

ST. PETRI EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 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

In the beginning was the Word.

And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Through Him all things came into being; in Him was life,
and that life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

God of creation and light, You spoke and the world sprang into being.

You enter our shadows with a grace that refuses to be extinguished.

**We gather to praise Your holy name, to walk in Your light,
and to worship the living Word. Let us worship God together!**

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our hope, our heart, our home.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Everlasting God, the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end,

**we confess that we participate in systems
that perpetuate oppression and injustice.**

**We are often numb to the pain of the world around us,
resistant to change that costs us something,
and reluctant to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We sin against your good creation, failing to be faithful stewards
of the land, the sea, and all their creatures.**

**Make your home among us once more, O God,
naming us beloved and opening our hearts to do your will.**

Amen.

All you saints and sinners, this good news is for you:
 God knows you, forgives you by the self-giving of Jesus Christ,
 and frees you to love the world as you have been loved.
 Creation's story will not end until mourning, crying, and pain are no more.
 When everything else changes, God's love is steadfast and sure.
 Nothing can ever separate you from the love of God
 in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN **For the Beauty of the Earth**
Congregation sings verses 1,2,3, and 4

For the Beauty of the Earth



- 1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
- 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
- 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
- 5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
 Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, in Christ you created the worlds, and your Spirit breathes life into the universe. We praise you for your wondrous creation. Bless us and all your handiwork with your infinite light, and direct our lives to the care of this good earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

L: A reading from the book of Genesis

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” God called the vault “sky.” And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land.”

And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night.” God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars.

And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth.” And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals.”

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals.” So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.”

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy. This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

READING: Psalm 148 (Read the Psalm responsively)

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

**2 Praise the Lord, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

3 Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

**4 Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded, and they were created,

**6 who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

7 Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;

**8 fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

9 mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

**10 wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**

11 sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

**12 young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

**14 The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful
servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 1:1-5

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Adam Bohland

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Congregation Sings verses 1,2 and 3

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

APOSTLE'S 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 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

We join with Christians far and near to worship God the Creator, praying for the earth and for all in need . . . *A brief silence.*

O God of mystery, mercy, and might, for the church we pray: that churches around the globe collaborate in care for the earth, and that all the baptized nurture a zeal for the wellbeing of creation. Hear us, O God, source of life,

Your mercy is great.

For the earth we pray: that this bounteous creation receive continued divine blessing, that the air be wholesome, that the waters be plentiful and clean, that the land be treasured, and that animals be protected. Grant that what on earth has been despoiled will be healed. Hear us, O God, our creator,

Your mercy is great.

For the nations we pray: that farmers, herders, foragers, fishers, and grocers provide the food humans need, that legislators strive in all things for the common good, and that science and technology lead us toward more responsible ways to live. Hear us, O God, our stronghold,

Your mercy is great.

For our country we pray: that national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges be safeguarded, that all natural resources benefit the whole population, and that our children learn respect for nature. Hear us, O God, our guardian,

Your mercy is great.

For those in need we pray: that humankind be sheltered from pandemic and from extreme weather, and that all who are sick or suffering receive medical attention and communal support. Give heed to those whose names we call out to you (especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts) Hear us, O God, our healer,

Your mercy is great.

We praise you for all believers who have lived and died in communion with the earth.
Grant that in your good time we join with all your creatures in your presence forever.
Hear us, O God, the beginning and the end,

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, our maker and keeper, we commend ourselves and your whole
creation, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right'. The second staff continues: 'spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take'. The third staff continues: 'not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of'. The fourth staff concludes: 'your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

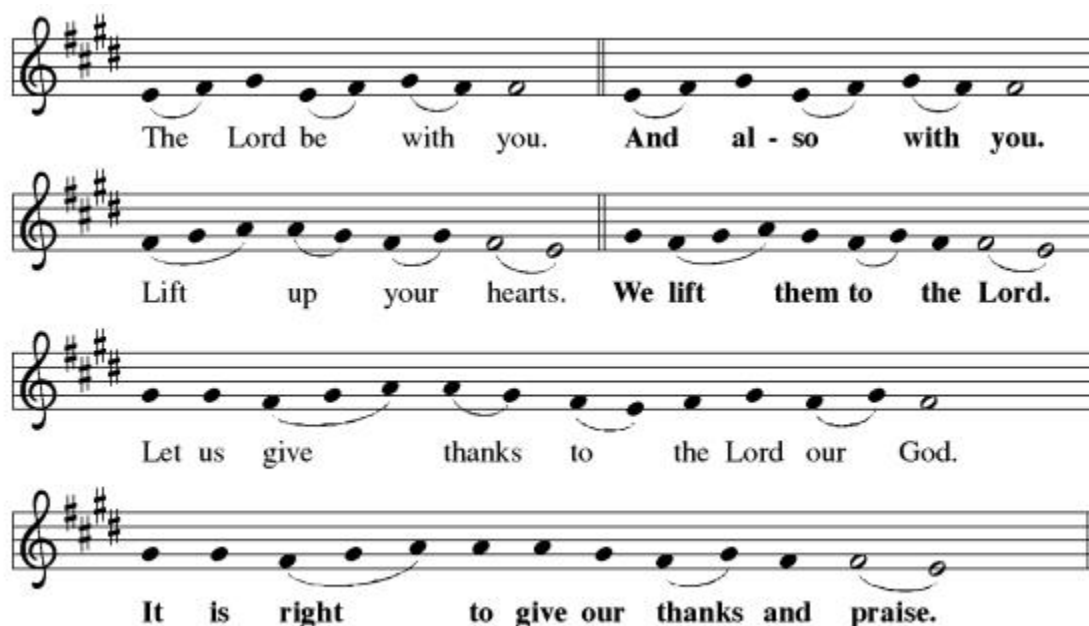
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your
Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

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.
You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
equal in majesty undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,
ever to be adored in your eternal glory.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of creation for God's beloved creatures. Come and share.

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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

Creator God bless you and keep you.
Creating Christ shine through you with grace and mercy.
Creative Spirit nourish you and give you peace.
Amen.

Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune.
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Flourish with creation.
Thanks be to God.

Leading Worship Today

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

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.



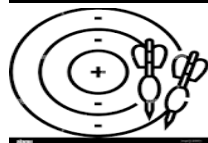
St. Petri Store is now open. Check out catalog in Narthex or go online to <https://stpetristore.itemorder.com/> and get your St. Petri gear, your way!



ST. PETRI FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Join us for a Fellowship Breakfast

Today, after worship, is our fellowship breakfast. 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.

We Offer with Joy and Thanksgiving

~ ourselves, our time, our possessions ~

Attendance last Sunday: 36 in person **16** online

Giving last Sunday:	Current Offering Receipts:	\$9,445.00
	Received Month-to-Date:	\$21,895.80
	Budgeted Needs Monthly:	\$16,250.00

Offerings for current expenses:

From Member Envelopes:	\$9,370.00
From Other Sources:	<u>75.00</u>
Total Received:	\$9,445.00

Offerings for Benevolence:	\$80.00
Offerings for Project Fix-Up:	\$75.00
General Memorial	\$40.00

~ *signs of God's gracious love!* ~

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN [SEPT 6] *LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR*

9am Worship
Fellowship Breakfast

MON [SEPT 7] **LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED**

5:30pm Girl Scouts Meeting

TUES [SEPT 8]

9am Quilting

WED [SEPT 9]

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

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.</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.