



Service of Word and Sacrament
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday August 27, 2023
9:30 a.m.



Building a community of faith by God's grace

Welcome to St. Peter's, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are glad you're here! Please fill out the worship record sheet in the black book located at the end of the pew.

Materials for worship are found in this bulletin or in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* book. Page numbers, such as "p.172," refer to the small page numbers in the front of the book. Hymn numbers, marked with a # sign, refer to the large numbers in the back of the book. **Please see the ushers for large print bulletins and hearing-impaired devices.**

Offerings are collected by passing the plates during worship, and immediately transported to the drop box safe. You can also give electronically at www.stpeterslutheran.org/give.

Communion is celebrated at 8:00 a.m. on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, at 9:30 a.m. traditional services on 2nd and 4th Sundays, and at all services on 5th and festival Sundays. Holy Communion is also celebrated on all Sundays in the Easter season. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. Believing in the real presence of Christ, St. Peter's practices eucharistic hospitality, meaning all baptized persons, regardless of age, are welcome to commune here. **Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.**

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+ GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude Theme and Variations for Violin and Organ (J. Rheinberger)
Christina Ragonesi, violin, Deborah Berdos, organ

Musical Meditation Oh, Worship the King (arr. M. Kim)

Welcome/Announcements

Please stand.

Brief Order for Confession

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

L: Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

L: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn The Church's One Foundation # 654

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;
- 2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be ex - alt - ed thus!”
- 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re-ceive hon - or and pow’r di - vine;
- 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou-sand thou-sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
“Wor - thy the Lamb,” our lips re - ply, “for he was slain for us!”
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

Prayer of the Day

P: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please sit.

+ WORD +

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

First Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

L: A reading from Isaiah

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that 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

Psalm

#150

Sung by the whole verse between the worship leader and the **congregation**.



¹Hallelujah! Praise God in the | holy temple;
praise God in the mighty | firmament.

²**Praise God for | mighty acts;
praise God for ex- | ceeding greatness.**

³Praise God with | trumpet sound;
praise God with | lyre and harp.

⁴**Praise God with tambou- | rine and dance;
praise God with | strings and pipe.**

⁵Praise God with re- | sounding cymbals;
praise God with loud | clanging cymbals.

⁶**Let everything | that has breath
praise the LORD. | Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

L: A Reading from Romans

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For 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. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

P: The holy gospel according to the sixteenth chapter of Matthew

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And 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. ¹⁸And 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. ¹⁹I 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." ²⁰Then 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.

Please sit.

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day

Built on a Rock

#652

Apostles' Creed

L: Let us profess our faith together.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 Intercession

L: Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

Each petition closes with:

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayers.

The prayers conclude:

L: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please remain in place to share the peace.

Please sit.

+ THANKSGIVING+

We give thanks for the saving word and all the gifts of God.

Offertory

You Are There (Burgess)

Deborah, vocal solo

Please stand.

Offerings can be made online by going to stpeterslutheran.org/give.

Members, include your envelope number as your member ID. Visitors, no need for a member ID.

Please use this time to contemplate how you will give of yourself this week in service to your community.

Setting the Table

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

#182

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray.

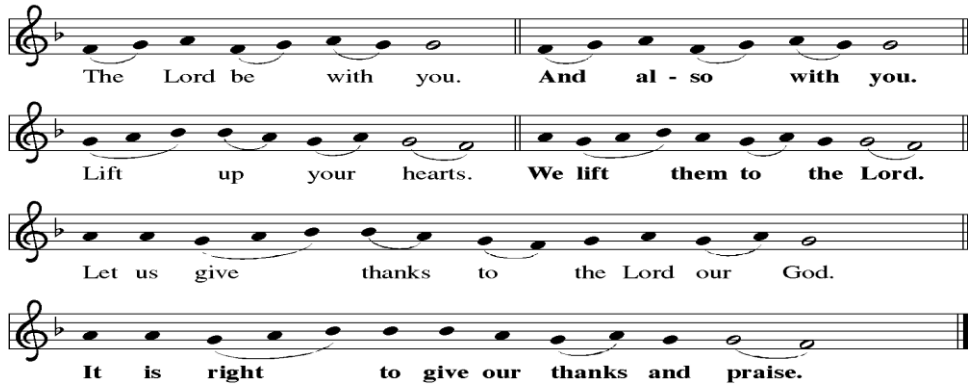
C: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your
graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

