

ST. PETRI EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



July 5, 2026
6th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to St. Petri!

Worship is both in person and online today.

If joining us in person, please observe all health and distancing policies!

Interested in Church Membership? Contact the office at 419-385-4639

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

FOR THOSE IN THE CONGREGATION: IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS STANDING, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REMAIN SEATED THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.

C: **We come into God's presence with thanksgiving, praising the One who holds all time and generations in His hands.**

P: Two hundred and fifty years ago, our nation's founders declared their independence, yet we gather to declare our ultimate dependence upon God.

C: **"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord". Let our hope be in Him alone.**

P: As we commemorate this milestone, let us celebrate the liberties we have been given, and let us commit to walking in justice, humility, and mercy.

C: **Let us love our neighbors and seek peace, knowing that our true citizenship is in the heavenly kingdom.**

P: Let us worship God.

¶ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
source of hope in every nation, rest for the weary,
glory and peace to the ends of the earth.
Amen.

Let us bring every burden to God.

God of all mercy,
we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and your creation.
Within ourselves and our communities, our desire to do what is good
is at war with the evil that dwells in us.
We lament the evil that holds us captive.
We repent of the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us for lives of compassion and courage through our Savior
Jesus Christ. Amen.

All-merciful, Almighty God forgive you all your sins
through the grace of ☩ Jesus Christ, and by the Spirit's power
strengthen you in doing what is good.
Amen.

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun-tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit-ed plain:
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
 thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929
 Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



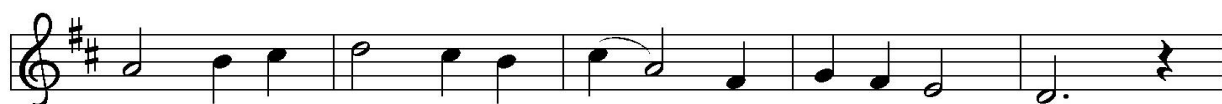
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

¶ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, prayer and song.

READING: Zechariah 9:9, 12

L: A reading from the Prophet Zechariah:

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

READING: Psalm 148:8-14 (Read the Psalm responsively)

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹² that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

READING: Romans 7:15, 18-19, 21, 24-25a

L: A reading from the Letter to the Romans:

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do.

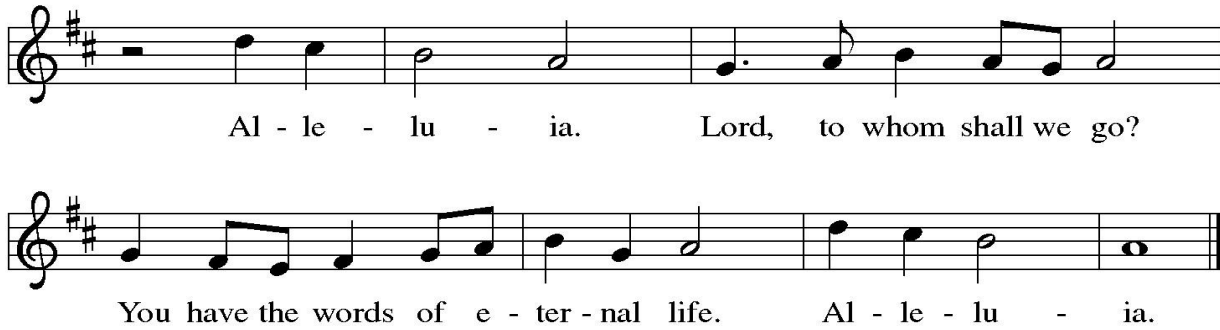
²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

¶ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing." (Joel 2:13)



¶ GOSPEL Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶ "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷ 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' ¹⁸ "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Adam Bohland

This Is My Song



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993, sts. 1–2; Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, st. 3

Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

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† APOSTLES' CREED

P: God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us proclaim our faith:

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again, He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 THE PEOPLE (Congregation to remain seated.)

