

# ST. PETRI EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**August 31, 2025**  
**12<sup>th</sup> 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**

## **¶ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them," Jesus told the disciples (John 20:23). Based on this, Martin Luther taught that we can hear the words of forgiveness from the minister as is from Christ himself.*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

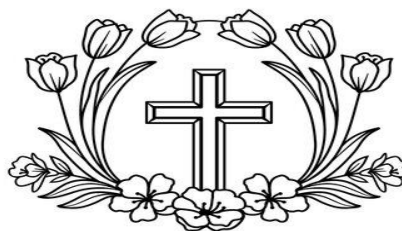
*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole Heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**



# O God beyond All Praising

1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day  
 2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,  
 3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;  
 its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;  
 that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,  
 but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown—  
 and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:  
 though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:  
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,  
 for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,  
 to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,

we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
 and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.  
 and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

## ¶ HYMN OF PRAISE

*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)*



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a-lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre-a-tion, Fa-ther of sur-pass-ing worth:

Ho-ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex-alt you, we a-dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir-it, in the Fa-ther's splen-dor bright.



Saints and an-gels bow be-fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

For the peace that we in-her-it, glo-ry be to God on high!

## ¶ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

## WORD

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

### **READING: Proverbs 25:6-7a**

L: A reading from the Book of Proverbs:

<sup>6</sup> Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, <sup>7a</sup> for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **READING: Psalm 112 (Read the psalm responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD  
and have great delight in God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in their house,  
and their righteousness will last forever.

<sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> **For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

<sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;  
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

### **READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

L: A reading from the Book of Hebrews:

<sup>1</sup> Let mutual affection continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and

forever. <sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## ¶ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life." (John 6:68)*



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## ¶ GOSPEL Luke 14:1, 7-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

# Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crating to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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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.

(Let us now collect our offering.)

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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## ¶ OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Blessed are you.

**C: O Lord, our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us. Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near...*A brief silence.*

L: For the leaders of the church, we pray. Inspire deacons, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: For the well-being of creation, we pray. Sustain farm workers and all who labor in fields and vineyards to grow the food we eat. Revive plains and pastures, and provide for the cattle and creatures who rely on the land for their sustenance. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: For the leaders of towns, cities, provinces, states, and nations, we pray. Guide them to enact just laws and policies for all. On this Labor Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor often goes unnoticed. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray. Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: For the hospitality ministries of this congregation, we pray. Give ushers and greeters a spirit of welcome for guests, and bless the work of those who feed and nourish us. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: For all the saints who from their labors rest, we give thanks (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). With them, we offer our sacrifice of praise to you, O God, the same yesterday and today and forever. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: O God, we are too often influenced by what others think of us. We pretend to be either richer or smarter or better than we really are. Righteous Father, don't let me gloat over praise of others, or to be discouraged by their criticism. Accept our efforts, individually and collectively, in faithful life and humble service, to give you all the honor and praise. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

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, Jason, Kurtis, Matthew, Courtney, Adam and Tyler. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

**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)*

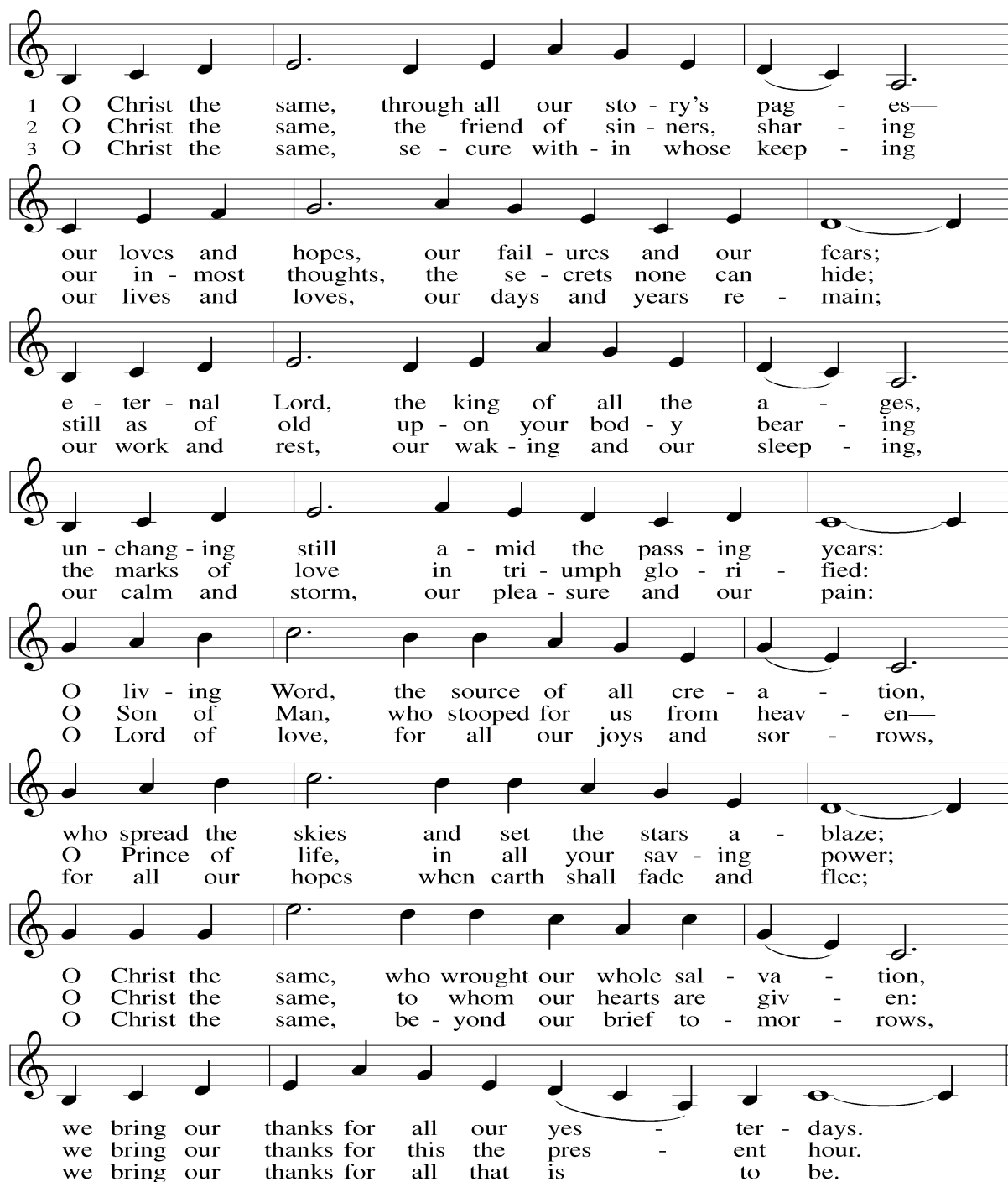
P: And may the blessings of almighty God – the Father, the +Son and the Holy Spirit come down upon you now and forever.

