

ST. PETRI EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 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 THROUGHTOUT THE
SERVICE.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, when we are wronged, we ask how many times we must let it go. Seven times?

We look for limits on our patience. We look for a line we do not have to cross.

But Jesus answers us not with a tally, but with a flood of grace.

Not seven times, but seventy times seven.

How often has God forgiven our own heavy debts? More than we can count.

God's love is high above the earth, and our sins are cast as far as the east is from the west.

We have received mercy. Let us live in mercy.

Come, let us worship the God who sets our hearts free.

Let us praise the God of endless grace together! Amen

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Compassionate God,

we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness

in the world and in our own hearts.

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

Renew us to live as your holy people,

following the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ,

in whom there is no condemnation,

but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

Congregation sings verses 1,2, 3 and 4

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



- sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



- bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



- lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,
 waiting to hush our final breath:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
 fair is the night that leads us home.
 Alleluia.

- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
 and worship God with humble heart:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
 Alleluia.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

READING: Genesis 50:15-21

L: A reading from the book of Genesis chapter 50

15 Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" 16 So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 17 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." 19 But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? 20 Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. 21 So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

READING: Psalm 103:8-13 (Read the Psalm responsively)

8 Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

9 you will not always accuse us,

nor will you keep your anger forever.

10 You have not dealt with us according to our sins,

nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.

12 As far as the east is from the west,

so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

13 As a father has compassion on his children,

so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord.

READING: Romans 14:1-12

1 Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. 2 Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. 3 Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. 4 Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

5 Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. 6 Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

7 For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. 8 If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11 For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

12 So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-21

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

21 Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” 22 Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

23 “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. 24 When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, 25 and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. 26 So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ 27 And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. 28 But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ 29 Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ 30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. 31 When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. 32 Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ 34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. 35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

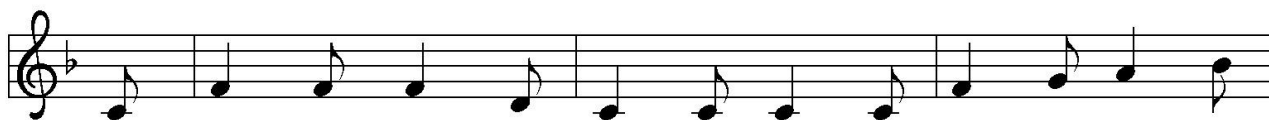
CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Adam Bohland

Cantor sings Verse 1, Congregation sings verses 2,3,4,5

I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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APOSTLE'S CREED

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

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 in 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

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

Move your church throughout the world away from judging and despising others. Lead us to embody the forgiveness you have given us in Jesus. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

The endless beauty of your creation reminds us of your mercy. Protect those who care for farms and ranches. Guide those who lead us to wonder at your creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Raise up leaders to hold all in authority accountable for any misuse of the power entrusted to them. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Calm the fears of all in need with your promises. Compassionately free the lives of any who feel bound by their failures. Remember your children in need (especially). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Ground this congregation in the welcome you show us in forgiving our sin. Inspire each of us to welcome others for your honor and glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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,

Your mercy is great.

With you is found the joy and promise of eternal life. Keep us in that joy as we remember all those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen

OFFERTORY

Choir anthem

Only by Grace

Gusafson

St. Petri Choir

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have.

Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you

and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach 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.

BLESSING

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

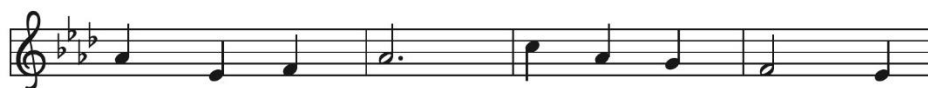
Amen.

The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Congregation sings verses 1 and 3

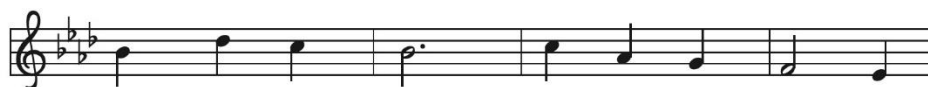
God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
 shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
 shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

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DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Leading Worship Today

Presiding Minister	Pastor Adam Bohland
Organist	Martha Amstutz
Lector	Tina Kinkaid
Cantor	Mike Matuszak
Lead Usher	Tom Klockwoski
Altar Care	Sue Mead
Camera Operator	Cindy Kuhman
Greeter	Norma Schouten

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 WORSHIPPING 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

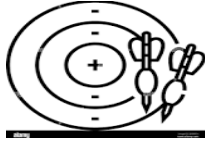


SPECIAL WELCOME VISITORS: A special welcome to all visitors with us today. Please take a moment to sign the red guest book located in the Narthex. If you have any further questions we are happy to try and assist you.



ST PETRI 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!

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.

We Offer with Joy and Thanksgiving

~ ourselves, our time, our possessions ~

Attendance last Sunday: 56 in person 20 online

Giving last Sunday:	Current Offering Receipts:	\$5,817.10
	Received Month-to-Date:	\$5,817.10
	Budgeted Needs Monthly:	\$12,964.00

Offerings for current expenses:

From Member Envelopes:	\$5,620.00
From Other Sources:	197.10
Total Received:	\$9,445.00

Offerings for Benevolence:	\$30.00
Offerings for Project Fix-Up:	\$15.00
General Memorial	\$ 0.00

~ signs of God's gracious love! ~

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN (SEPT 13)

9 am Worship

WED (Sept 16)

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

MON (Sept 14)

5:30 pm Girl Scouts

6:30 pm Dartball Practice

THURS (Sept 17)

7:00 pm Boy Scout Committee

SAT (Sept 26)

6:30 pm Adult night out

TUES (Sept 15)

9:00 am Quilting

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

Members in Nursing Homes	Military	Members	Non-Members
Terrence Henricks, <i>Ayden Healthcare</i> Dolores Jabs <i>The Gardens of St.</i> <i>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.