

The Herald

August 2025



SEASON OF PENTECOST In-Person & Facebook LIVE Worship Schedule

.....
Saturday Service
5:00 PM

Sunday Services
8:30 & 10:30 AM

Holy Communion
is celebrated at
all services.

..... Music Rehearsal

The choir is on hiatus
for the summer, but
rehearsals will
resume in
September. We
rehearse on Sunday
mornings at 9:30. All
are welcome.

PASTOR'S PAGE

By the end of August we will be exploring how Radical Love Triumphs! On the 5th Sunday we will hear Jesus lift up the mysteriously gracious and life-transforming values of the kingdom of God.

- Jesus lifts up the humility required to take the lowest seat at the table, never hoping to be invited to a place of greater honor or status.
- Jesus invites his followers to practice the hospitality that offers a banquet of the finest of foods for people who cannot repay.
- Jesus invites his followers to embody the kind of radical-yet-relational love of Jesus himself.

This radical love is taught by both individuals and congregations.

Communities of faith by their practices of generosity and compassion embody the love of Jesus in their communities.

We begin the month however working through the human propensity of Dying to be Rich as Jesus tells the parable of the rich fool. It is first told to brothers squabbling over an inheritance, and now it is told to us, some of us squabbling with our relatives or neighbors over wealth and possessions. The rich fool, despite his great wealth, is poor in every other way, eating alone, and even dying alone. In Jesus' depiction of this fool our own sinful hearts are exposed.

We will explore the tremendous irony of how The Kingdom of God is given to a little flock! Jesus says, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Jesus promises the kingdom to us, his little flock, straining our minds with this uninhibited generosity.

We will confront The Reality of Division as throughout the Gospel of Luke, Jesus calls on his hearers to turn their hearts away from greed and instead to generosity, to turn away from anxious self-preservation and instead to faithful self-giving. But such practice rubs against humanity's deepest-seated sin, so conflict is born out of Jesus' peace-filled activity. Jesus' words and actions had already pitted him against the religious leaders and will lead him to the cross.

While fully aware of the realities of conflict and division, we are to live as hopeful people, praying fervently for God's compassion and for the restoration of right relationships.

God's Verbs help us to best follow God's will and way. Through the lens of the gospel, today's texts offer a clear identification of God's work. What is God doing?

- God is reaching out to the bound-up to proclaim release from captivity.
- God is lifting up the oppressed.
- God is satisfying the needs of the afflicted.
- God raises up foundations.
- God restores and rebuilds, reconciles and sets free.
- God, whose word can shake the very foundations of the earth, speaks a better word than we've ever heard, or that we could ever speak.

These texts focus us on the *verbs*, the actions, of God. When we're attuned to the verbs of God within passages like these, it might make it easier to see and give witness to God's work and the verbs around us right now.

Enjoy Your August Little Flock! Peace, *Pastor Andy*

CHURCH CALENDAR

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Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					¹ AA Meeting Evening Prayer	² 5:00 Worship
³ 8:30 Worship 9:00 Coffee Hour 10:30 Worship	⁴ AA Meeting	⁵	⁶	⁷ 10:00 Worship & Music 11:00 Bible Study	⁸ AA Meeting Evening Prayer	⁹ 5:00 Worship
¹⁰ 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship	¹¹ AA Meeting	¹²	¹³ 6:30 Council Meeting	¹⁴ 11:00 Bible Study 7:00 Nature Club	¹⁵ AA Meeting Evening Prayer	¹⁶ 5:00 Worship
¹⁷ 8:30 Worship 10:30 Worship 1:00 Orchid Society	¹⁸ AA Meeting	¹⁹	²⁰	²¹ 11:00 Bible Study	²² AA Meeting Evening Prayer	²³ 5:00 Worship
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CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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PRAYER LIST