"I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone." (1 Tim. 2:1)

L: Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation...*A brief silence.*

L: God our unity, your church flourishes in different languages, cultures, and movements. Grant us wisdom to discern when our yokes are too heavy, that we may live and serve in the freedom of your rest. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God our life-giver, we grieve the pains placed upon our common home through war and neglect. What you have lovingly crafted, guide us to lovingly tend. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God our freedom, you are no tyrant, and you bring peace. As this nation marks its declaration of independence, teach us our part in announcing liberty and peace for future generations. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God our comfort, liberate all in our community who are captive to fear, who have become isolated or ill or addicted, or who are in any need (*especially those we name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God our guide, we do not always have the strength to do the good we wish to do. Free us from the cycles of violence that bind us, that all know your liberation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: God our home, you model freedom through the love shared across communities of trust and goodwill. We remember those who have gone to eternal rest (*especially those we name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). We thank you for the gifts of life experienced together in community. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: We pray for Bethel Lutheran Church. Knit their hearts together in a bond of perfect unity, that their shared faith may be a foundation for strong relationships and joyful service in their community. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Bless our nation and those who guide it: our President, Congress and Courts; our state and local leaders; and for those who serve as police, first responders, and for all who serve in the military, especially those known to St Petri: Kurtis, Matthew and Pastor Adam. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

MEAL

We receive the forgiveness of God through the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

¶ OFFERTORY

“Now the Feast and Celebration”

Haugen

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

¶ GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

P: It is indeed right our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God. And so we praise your name and join in their ending hymn:

¶ SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

¶ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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."

PLEASE STAND

¶ LORD'S PRAYER

P: According to your steadfast love, O Lord, hear these and all our prayers as we lift them up to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

C: **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.**

DISTRIBUTION

All who are baptized or commune at their home church as God's people are welcome at God's table. Come up the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. You will receive a wafer from the pastor, then a cup of wine or grape juice from the lector. If you are unable to come to the front for Communion, please let an usher know, and the pastor will come to you. The pastor will offer a blessing to those who do not wish to receive Communion. Indicate this by crossing your arms in front of you.

"Lamb of God"

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

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

¶ POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

The Holy Spirit sends us to share the Good News in our community this week.

SENDING HYMN

“God Bless Our Native Land”
Congregation sings verses 1 and 2

God Bless Our Native Land



1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may it ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise to God a - bove the skies,

through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
on whom we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with

wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.
watch-ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

Text: Charles T. Brooks, 1812–1883; John S. Dwight, 1813–1893
Music: NATIONAL ANTHEM, *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, 1744

BENEDICTION

“You shall say to them, the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:23-26)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor, and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, the +Son
and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!

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Leading Worship Today

Presiding Minister	Pastor Adam Bohland
Organist	Martha Amstutz
Lector	Mike Matuszak
Cantor	Mike Matuzsak
Lead Usher	Mike Zaborski
Altar Care	Sue Mead
Camera Operator	Sue Mead
Greeter	Ruthann & Dennis Griffith

St. Petri Staff and Worship Chairs

Pastor	Rev. Adam Bohland
Director of Music	Martha Amstutz
Office Manager	Shelly Savory
Altar Guild	Sandy Seelman
Head Elder	Terry Francis
Worship Cmte.	Cindy Kuhman
Custodian	Tonya Roberts

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY! If you do not know a hymn or song, feel free to speak the words rather than sing. Please notice that congregational responses are in bold. The congregation may stand as they are able for the parts of the Service marked ¶.

RESTROOMS are located on each side of the outside entrance to the worship space.

FREE WiFi: Anyone may access "SPLC-Guest". The password is: Troop200



SPECIAL WELCOME VISITORS: A special welcome to all visitors with us today. Please take a moment to sign the red guest book located in the Narthex. If you have any further questions we are happy to try and assist you.

HOLY COMMUNION: As a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, St. Petri practices "open Communion." Anyone who has been baptized as a child of God or who takes Communion in a home church is welcome at God's table for Holy Communion today.