+ MEAL +

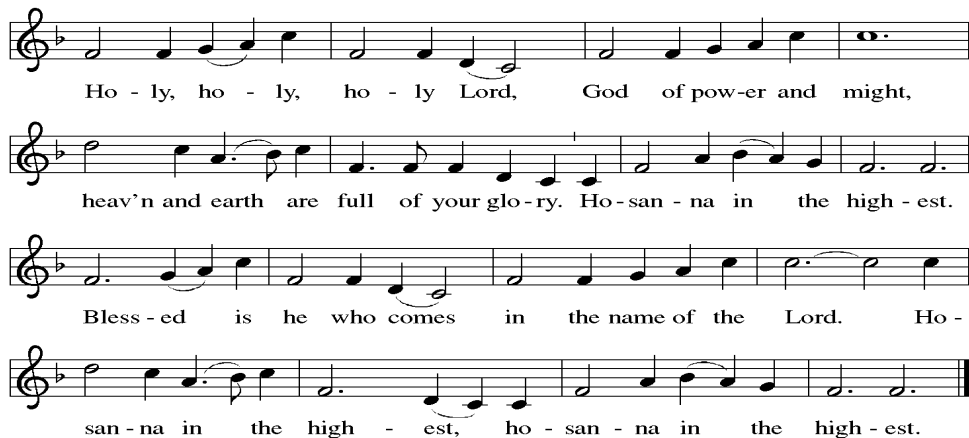
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Great Thanksgiving

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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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



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."

Lord's Prayer

P: We pray together,

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

L: All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please sit.

Communion

All are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers, take a cup from the trays, and proceed to the altar to receive bread and wine or a blessing. For COVID safety purposes, please leave space at the rail between family groups. Please return to your seats via the outside aisles. If you desire to receive communion, but are not able to come forward, please alert the ushers.

Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

Music during communion as time



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymns

I Come with Joy

#482

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

#645

Please stand.

Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

L: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed
+ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

#777

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing (D. Cherwien)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in honor of St Peter's Sages by Jeff & Christine Smith.

THIS MORNING WE THANK— Deborah Berdos, for her outstanding vocal soloist, during both traditional worship services.

Pastor Walt Cleckley's 40th Ordination Anniversary— Please join us as we celebrate the 40-year anniversary of ordination for our former associate pastor, Pr. Walt Cleckley on Sunday, August 27 in traditional worship. We will have some light snacks and a cake celebrating this milestone in Pr. Cleckley's ministry.

ALL INSTRUMENTALISTS — Today, we will be having a Psalm 150 experience in our worship by including instruments on our three hymns in worship.

SAGES RECOGNITION SERVICE— Today we join in worship as we recognize and honor you for your service to the church. A reception will be held in the Narthex between services. No need to R.S.V.P. and please invite family or friends. If you need a ride or have questions, call the church office or Christine Smith at 717-299-0949.

DRIVERS FOR SAGES RECOGNITION— St. Peter's Thanks You!

ALTAR GIFTS— You can now reserve your Altar gifts online to commemorate your loved ones. Go to <https://www.stpeterslutheran.org/sunday-altar-gifts/> to complete a simple online form and make your payment online or by check.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS NEEDED— We could use more communion assistants. A few minutes of training is all it takes! Email or talk with Pastor Ross if you have interest. Thank you!

SUNDAY NURSERY ASSISTANTS NEEDED— Our Church Nursery Coordinator, Alyssa Kerper, staffs the nursery during the 9:30 a.m. service, but she needs your help! Safe Church practices require us to have two adults or teens in the nursery when small children are present. If you use the nursery when you worship, or are simply willing to help out, please call the Church Office and let us know what means of contact Alyssa can use to connect with you.

GROCERY CARDS FOR SALE— On the first and third Sunday of each month, you can purchase grocery cards and contribute to the church debt reduction. We have cards in increments of \$25, \$50 and \$100 for Stauffers of Kissel Hill, Giant, Weis and Oregon Dairy. Simply purchase the cards at face value, spend as you wish, and 5% of each sale stays here at church. Cards are also available to purchase during the week in the church office.

