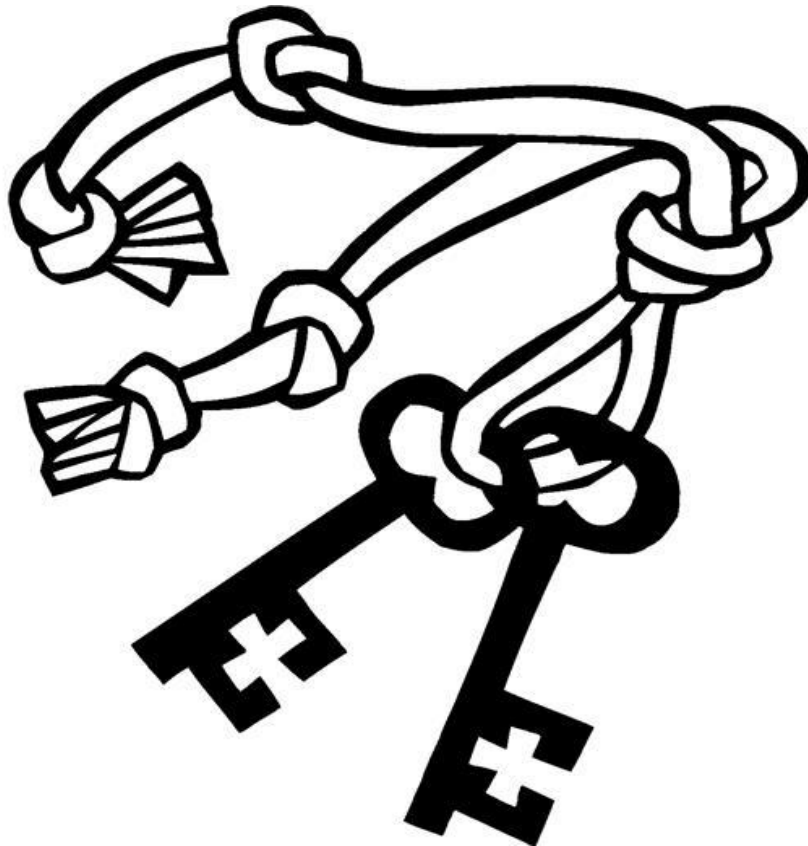


ST. PETRI EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 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

L: Who do you say I am?

C: Some say Moses, some say Elijah, a prophet who comes with a word from the Holy.

L: Who do you say I am?

C: Some say Messiah, some say the Healer who shares the life of the Holy.

L: Who do you say I am?

C: Some say Emmanuel, God-with-us. Some say Wisdom, teacher of truth.

L: Jesus asks us today: Who do you say that I am?

C: We come to worship the Living God, ready to confess our faith and share Christ's love in this place. Amen

¶ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."
In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.
Amen.

¶ GATHERING HYMN

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”
 Congregation sings verses 1, 2, 3 and 4

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

¶ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

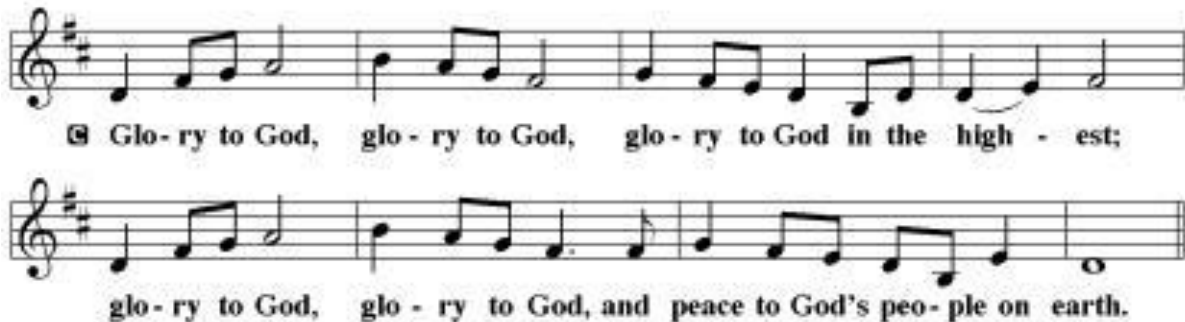
C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