ST. PETRI FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Join us for a Fellowship Breakfast today after worship. For \$10, enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, and milk while sharing fellowship with friends.



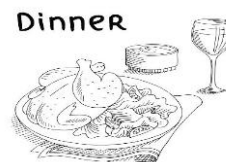
NOISY OFFERING: Next week we will collect our noisy offering for Parish Life.



FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT – FRIDAY, JULY 17TH: Join us for an outdoor movie featuring *Despicable Me 4*! Enjoy popcorn and a beverage included with admission. Cost: \$5.00 per person, Time: 9:00 pm. Location: Back parking lot. In case of rain, the event will be moved to the Fellowship Hall.



St. Petri Store is now open. Check out catalog in Narthex or go online to <https://stpetristore.itemorder.com/> and get your St. Petri gear, your way!



CHICKEN DINNER – SUNDAY AUGUST 9TH, \$15: ½ Chicken, Cole Slaw, Corn on the Cob & Roll. Proceeds benefit Project Fix Up and Dartball League. Get your tickets from Micki, office or lead usher on Sunday's. All of South Toledo Lutheran Parish are invited to participate.



NEW ST. PETRI DIRECTORY: Sign up on the hallway bulletin board for pictures. Times and dates available for your convenience in August.

We Offer with Joy and Thanksgiving

~ ourselves, our time, our possessions ~

Attendance last Sunday: 56 in person 14 online

Living last Sunday	Current Offering Receipts:	\$1,965.00
	Received Month-to-Date:	\$7,284.71
	Budgeted Needs Monthly:	\$12,964.00

Offerings for current expenses:

From Member Envelopes:	\$1,375.00
From Other Sources:	590.00
Total Received:	\$1,965.00

Offerings for Benevolence:	\$10.00
Offerings for Project Fix-Up:	\$530.00
General Memorial	\$0.00

~ signs of God's gracious love! ~

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN [JULY 5]
9am
Love Your Neighbor
Worship
Fellowship Breakfast

SUN [JULY 12]
9am
Worship

MON [JULY 6]
6pm
Girl Scouts Meeting

MON [JULY 13]
5:30pm
Girl Scouts Meeting

TUES [JULY 7]
9am
Quilting

TUES [JULY 14]
9am
Quilting

WED [JULY 8]
1pm
5:30
Church Council
Puzzle Night

WED [JULY 15]
5:30pm
Puzzle Night

THURS [JULY 9]
12 noon
Men's Lunch – Bob Evans

FRI [JULY 17]
9pm
Family Outdoor Movie
Night



REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

Members in Nursing Homes	Military	Members	Non-Members
Terrence Henricks, <i>Ayden Healthcare</i> Dolores Jabs <i>The Gardens of St. Francis</i> Marilyn Henricks <i>Otterbein-Monclova</i> Ruth Beach <i>Lakes of Monclova</i>	Kurtis Grohowski Matthew Cass Pastor Adam Bohland	Norma Schrickel Gene Daniels Pam Michalski David Michalski Terry Henricks Sherri Leininger Marti Huepenbecker Chuck Dolt Irene Daniels Marilyn Henricks Sydney Easton Karen Snyder Gene Campbell Daryl Bosh Pastor Denny King Don Hughes	Sam Saar Doris Muszaynski Monica Matuszak Mencia Delores Jabs Jeri Campbell Adrienne Perreault Avery Monroe Danielle Scott Vivian McCarthy Pastor Tim Rothfuss Pastor Chuck Campbell Melissa Haydock Sue Brown Pat Shiple Mark Shiple Carol Dolt Jason Barnhart Martiz McRae Jim & Donna Hicks

If you would like your name, the name of a friend or loved one added to the prayer list, please call the church office at 419.385.4639. To have your prayer added to St. Petri's Prayer Chain or to become a part of our Prayer Chain, please call Norma Schouten at 419.382.3301, or the church office.