HELP NEEDED— The Property Committee is doing a great job for St. Peter's but they need a few helpers to complete some easy maintenance jobs around the property. If you have any skills at all, you can be a big help for your church. This is a one time commitment; you do not need to serve on the committee to help! Contact Mark Aho, Property Chair, for more information at ademaho@comcast.net.

SERVING A MEAL— Help is needed to serve a Community Meal on September 6 at Grace Lutheran Church, located at 517 N Queen St, Lancaster. It is an easy way to help our community. Arrival is around 4:00p.m. and you are finished by 6:30p.m.. Two people are needed. Please contact Betsy Linn with questions or if you are able to help. betsylinn1@gmail.com.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT— 2023-24 St. Peter's Preschool is filling up quickly! We only have a few spots available in our 4-5 year old program. Please submit your application ASAP to reserve your spot in our preschool program for the fall! Please contact our preschool director, Heather Cramer, for more information. 717-569-9211 or by emailing heathercramer@stpeterslutheran.org.

TRY OUR DIGITAL BULLETINS— You can access our weekly bulletins on your device by using this QR code (or by going to stpeterslutheran.org/bulletins). Use the camera on your phone or tablet to scan the QR code below or on the sign at the bulletin table on the way in. The link will take you to a Dropbox page containing the current bulletins and those from recent weeks. Be sure to select the bulletin for the correct service from the Dropbox. You do not need a Dropbox account or the Dropbox app to read or download the bulletin. Simply choose Dropbox.com when it gives you that option. If you have trouble getting cellular coverage in the narthex or sanctuary, please use our WiFi; choose the one called “St. Peter’s Guest” and the password is the church phone number 7175699211. Help us make a difference in the amount of paper and ink we use each week!



50 PLUS— This year's lecture topic is assassins, starting with John Wilkes Booth. The schedule for the year: October-Charles Giteau, November-Leon Czolgosz, December-Lee Harvey Oswald, January-James Earl Ray, and finishing with Sirhan Sirhan in February. Please bring your own sandwich (you may want to stop at your favorite sandwich shop), place setting, a beverage, and a snack to share. You are welcome to come at 12:30p.m. for the lecture only. In September we will have our annual picnic on the 7th. A signup sheet will be on the bulletin board. Let us know your hamburger or hot dog preference and what you are bringing. I told Bob that we were looking forward to his return. He is looking forward to it as well. If you have any questions, please contact Debra Shue at 717-318-8848 or email djshue52@comcast.net.

PRESCHOOL IS REQUESTING— Gently used tricycles or riding toys for the upcoming school year. If you have any items you would like to donate, please contact Heather Cramer 717 569-9211 or email heather.cramer@stpeterslutheran.org.

CHOIRS & HAND BELLS— It's time to begin thinking about singing in St. Peter's choirs! Our choirs are open to all, and we would love to have you join us! **Herald Choir** - high school age through adult, singing each Sunday at the 10:30 traditional service. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. October-December) **Canticle Choir** - high school age through adult, singing monthly at the 8:00 a.m. traditional services. Rehearsals are the last two Sunday mornings per month, 9:00 a.m. **St. Peter's Ringers** - advanced handbell choir, high school through adult, ringing approximately once per month at both traditional services. Rehearsals are Monday evenings, 7:00 p.m. **Exsultate Ringers** - beginning / intermediate handbell choir, ringing on occasion at both traditional services. Rehearsals are Mondays, 6:15 p.m. Interested singers and ringers, please email me at tom.berdos@stpeterslutheran.org, or talk with me after worship! Also, I am beginning to gauge interest in a children's or youth choir for the fall. Please email me at tom.berdos@stpeterslutheran.org and let me know if you are interested.

MT HOMES OF HOPE NEED – Our cooperative ministry in Manheim Township, through Love Inc., is in the process of cleaning, painting, and installing new flooring to prepare for a new family, whom we hope will enter the HOH Program mid-September. This home will provide temporary housing for a displaced family with school-aged children in our Township. We are collecting donations of cash, checks (made Payable to: Homes for Hope), Giant gift cards, Walmart gift cards, Target gift cards, or VISA gift cards in order to help stock the home with household and grocery items. Please drop off gift card donations at the church office. Sherry Moul will be purchasing items needed, starting 8/7/23. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry at: slmoul1981@gmail.com or 717-468-0163.

