

ST. PETRI EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 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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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.

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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: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed, alleluia!

P: Rejoicing in the risen Christ and his promise of forgiveness and everlasting life, let us now confess our sins before God and one-another, confident in God's grace.

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.

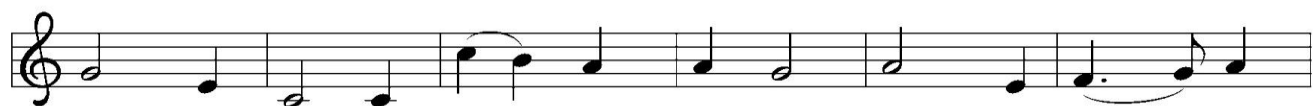
C: Amen.

¶ GATHERING HYMN

God Is Here!

Cantor sings verse 1, **Congregation sings verse 4**

God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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¶ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

READING: Psalm 85:8-13 (Read the Psalm responsively)

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- ² **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
- ³ Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
- ⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
- ⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- ⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.
- ¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with
equity."**
- ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- ¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.**
- ¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

FOCUS TEXT READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

- ² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly
³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of
hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has
chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and

in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:15-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Adam Bohland



HYMN OF THE DAY

Take My Life, That I May Be
Congregation sings verses 1, 3 and 5

Take My Life, That I May Be



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

P: The following people have been elected by the people of St. Petri to positions of leadership on the Church Council: *(Council members are invited to come forward)*

President and Trustee Mike Zaborski
Vice President and Worship Chair Cindy Kuhman
Secretary Mary Klockowski
Treasurer Sue Mead
Financial Secretary Kelly Colley
Trustee Sandy Seelman
Elder Terry Francis
Parish Life and Growth Chair Micki Schouten

P: Dear friends in Christ: In Holy Baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We rejoice now that you will lead us in our common life and mission as a congregation.

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to him in whose name we gather.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all the baptized?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

P: I now declare you installed as Council members of this congregation in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Almighty God bless you and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

C: Amen.

APOSTLE'S CREED

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.

(Let us now collect our offering.)

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.)

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

A brief silence...

L: We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of Love, today we pray for our local Lutheran congregation: Faith, while we pray globally for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. 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.

L: 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.

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

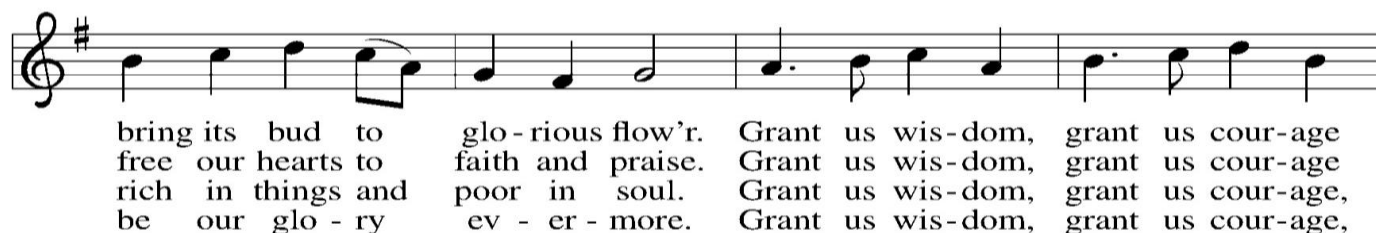
"You shall say to them, the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace." (Numbers 6:23-26)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor, and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, the +Son
and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory Congregation sings verses 1 and 2



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	Cindy Kuhman
Cantor	Carrie George
Lead Usher	Micki Schouten
Altar Care	Sue Mead
Camera Operator	Carrie George
Greeter	Tom & Mary Klockowski

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.



ALTAR FLOWERS: Happy Heavenly Birthday Mom, Betty Lane, from Suzan, Sam and Debbie.

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.

ADULT NIGHT OUT: Join us on Saturday, October 24th at 5:30pm at Golden Lily, 2223 Reynolds Road, Toledo. Sign up on bulletin board in Narthex or Hallway.



TRUNK OR TREAT: Mark your calendar, Sunday, 10/25, parking lot at 2-3:30. We need lots of volunteers, decorated trunks and candy! Come join the fun!

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.



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: 32 in person **12** online

iving last Sunday	Current Offering Receipts:	\$1,313.00
	Received Month-to-Date:	\$5,503.00
	Budgeted Needs Monthly:	\$12,964.00

Offerings for current expenses:

From Member Envelopes:	\$1,220.00
From Other Sources	\$93.00
Total Received:	\$1,313.00

Offerings for Benevolence:	\$ 5.00
Offerings for Project Fix-Up:	\$40.00
General Memorial	\$ 0.00

~ signs of God's gracious love! ~

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN [OCT 18]

8:30 am

Annual Meeting
Worship

SUN [OCT 25]

9am

2pm

Worship
Trunk or Treat

MON [OCT 19]

5:30pm

7pm

Girl Scouts Meeting
Dartball – St. Mark @ St.
Petri

MON [OCT 26]

5:30pm

7pm

Girl Scouts Meeting
Dartball Practice

TUES [OCT 20]

9am

Quilting

TUES [OCT 27]

9am

Quilting

WED [OCT 21]

6:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

WED [OCT 28]

6:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

SAT [OCT 24]

5:30pm

Adult Night Out –
Golden Lily

THURS [OCT 29]

9:30am

STLP Meeting at Bethel



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.