

ST. PETRI EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Reformation Sunday
October 25, 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!

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome to worship at St. Petri! If you're worshipping with us online, please say hello. If more than one person is watching with you, let us know how many are gathered with you. We'd love to know who's part of our online congregation today.

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 are chosen children of God, bound together by the Holy Spirit.
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

When we feel tested by hard decisions, calls to stand against injustice, competing narratives, and worrying misinformation, we remember:
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

When we struggle with damaged trust and the need to repair our relationships with God and one another, when we are called to go against the social current to build communities of mercy and justice, we remember:
We belong to God, and through God, we belong to one another.

Come, let us worship God whose grace surrounds us when we feel tested and tried, empowering us to remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ when we face chaos, division, injustice, and hardship.
We come to worship God who chooses us, empowers us, and inspires us to live as the Body of Christ in a broken and hurting world. Amen.

¶ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

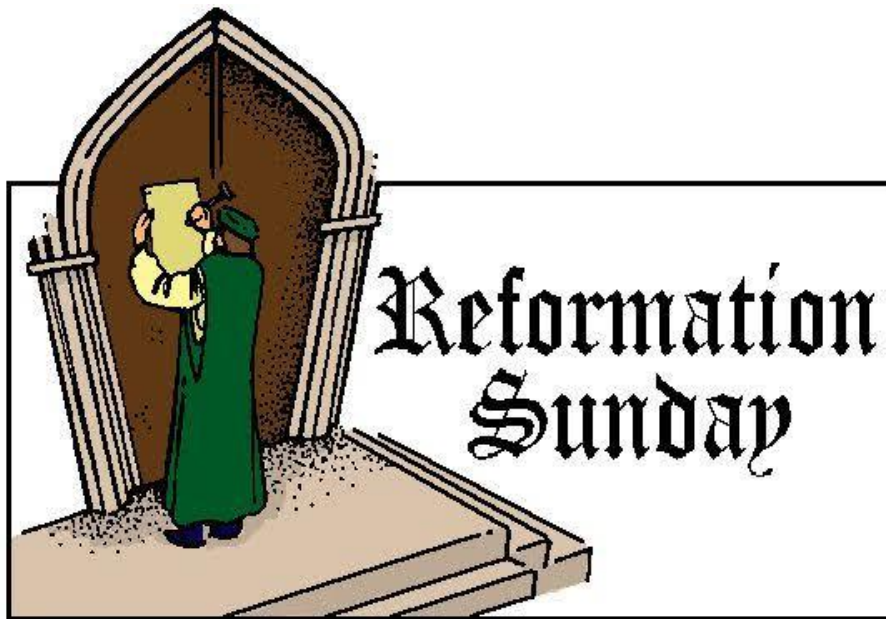
"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them," Jesus told the disciples (John 20:23). Based on this, Martin Luther taught that we can hear the words of forgiveness from the minister as is from Christ himself,

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.
Silence is kept for reflection.
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.



A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



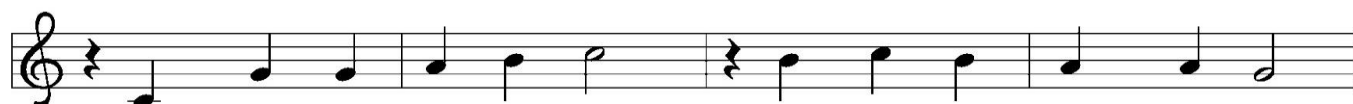
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther
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¶ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

L: A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah:

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

READING: Psalm 46 (Read the Psalm responsively)

¹¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

FOCUS TEXT READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

L: A reading from the 1st Letter to the Thessalonians:

¹ You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³ For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴ but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. ⁵ As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, ⁶ nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷ though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸ So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON



¶ HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
 Congregation sings verses 1, 2 and 3

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
 Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
 u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and may bring to naught all he has done.
 and sing lead your praise out of eter - nal ly.
 and and us us out of death to life.

† 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 (Congregation to remain seated.)

L: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world...*A brief silence.*

L: Gracious God, as we remember the Reformation, we thank you for all those who have worked to hold the church accountable to our mission. Protect them as they speak truth to power. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We give thanks for the beauty of the world's islands, coastlines, and low-lying places. Keep them and their inhabitants safe from harm. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We thank you for the diversity of humankind, made in your image. We pray for the future of endangered languages and cultures. Preserve them to show forth your glory. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We pray for the healing of all who are sick or injured, especially those who cannot access medical care. We remember those whom we love who are suffering or in pain (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We give thanks for retired clergy and their families, honoring their faithful service to your church. Bless them as they find new ways to live into their vocation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We thank you for all the faithful departed who taught us to love you and our neighbor, (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). By their example, help us to seek after you with heart, soul, and mind. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of Hope, on this Reformation Sunday we pray for our local Lutheran congregation: Holy Trinity, while we pray globally for the Northwest Ohio Synod. 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: Kurtis, Matthew, Matt and Pastor Adam. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