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by our life.

**C: Amen**



## O Christ the Same



1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—  
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing  
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;  
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;  
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,  
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing  
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:  
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:  
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,  
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—  
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;  
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;  
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,  
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:  
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.  
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.  
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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 Music: LONDONDERRY AIR, Irish tune

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## DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God!

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### Leading Worship Today

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Adam Bohland
<b>Organist</b>	Martha Amstutz
<b>Lector</b>	Micki Schouten
<b>Cantor</b>	Mike Matuszak
<b>Lead Usher</b>	Terry Francis
<b>Altar Care</b>	Sue Mead
<b>Camera Operator</b>	Sue Mead
<b>Greeter</b>	Marianne Melton

### St. Petri Staff and Worship Chairs

<b>Director of Music</b>	Martha Amstutz
<b>Office Manager</b>	Shelly Savory
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sandy Seelman
<b>Head Elder</b>	Terry Francis
<b>Worship Cmte.</b>	Cindy Kuhman
<b>Custodian</b>	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.

**PARISH PAPER:** The Parish Paper is available in the Narthex. Please pick yours up today to help us save on postage. Thank you!



**YOGA/STRETCH CLASS:** Next class is this Thursday, September 4 from 6:30-7:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Low Impact Exercise, yoga and stretching. Bring a yoga mat if you have one or a towel. Chairs will be available if anyone chooses chair yoga.



**GAME NIGHT:** Saturday, September 13, 6:30pm, BINGO in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a canned food item for Faith Lutheran Church Food Pantry. Spaghetti & Garlic Bread. Free will donations welcomed. Door Prize Donations Accepted in Narthex.

## We Offer with Joy and Thanksgiving

~ ourselves, our time, our possessions ~

**Attendance last Sunday:** 45 in person 8 online

<b>iving last Sunday</b>	Current Offering Receipts:	\$1,858.00
	Received Month-to-Date:	\$9,818.00
	Budgeted Needs Monthly:	\$11,773.92

### Offerings for current expenses:

From Member Envelopes:	<b>\$1,858.00</b>
From Other Sources:	0.00
<b>Total Received:</b>	<b>\$1,858.00</b>

Offerings for Benevolence:	\$30.00
Offerings for Project Fix-Up:	\$5.00
General Memorial	\$0.00

~ signs of God's gracious love! ~

## REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

Members in Nursing Homes	Military	Members	Non-Members
Terrence Henricks, <i>Ayden Healthcare</i> Delores Bradner <i>Lakes of Monclova</i> Dolores Jabs <i>The Gardens of St. Francis</i> Marilyn Henricks <i>Otterbein-Monclova</i>	Jason Coon Kurtis Grohowski Matthew Cass Courtney Gilts Adam Bohland Tyler Helmreich	Norma Schrickel Gene Daniels Pam Michalski David Michalski Terry Henricks Sherri Leininger Marti Huepenbecker Chuck Dolt Irene Daniels Alice Henning Marilyn Henricks Sydney Easton Fred Shook Karen Snyder Judy Kerl	Sam Saar Doris Muszaynski Monica Matuszak Mencia Delores Jabs Jeri Campbell Adrienne Perreault Avery Monroe Danielle Scott Vivian McCarthy Jessica Klockowski Jim Hicks Pastor Tim Rothfuss Pastor Chuck Campbell Melissa Haydock

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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**SUN [AUG 31]**

9am

Worship

**SUN [SEPT 7]**

9am

Worship

**MON [SEPT 1]**

*Labor Day*  
**OFFICE CLOSED**

**MON [SEPT 8]**

7PM

Dartball Practice

7pm

Boy Scouts Den/Troop  
Meeting

**TUES [SEPT 2]**

9am

Quilting

**TUES [SEPT 9]**

9:30am

Quilting

**THURS [SEPT 4]**

1pm

Rachel Circle – Olive  
Garden

6:30pm

Yoga/Stretch Class

6:30pm

Neighborhood Block  
Watch

**WED [SEPT 10]**

9:30am

Worship Committee

1pm

Church Council

6:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

**9/11-9/13 PASTOR OFF FOR ANNUAL  
TRAINING**

**THURS [SEPT 11]**

12pm

Men's Lunch – Bob Evans

**SAT [SEPT 13]**

6:30pm

BINGO