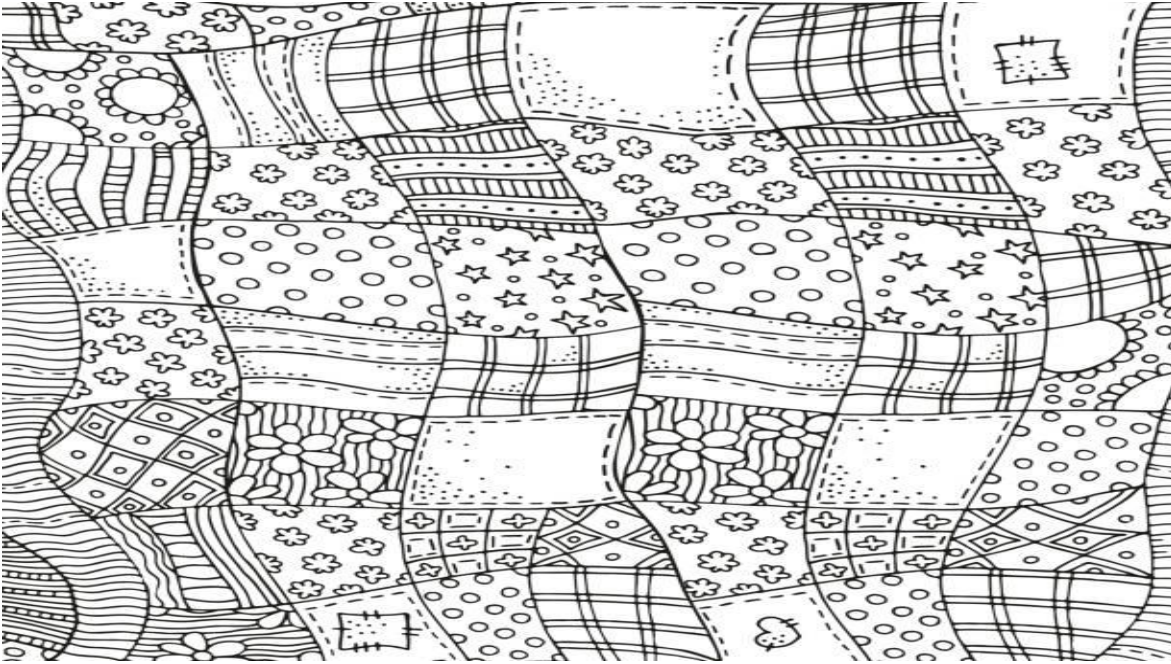


ST. PETRI EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026

Thankoffering Sunday

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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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

CALL TO WORSHIP

When we measure our worth by our own achievements, our status, or our past,

We find they are fleeting. Knowing Christ surpasses them all.

Leaving behind what is behind us and releasing the old,

We strain forward to the life God calls us to live.

Christ Jesus has taken hold of us.

Therefore, we run with hope toward the heavenly goal.

Come, let us worship the Lord together.

We worship God in spirit, truth, and joyful pursuit of Christ! Amen.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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.

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.

GATHERING HYMN

We Gather Together *Congregation sings verses 1 and 2*

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We Gather Together

The musical score is written for a congregation in 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system contains three verses of the first line. The second system contains the second line of the first verse. The third system contains the third line of the first verse. The fourth system contains the fourth line of the first verse. The lyrics are as follows:

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing.
3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,
he chas - ters and has - tens his will to make known;
or - dam - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.
the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
Let thy con - gre - ga - tion en - dure through tri - bu - la - tion.
sing, prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own,
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father,
thank you for the surpassing value of knowing Jesus Christ as Lord. Forgive us when we try to build our own righteousness or find our worth in worldly success, status, or past failures. Help us to count those things as loss compared to the incredible grace of belonging to You. Lord, give us the courage to forget what lies behind—every distraction, regret, and false identity. Stretch our hearts and strain our spirits forward to what lies ahead. Give us daily strength to press on toward the goal for the prize of Your heavenly call in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

WORD

READING: Psalm 80:7-15 (*Read the Psalm responsively*)

