the hands in service, and the oil in blessing be a sign and even a work of healing and wholeness for us all in the name of the triune God.

Those who wish to receive laying on of hands with prayer and anointing approach and will be received one by one in turn. If you are unable to come forward but still wish to be individually prayed for, please send someone up on your behalf to alert the pastor of that need. Those who wish to join in the laying on of hands on behalf of our brothers and sisters should also come forward at this time, standing forward by the pastor to allow space for those receiving to be welcomed. Everyone is invited to participate in either or both capacities. When it is your turn to receive laying on of hands and anointing, you are invited to kneel at the kneeler as you are able or you may remain sitting or standing as needed.

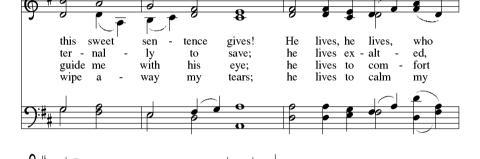
During the Laying On of Hands we will sing the following five hymns. If the hymns are finished before the Laying On of Hands concludes, instrumental music will then provide space for our meditation. If the Laying On of Hands portion of the service concludes before we have finished singing these hymns, we will sing the rest of whichever hymn we are singing at that time before continuing with the Blessing.

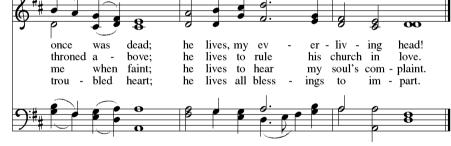


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- 5 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.

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8 He lives, all glory to his name!He lives, my Savior, still the same;what joy this blest assurance gives:I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt. Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

HYMN: My Life Flows On in Endless Song My life flows on end - less song; a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion, in Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing. What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing! 3 catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion. T finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing? Ιt What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth. things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing? Refrain storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing. Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899 Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

HYMN: How Small Our Span of Life



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After all have returned to their places and the music has ended, the congregation stands, and the Order of Healing concludes with the following blessing. Then the service continues with Prayers.

Blessing

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **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 our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return.

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.**

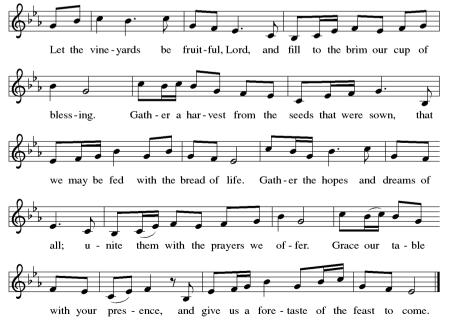
PEACE

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.

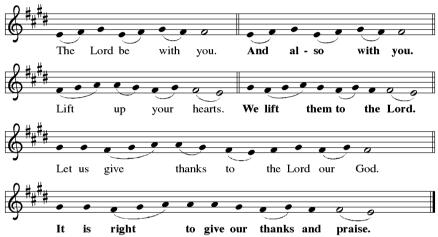
OFFERTORY SONG: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



OFFERING PRAYER

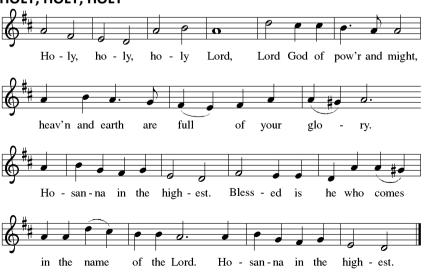
Let us pray. God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. Amen.

DIALOGUE



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





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

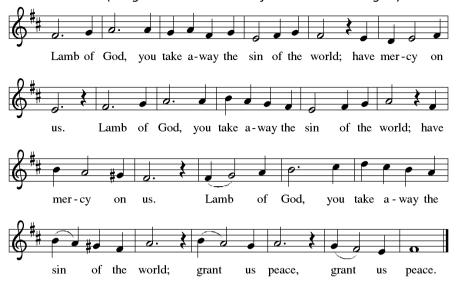
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and help us to pray:
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come, join the saints of all time and place at the banquet that has no end.



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. 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 God of all consolation grant you hope all the days of your life, restore you to health and grant you salvation, fill your heart with peace, and lead you to eternal life. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: How Great Thou Art



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SHARING FOR SERVING: Mission Notices and Birthdays

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE Postludium Ludwig Van Beethoven

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please plan to stay after worship today for this important part of our life together. We will consider and approve a mission spending plan (budget) for our community, as well as, elect people we believe to be called by God into leadership for this season in our congregation's life.

Our Monthly Benevolent Cause will support Glade Run Lutheran Services. To support this cause, please mark the "Other" line on your contribution envelope.

The Altar Flowers are presented by Bea King in memory of George King



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

Prayers Have Been Requested Recently for the Following:

Cole Barkley Luke Clawson Mary Fulghum
Stephanie Hogan Berty McMillen Troy Barkley
Bea King Joan Gumpp Phyllis Johnson

Jim & Val Buccic Gail Blakely Deb Mort

Diane Marburger The families of Tom Baker & Robert Bittner

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

The rosebud on the altar is in honor of Lilly Shawn Anthony, born 10/11/25. Parents are Troy & Desirea, and her big sister is Leela.

<u>Thankoffering Service</u> – Next Sunday. Just a reminder that there is an extra offering envelope for WELCA ministries on this day.

<u>Turkey Dinner Donations</u> – Please have all donations besides pies and rolls in today. Pies and rolls can be dropped off on Saturday between 11 am and 2 pm. Thanks for your support!

<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.



ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Pastor	The Rev. Brandon Johns
Organist & Music Director	Marlene Domhoff
Sexton	Joe Ludwik
Acolyte	Ethan Johns
Assisting Minister	Teresa O'Malley
Bell Ringer	Jason Plank
Greeters	Johns Family
Lector	Ted Lindgren II
Nursery	Emily Taylor
Tech Support	Adam Price
Ushers	Adam Price & Rob Burr

Advent Lunch – SPY mission trip fundraiser on 11/30 after worship.

Advent Friends - The season of hope, 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. Please return your sign-up form by 11/23.

St. Peter's Upcoming Events:		
MonFriday	4-6:00 pm	After School Program
Mon. Nov. 10	7:00 pm	Learning Ministries
Tue. Nov. 11	10:00 am	Helen's Helpers
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wed. Nov. 12	10:00 am	Community Quilters Group
	12:00 pm	Lunch Bunch – Marty's
	5:30 pm	Manna Night
	7 & 8:00 pm	Cantata Practice & Choir
Thur. Nov. 13	9:00 am	Quilters Group
	8:00 pm	Bible Study
Sat. Nov. 15	4:00 pm	Turkey 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. 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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