The victims, families and first responders of the Texas floods, Holly & Duane, Dawn Allen, The friends and family of John Austino as they mourn his passing, Hal Battindorf, Nicholas Baud, Wanda Brown, Madelene Budd, Carol Carty, Sal Castelli, Jenn Causey and family, Tracey Causey, Lisa Clark, Baby Landyn and Kristen Compagoni, Sherwood Cotton, Bob Counbs, Craig (diagnosed with cancer), Rocco Cristinzio, Leslie Criston, Milton Cuevas, Sr., Milton Cuevas, Jr., Nicholas Damiani, The family of Tony DelMonte as they mourn his passing, Alicia DiRienzo, Kathy Drew, Barbara Esposito, Barbara Facchine, Scott Fey, Bill Flynn, Francis, Bobby G., Alma Garcia, The friends and family of Susan Gavin as they mourn her passing, Gavin Gigliotti, The family of Michael Gilletti as they mourn his death, Marie Giliberti, Mark Gismondi, Terry Gismondi, Wilma Gismondi, Jay Goheen and family, Randi Gordon, the Hatcher family, Ron Herrmann, the Hogan family, The family of Ken Jakubiak as they mourn his passing, Marilyn Kaiser, The family of Robert Keen as they mourn his passing, Elise Kelm and the Kelm family, Corinne Klotz, The family and friends of Doris Lail as they mourn her passing, Grace Laphan, Pat Larkin, Joseph Lonia, The Lyons family in the loss of their brother, The friends and family of Jessie MacGregor as they mourn her passing, The family of Doris Manogue as they mourn her passing, Joseph Mansfield, The McCall family in their time of grief and loss, Rob and Nona McDonough & family, Caroline Miles, Jim Montisano, The friends and family of Mary Alice Morrison as they mourn her passing, George Muth, The family and friends of Carol Nardi as they mourn her death, Bob and Sue Nevins (suffering with a brain tumor), Janet Ostrowski, The family of Joseph Ostrowski as they mourn his death, Lucas Otey, Otis, Danielle Peters, The Pressley family in the loss of their cousin, Jan Pressley (and all victims of the recent hurricanes), The family of Lewis Richards as they mourn his passing, The family of Charles Rust as they mourn his passing, Noreen Ruyuh, Dylan Sauer, Meleta Seher, Billy Shea, The family and friends of Glenn Shirley as they mourn his passing, Helen Simkunas & Family, Joyce and Arvin Skramsad, Richard Sylvester, Eileen Simpson, Julia Stanz, Nathan Storhoff, Donna Testa, Corey Temean, Frank Temean, Ed Tutka, Sharon Walker, The family and friends of Larry Wall as they mourn his passing, Rosie Ward, Winfield Watson, Wayne Weaver, Dolores Whilleson, The family of Michelle Whiting as they mourn her passing, the Wilke family including Tim & Catherine, Sue Willard, Jill Wilt, Jerry, Pat and Kelly who are battling cancer.

(If you have someone that you would like on the prayer list, please fill out a form in the narthex and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office email: hnlc.secretary@hotmail.com.)

Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Total received year-to-date--\$68408.06. Amount needed to meet the spending plan--\$74940.00. (We are currently about \$6500 behind what is needed to meet our spending plan. Please don't forget the church if you plan to be away!)

SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSIONS

Sunday School is on hiatus until September. However, lesson materials are still available on the church website throughout the summer months.

SAVE THE DATE:

- **Sunday, September 7th—God's Work, Our Hands (this is also Wenonah's Fall cleanup event)**

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is requesting school supplies for children. They are still collecting in August and will distribute at the end of the month.

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: John Brecht, Bill Kaiser, Joan Scott, Harriet Vico, Anthony Vinciguerra, Heather Vinciguerra

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Lori & Dean Kershaw

COFFEE HOUR

The 8:30 service is hosting a coffee hour between services Sunday, August 3rd and the first Sunday of each month moving forward. Please join us for coffee and fellowship.

2025 STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM—Go and Do the Same—Give Thanks

Today we're looking at a text that assumes two things, and then puts us in a position to think and choose. The text assumes, first, that God does great things for us. God loves us and offers us that love freely. That is a given. Then, second, the text assumes that we must decide how to respond to God. God's love for you is a given. You cannot choose whether or not God loves you. You can choose how you respond.

In the text, we encounter an unnamed woman who had engaged in sin but whom God had forgiven. She responds one way. We also encounter a Pharisee named Simon. He responds another way. Luke puts you on the spot. Would you rather before be like the Pharisee, or like the woman?

Building on the woman's response to Jesus, we get a little add-on to the main text telling about women who provided for Jesus and the other disciples "out of their own resources." They make possible the continuation of Jesus' ministry. Our choice for generosity enables us to do the same.

ST. PETER'S COMMUNITY PANTRY is here to help serve those facing food insecurity in Gloucester County. If you are having a difficult time buying food for yourself, or your family, please let us try to make a small difference for you. The Pantry is located behind St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 304 Kings Highway in Clarksboro. We are open every 3rd Saturday of the Month from 9 AM to 1 PM. Next distribution date: Saturday, August 16, 2025.



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WORSHIP TIMES:**
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