7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

9 You cleared the ground for it;
it took root and filled the land.

**10 The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.

**12 Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

**14 Turn now, O God of hosts,
look down from heaven;**

15 behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

FOCUS TEXT READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know

Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-43

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

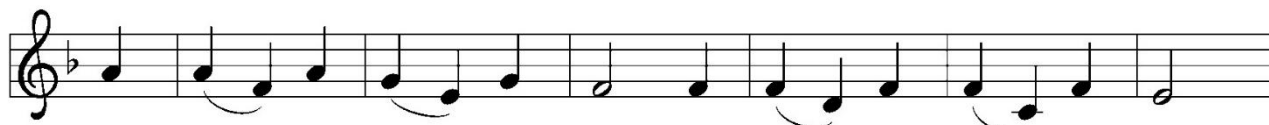
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



HYMN OF THE DAY

Blest Be The Tie That Binds
Congregation sings verses 1,2,3 and 4
Blest Be the Tie That Binds



- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
- 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
- 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
- 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

RECOGNITION OF QUILTERS – ASK QUILTERS TO STAND

¶ DEDICATION OF QUILTS

P: Dear friends in Christ: United with all the baptized, we are joined in God's mission for the life of the world. We are called to that mission in our daily lives and in the ministries we share as the church of God. Today it is our joy to give thanks for the ministry of St. Petri's Women of the ELCA and the "All Thumbs Quilters," and to dedicate these quilts and personal care kits for witness to God and service to those in need.

P: Let us pray: O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed the quilters with an eye for color; the ability to sew, knot and pin; skills to develop new colorful patterns; and donations of sheets, fabric, batting, time and money. Now we offer to you the fruits of this year's labor: 253 quilts.

C: We dedicate these quilts to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each one is sent, making it a witness to your grace and an expression of your compassion.

P: O Lord, you can use these humble gifts to spread your love from us to the world.

C: May they be used in your service and become blessings for all who receive them.

P: O Lord, creator of heaven and earth, all that we possess comes from your loving hand. We thank you for the many gifts we receive from your bounty. Move us all to respond in gratitude to your gracious goodness.

C: Grant that we may use all your gifts to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love. Make us ready to live the Gospel and eager to do your will, so that we may share with all your church in the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

L: God of every comfort, you made us in your own image. Grant healing and relief to all who are 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: God of every truth, you draw us nearer to you through your holy Word. We give thanks for teachers of the faith. Fill their hearts with your Spirit, that they inspire others with your truth. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

L: God of every soul, you are the one who calls us home. We give thanks for all the saints who have been restored to perfect unity with you (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). 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. 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.

OFFERING

Soloist

Offertory
Nella Gallant, vocalist

John Ness Beck

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.

The musical notation 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 the notes. 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 music ends with a double bar line.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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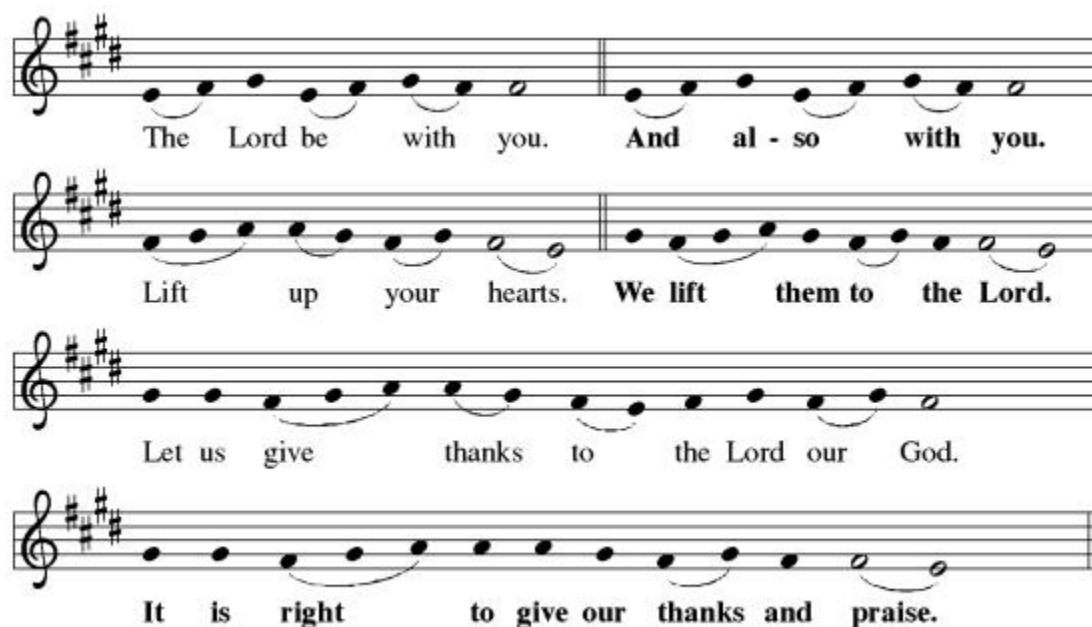
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Faithful Shepherd,

You call us beyond our resumes and our trophies, beyond what we have been toward who we are becoming in Christ. As we lay these gifts before you, free us from clinging to what we think gives us worth. Turn our eyes toward the future you are unfolding. Let our giving press us deeper into mercy, widen the circle of belonging, and shape us into people who embody your justice and grace. Keep us moving; keep us growing; keep us following. We press on toward your kingdom, trusting you to lead.

