

ST. PETRI EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



14th Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2026

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

We come to follow Jesus, not on our own terms, but on His.

We turn away from our selfish ways and open our hands to God.

Christ invites us: "Deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow me".

To lose our life for His sake is to find our true life.

Let us worship the Lord with open hearts, ready to walk His way.

Praise be to God!

¶ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

Amen.

¶ GATHERING HYMN

“Lift High the Cross” Congregation sings verses 1, 3 and 4

Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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¶ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world.
Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow
your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

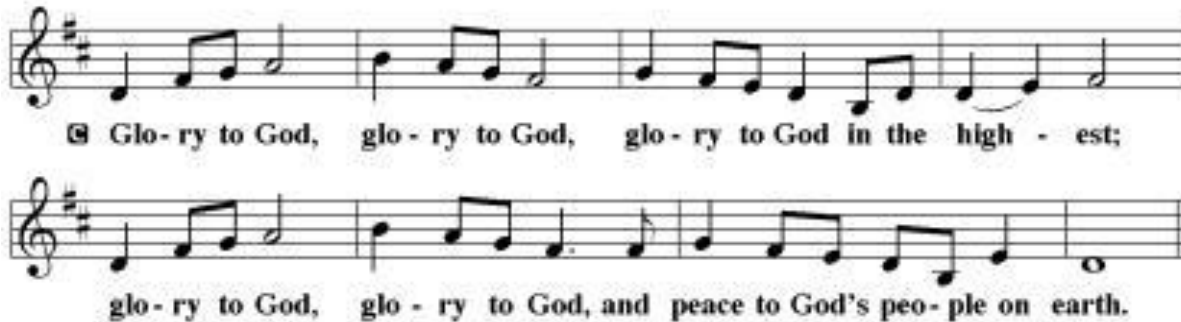
C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

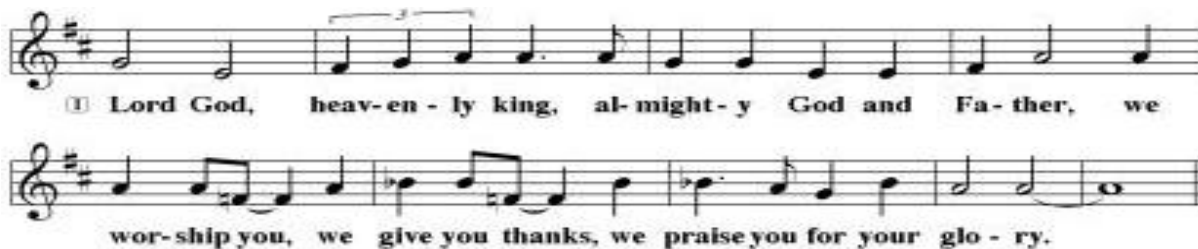
“Glory to God”

Glory to God in the highest heaven!” (Luke 2:14). “Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” (Rev. 5:12-13)

Refrain



Verse 1



WORD

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

READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21

L: A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁵ O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

READING: Psalm 26:1-8 (Read the Psalm responsively)

¹ Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

² **Test me, O LORD, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.**

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ **I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.**

READING: Romans 12:9-21

L: A reading from the Letter to the Romans:

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

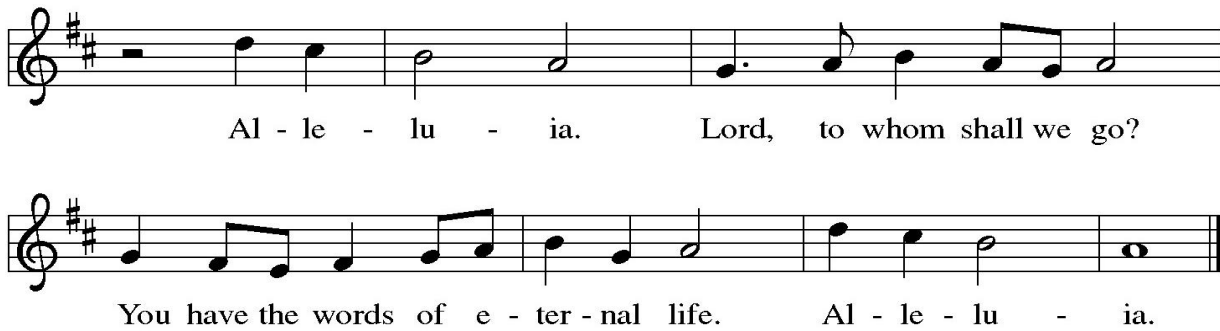
¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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: 16:21-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

²⁷ "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Adam Bohland

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

† 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.