MEAL

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

Choir Anthem

*"What Is The World Like?"
St. Petri Choir*

Tice/Morris

OFFERTORY

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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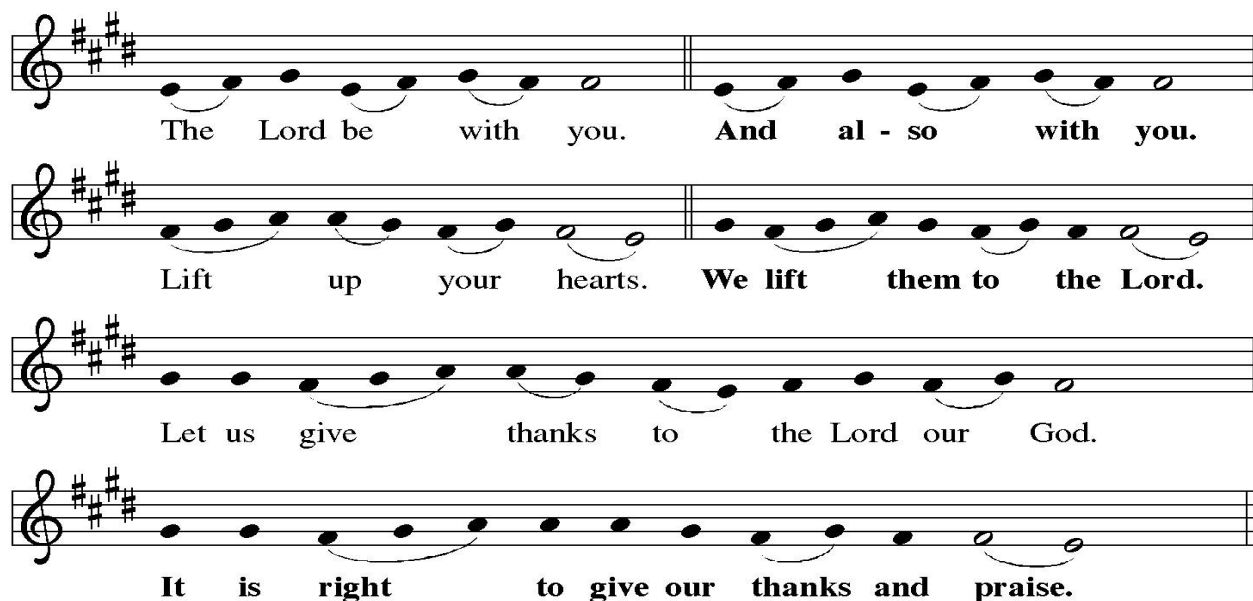
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: 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.

C: Amen.

¶ GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using eighth and quarter notes with slurs. The lyrics are printed below each staff.

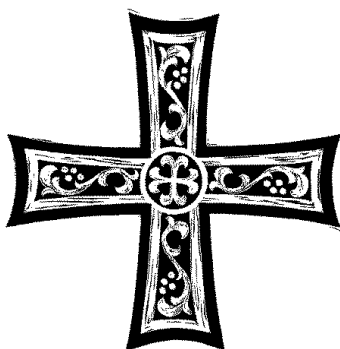
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

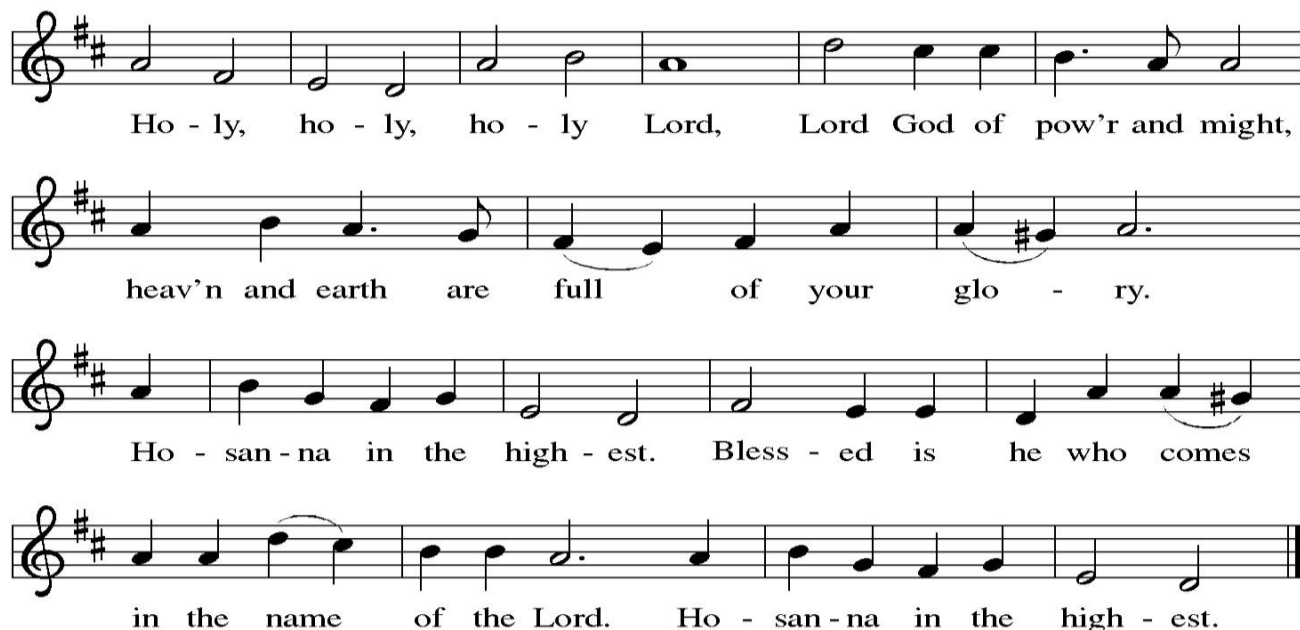
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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.