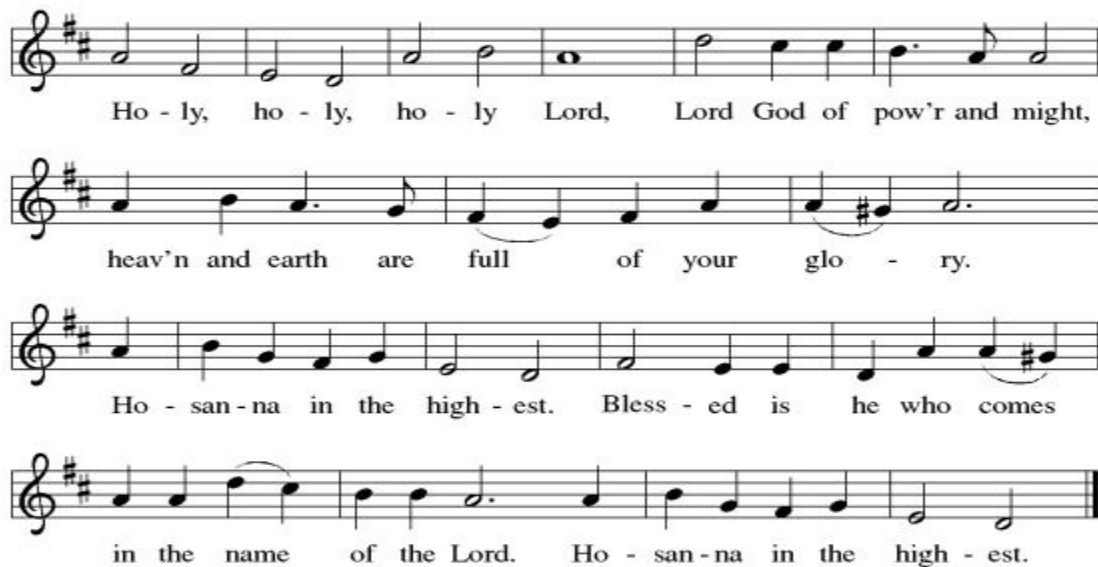
Amen.

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.

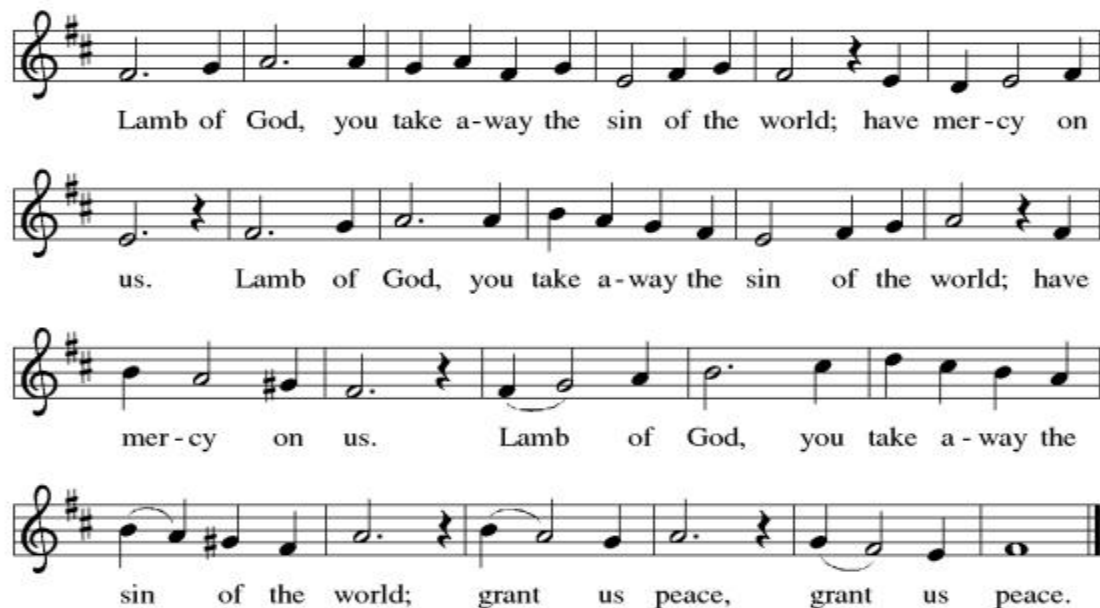
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.
 All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!