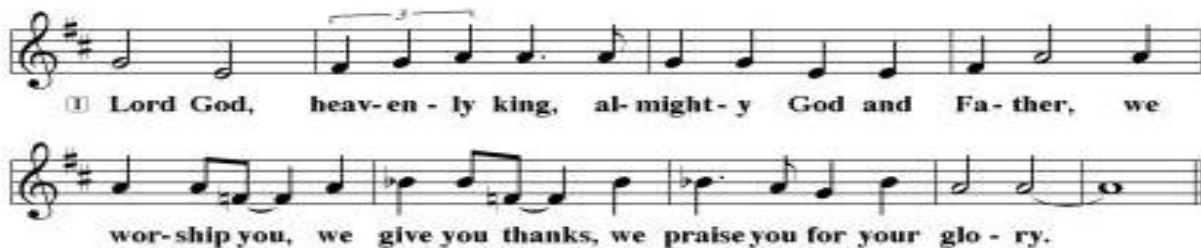
“Glory to God”

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)

Refrain



Verse 1



WORD

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

READING: Isaiah 55:1-6

L: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

¹Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. ²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. ³For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

READING: Psalm 138 (Read the Psalm responsively)

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

READING: Romans 12:1-8

L: A reading from the Letter to the Romans:

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

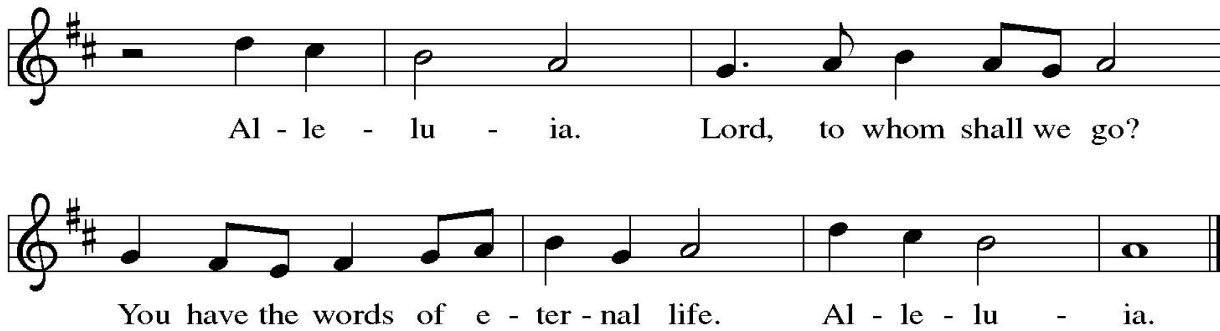
³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

¶ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing." (Joel 2:13)



¶ GOSPEL Matthew: 16:13-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Adam Bohland

Built on a Rock



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
 5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
 ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
 prom - ise is bring - ing: “I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
 world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men.”

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.
 Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMEL HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887
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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.)