¶ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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

SENDING HYMN

Thy Strong Word Congregation sings verses 1 and 4

Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias,
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the holy Trinity!

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BLESSING

"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 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.**
- C: **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

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Leading Worship Today

Presiding Minister	Pastor Adam Bohland
Organist	Martha Amstutz
Lector	Julie Gibbons
Cantor	Carrie George
Lead Usher	Rick Kinkaid
Altar Care	Sue Mead
Camera Operator	Sue Mead
Greeter	Ryan Griggs

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Director of Music	Martha Amstutz
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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.

NOTICE TO ALL VETERANS: On November 8, 2026, there will be a special presentation to all veterans of St. Petri Lutheran Church. If you are a veteran, please try to attend church that day. If you are not an active member and would like to attend, please call the church office before November 1, 2026 so we can have your name to announced.



Don't forget to move your clocks back an hour next Saturday/early Sunday morning.

If you crocheted or knitted lap blankets this year for a nursing home, please drop them off in the quilting room by October 25, 2026.



THE SAINTS IN OUR LIVES: All Saints' Sunday is on November 1 when we give thanks for those members of St. Petri who have joined the eternal Communion of Saints in the past year. This is also a time when we can give thanks for everyone close to us who has died, and comfort one-another in our continued grief. If there is anyone you would like remembered during this service, a sheet is posted in the narthex and the bulletin board outside the church office.

FELLOWSHIP CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST: Join us Sunday, November 1, following worship for a special Continental Fellowship Breakfast! We'll be keeping things simple this month with a selection of pastries, muffins, bagels, fresh fruit, coffee, and juice. **Suggested donation: \$5 per person.** While our usual hot breakfast takes a little break, the fellowship continues! Come enjoy good food, warm conversation, and time together with your St. Petri family. Sign up on the bulletin boards.



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!

We Offer with Joy and Thanksgiving

~ ourselves, our time, our possessions ~

Attendance last Sunday: 34 in person 10 online

Living last Sunday	Current Offering Receipts:	\$1425.00
	Received Month-to-Date:	\$6,918.00
	Budgeted Needs Monthly:	\$12,964.00

Offerings for current expenses:

From Member Envelopes:	\$1,415.00
From Other Sources	\$0.00
Total Received:	\$1,415.00

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN [OCT 25] 9am 2pm	Worship Trunk or Treat	SUN [NOV 1] 9am 10am Breakfast	<i>All Saints Sunday</i> Worship Continental Fellowship
MON [OCT 26] 5:30pm 7pm	Girl Scouts Meeting Dartball Practice	MON [NOV 2] 5:30pm 7pm Petri	Girl Scouts Meeting Dartball – Messiah @ St.
TUES [OCT 27] 9am	Quilting	TUES [NOV 3] 9am	Quilting
WED [OCT 28] 6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	WED [NOV 4] 6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
THURS [OCT 29] 9:30am	STLP Meeting at Bethel	THURS [NOV 5] 1pm 6:30pm	Rachel Circle Neighborhood Block Watch



REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

Members in Nursing Homes	Military	Members	Non-Members
Terrence Henricks, <i>Ayden Healthcare</i> Marilyn Henricks <i>Otterbein-Monclova</i>	Kurtis Grohowski Matthew Cass Pastor Adam Bohland Matt Kelsey	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 Jeri Campbell Adrienne Perrault Avery Monroe Danielle Scott Vivian McCarthy Pastor Tim Rothfuss Pastor Chuck Campbell Melissa Haydock Pat Shiple Carol Dolt Paul Klockowski Jan and David Peterman Isiah Handspike Julian Horn

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.