LAMB OF GOD



Soloist

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated
Nella Gallant, vocalist

Havergal/Hayes

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

Amen.

BLESSING

Go forth in the righteousness of faith, letting go of past pride and worldly achievements to gain the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

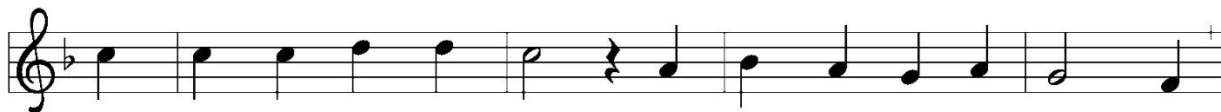
Now Thank We All Our God

Congregation sings verses 1 and 2

Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voice - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv-en,



who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re-joice - es;
with ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir-it blest, who reign in high-est heav-en,



who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
the one e-ter-nal God, whom earth and heav'n a-dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev-er-more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

THE NOISY OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTING AFTER SERVICE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

Leading Worship Today

Presiding Minister	Pastor Adam Bohland
Organist	Martha Amstutz
Lector	Sue Mead
Cantor	Carrie George
Lead Usher	Terry Francis
Altar Care	Sue Mead
Camera Operator	Tina Kinkaid
Greeter	Doug & Mary Barris
Special Music	Nella Gallant

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 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

ALL THUMBS QUILTERS

Today we are celebrating Thankoffering Sunday. The quilters have made 253 quilts this year. These quilts will be delivered to The Lutheran World Relief Org., then they will be sent to countries all over the world.

We are also sending 42 Personal Care Kits to The World Relief Org.

Thank you to everyone who has helped the quilters in making these quilts and the personal care kits. We could not accomplish all we do without your help.

If you are able to help put the boxes of quilts and kits on the U-Haul Truck next Saturday, October 10, 2026, please be here by 9 am.



THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in celebration of Kelly & John Colley's 34th wedding anniversary on October 2.



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.



BINGO: Saturday, October 10th, 6:30 pm. Join us for an evening of fun, fellowship & BINGO!

Pizza and soft drinks provided. Suggested donation: \$5 per person. Minimum 10 participants needed. Sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex and Hallway.



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!

Office Supplies Needed

Paper clips, large and small.

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.

These prices are for Walmart. If you would rather donate money, just mark the envelope for Office Supplies. Thank you!!!

We Offer with Joy and Thanksgiving

~ ourselves, our time, our possessions ~

Attendance last Sunday: 38 in person 16 online

Giving last Sunday:	Current Offering Receipts:	\$ 2,471.00
	Received Month-to-Date:	\$13,091.10
	Budgeted Needs Monthly:	\$12,964.00

Offerings for current expenses:

From Member Envelopes:	\$ 2445.00
From Other Sources	\$26.00
Total Received:	\$ 2,471.00

Offerings for Benevolence:	\$ 10.00
Offerings for Project Fix-Up:	\$ 20.00
General Memorial	\$ 0.00

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN [OCT 4]
9am
THANKOFFERING
Worship
Fellowship Breakfast

SUN [OCT 11]
9am Worship

MON [OCT 5]
5:30pm
7pm
Girl Scouts Meeting
Dartball – St. Petri @
1st St. John #2

MON [OCT 12]
5:30pm
7pm
7pm
Girl Scouts Meeting
Dartball Practice
Boy Scouts Den/Troop
Meeting

TUES [OCT 6]
9am
Quilting

TUES [OCT 13]
9am
Quilting

WED [OCT 7]
6:30pm
7pm
Choir Rehearsal
Boy Scout Den/Troop
Meeting

WED [OCT 14]
6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal

THURS [OCT 8]
12 pm
6:30pm
Men's Lunch – Bob Evans
Church Council

THURS [OCT 15]
6pm
Sip & Scripture

SAT [OCT 10]
6:30pm
Bingo

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 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 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.