OFFERING MUSIC

"Here I Am Lord"
Mike Matuszak, soloist

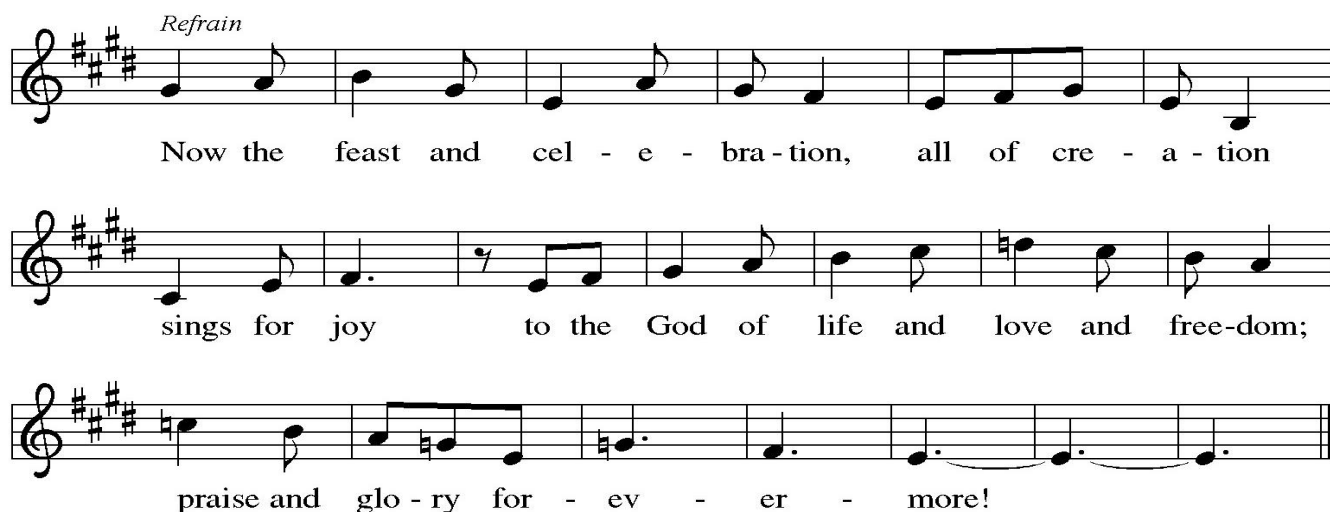
Schutte

† OFFERTORY

"Now the Feast and Celebration"

Haugen

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

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.)

"I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone." (1 Tim. 2:1)

A: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation...*A brief silence.*

L: God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation. Teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster. Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need this day (*especially those we name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the one body of Christ. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the faithful who died in the hope of this promise (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Strengthen us in faith until the day we join them at your eternal banquet. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Dear Lord, we thank you for your great love and the gift of your salvation. Give us boldness to share our faith with the people around us. Remove our fears and quiet our doubts. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so we may speak your truth with grace and kindness. Open the hearts of those who would listen, and let our lives reflect your light. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

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 and Pastor Adam. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, 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

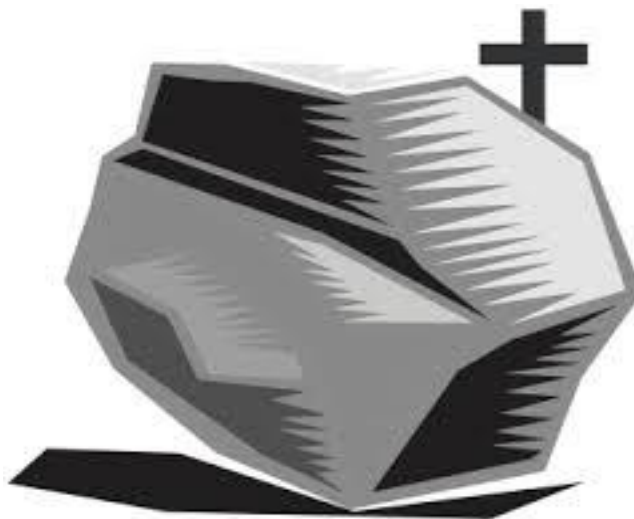
The Holy Spirit sends us to share the Good News in our community this week.

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: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

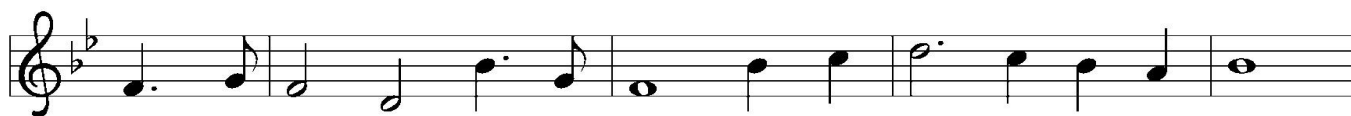
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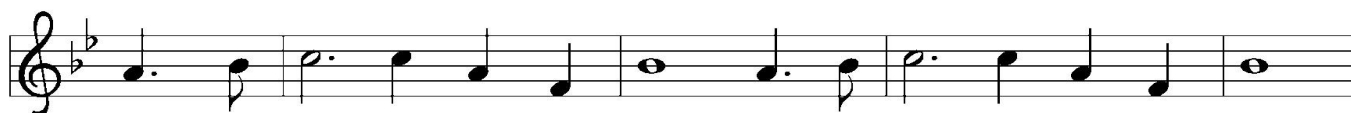
SENDING HYMN