(Let us now collect our offering.)

† 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.

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:: With bold trust in God’s unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation...*A brief silence.*

- L: For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.
- L: For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.
- L: For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.
- L: For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit (*especially those we name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.
- L: For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that we remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.
- L: For the faithful departed (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*), that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.
- L: Dear God, we come today because we need your help and guidance in an uncertain world. Our hearts are tired and we feel hesitant and unsure. Show us the right way to go. Give us the wisdom to make good choices, and grant us shalom to trust your plan. Merciful God,
C: receive 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. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.
- L: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

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.

SENDING

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

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: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
C: **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN

"I Love to Tell the Story"
 Congregation sings verses 1 and 2

I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911
 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

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	Cindy Kuhman
Cantor	Mike Matuszak
Lead Usher	Terry Francis
Altar Care	Sue Mead
Camera Operator	Sue Mead
Greeter	Marianne Melton

St. Petri Staff and Worship Chairs

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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.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR: Next Sunday is Love Your Neighbor, so remember to bring in your personal needs products. There is a list in the Narthex if you need one. While Faith does appreciate food items, they can buy those for 19 cents a pound from SeaGate Food Bank. They have to buy the personal needs products at Dollar Tree, which are \$1.50 each.



SMARTPHONE NAVIGATION WORKSHOP: This Sunday after worship. Coffee and donuts provided. Sign-up sheets on bulletin board in the Narthex or in hallway.

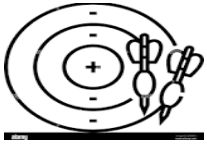


St. Petri Store is now open. Check out catalog in Narthex or go online to <https://stpetristore.itemorder.com/> and get your St. Petri gear, your way!



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

DARTBALL IS BACK!: Our first practice is September 14th, with the first game on September 28th! Don't want to travel to away games? **No problem!** You can choose to play in our **home games only**. And if you'd like to attend an away game, **carpooling is always an option!** Come join us for some fun, fellowship, and friendly competition!



Office Supplies Needed

Stamps book of 20 \$16.40
 Bic Round Stic M Blue pens 10 for \$7.98
 Avery address labels 1" x 2-5/8" \$5.38 for 300
 Brown clasp envelopes 6" x 9" \$15.00 for 100
 Staples copy paper 11 x 17 500 sheets for \$17.99.
 These prices are for Walmart. If you would rather donate money, just mark the envelope for Office Supplies. Thank you!!!

We Offer with Joy and Thanksgiving

~ ourselves, our time, our possessions ~

Attendance last Sunday: 39 in person **16** online

iving last Sunday	Current Offering Receipts:	\$1,636.80
	Received Month-to-Date:	\$12,450.80
	Budgeted Needs Monthly:	\$16,250.00

Offerings for current expenses:

From Member Envelopes:	\$1,505.00
From Other Sources:	131.80
Total Received:	\$1,505.00

Offerings for Benevolence:	\$5.00
Offerings for Project Fix-Up:	\$15.00
General Memorial	\$0.00

~ signs of God's gracious love! ~

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN [AUG 30]

9am

Worship
Smartphone Navigation
Workshop

SUN [SEPT 6]

9am

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Worship
Fellowship Breakfast

MON [AUG 31]

5:30pm

Girl Scouts Meeting

MON [SEPT 7]

5:30pm

LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

Girl Scouts Meeting

TUES [SEPT 1]

9am

Quilting

TUES [SEPT 8]

9am

Quilting

WED [SEPT 2]

6:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

WED [SEPT 9]

6:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

THURS [SEPT 3]

1pm

Rachel Circle

6:30pm

Neighborhood Block
Watch

THURS [SEPT 10]

12 noon

Men's Lunch – Bob
Evans

6:30pm

Church Council

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>	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 Pastor Denny King Don Hughes Donna Haskins Daryl Bosh	Sam Saar Monica Matuszak Mencia Delores Jabs Jeri Campbell Adrienne Perrault Avery Monroe Danielle Scott Vivian McCarthy Pastor Tim Rothfuss Pastor Chuck Campbell Melissa Haydock Sue Brown Pat Shiple Donna Meyers Carol Dolt Martiz McRae Paul Klockowski Jan and David Peterman

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.