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” Congregation sings verses 1 and 2

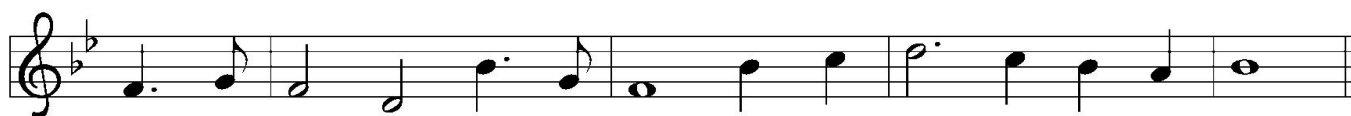
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778
Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!

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Leading Worship Today

Presiding Minister	Pastor Adam Bohland
Organist	Martha Amstutz
Lector	Sue Mead
Cantor	Mike Matuszak
Lead Usher	Rick Kinkaid
Altar Care	Sue Mead
Camera Operator	Tina Kinkaid
Greeter	Ryan Griggs

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 ¶.

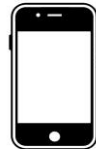
RESTROOMS are located on each side of the outside entrance to the worship space.

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.

COULD YOU FILL IN?: Our Sunday School needs a little help! We're looking for a few people willing to "Fill In" once or twice a month to help with our children's Sunday School. You don't have to be a teacher or commit every week. Just a willingness to share a Bible story, help with an activity, and spend some time with our youngest members. If each of us gives a little, together we can make a big difference. **Would you consider helping? Talk to Micki or Pastor Adam if you're interested!**



SMARTPHONE NAVIGATION WORKSHOP: Sunday, August 30rd after worship. Coffee and donuts provided. Sign-up sheets on bulletin board in the Narthex or in hallway.

ADULT NIGHT OUT: Join us on Saturday, August 29th at 6:30pm at Whitehouse Inn, 10835 Waterville St., Whitehouse. Sign up on bulletin board in Narthex or Hallway.



ST. PETRI FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Join us for a Fellowship Breakfast next on September 6. For \$10, enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, and milk while sharing fellowship with friends.



NEW BELL SYSTEM: An anonymous donor will match up to \$5,000 for the bell system.



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: 39 in person 12 online

Giving last Sunday	Current Offering Receipts:	\$3,470.00
	Received Month-to-Date:	\$10,814.00
	Budgeted Needs Monthly:	\$16,250.00

Offerings for current expenses:

From Member Envelopes:	\$1,940.00
From Other Sources:	1,530.00
Total Received:	\$3,470.00

Offerings for Benevolence:	\$55.00
Offerings for Project Fix-Up:	\$50.00
General Memorial	\$25.00

~ signs of God's gracious love! ~

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN [AUG 23]

9AM

Worship

SUN [AUG 30]

9am

Worship

Smartphone Navigation
Workshop

MON [AUG 24]

5:30pm

Girl Scouts Meeting

7pm

Join Scout Night

MON [AUG 31]

5:30pm

Girl Scouts Meeting

TUES [AUG 25]

9am

Quilting

TUES [SEPT 1]

9am

Quilting

WED [AUG 26]

5:30PM

Puzzle Night

THURS [SEPT 3]

1pm

Rachel Circle

6:30pm

Neighborhood Block
Watch

SAT [AUG 29]

6:30pm

Adult Night Out-
Whitehouse Inn

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.