QUALIFIED TEACHERS NEEDED— Do you love working with young children? St. Peter's Preschool is looking for some qualified teachers to join our amazing team! We are looking for a teacher for our Tuesday/Thursday 3-year-old class and a few substitutes. Please contact Heather Cramer, preschool director, if you are interested by calling 717-569-9211 or by emailing heather.cramer@stpeterslutheran.org.

REMINDER FROM YOUR PRAYER CHAIN— We gladly accept prayer requests year-round and feel honored you trust us with your requests. However, our mailbox at church doesn't always get checked weekly. PLEASE if you have a request, the best & quickest way to get it to us is by calling the request in to the church office or by filling out a prayer request card and putting in the offering plate. We certainly do not want anyone missed. As always, any questions should be directed to Angela Moshos (717) 392-6201 or Ginny Gerhart (717) 626-7406. "Be still and know that I am God" Psalms 46:10

WELCA UPDATE— After 10 years of faithful service as presidents of the WELCA for St. Peter's, Sally Reager and Kathy Caldwell will be stepping down. These ladies have given endless time, talents, and support to our church. They will remain active members of WELCA as we move forward. Please take a few minutes when you see them to say thank you for their tireless efforts. WELCA does not meet over the summer. The next meeting will be September 14th at 9AM in Augsburg Alley. A light breakfast will be served. We welcome all women. You do not need to attend ST. Peter's so invite friends to the meetings. At our September meeting we will be assembling the Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We have 90 kits at this time. Please remember to bring items for the kits to the September meeting. We have already donated many personal care items for women and babies to Vantage House and will continue to collect items for them also. As we move forward for the upcoming year, Kathy Berkebile will be the new president with a team of active ladies in support roles. There are plans for upcoming meetings which should be exciting. These include topics on Health and Wellness. Watch closely for further information and dates. Kathy Berkebile, 717-725-0162 kberkebile@comcast.net.

PT, TEMP— Sexton/Custodian needed for a 4-hour day shift. No regular Sunday hours but must be willing to work occasional nights and weekends for church and outside group events. Contact Parish Administrator, Paul Schultz, churchadmin@stpeterslutheran.org 717-569-9211.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AT 9:30 a.m.

Lector:	Jordan Lambert
Greeter:	Rich & Ann Larrick
Ushers:	Brian & Christine Hoffman Family
Welcome Center:	Clarence Simon
Acolytes:	Hoffman Family
AV:	Bill Schlener
Communion Assistants:	Kathleen Bailey, Carolyn McNaughton
Altar Guild Coordinators:	Debbie Shue, Lori Weaver
Altar Guild:	Trish Hough
Flower Delivery:	Kathy Graver, Becky Lutz

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday (8/27)	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship, Service of the Word (Sanctuary & Livestream) Pastor Craig Ross Preaches/ Dialogue Service
	9:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship, Service of Communion (Sanctuary) Pastor Craig Ross preaches
	9:30 a.m.	New Day Praise Worship, Service of the Word (FLC & Livestream) Sister Dottie Almoney preaches
	10:00 a.m.	Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)
Monday (8/28)	1:00 p.m.	Communications Committee (Zoom)
	6:30 p.m.	HR Committee (Zoom)
	6:45 p.m.	Tanzania Missions Committee (Conference Room)
Friday (9/1)	Office Closed at 12 Noon	
Saturday (9/2)	10:00 a.m.	Lydia's Closet (FLC)
Sunday (9/3)	8:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship, Service of the Word (Sanctuary & Livestream) Pastor Harold Hand preaches
	9:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship, Service of Communion (Sanctuary) Pastor Harold Hand preaches
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OUR MISSION

Building a community of faith by God's grace

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

John 15:12

OUR VISION

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church will show our love for God,
our love for neighbors, and our desire to make disciples.

Because we love God, we will:

- Worship and pray together.
- Help each other develop a meaningful relationship with God.
- Model our faith to children, youth, and others.

Because we love our neighbor, we will:

- Serve one another, especially the unseen and underserved within our congregation.
- Support those in need in our Lancaster community and in the world through our ties with the Lower Susquehanna Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.
- Love others boldly in a diverse and changing world, deepening relationships with our neighbors.

Because we desire to make disciples, we will:

- Seek to teach God's love through adult education, programs for children and youth, and our preschool.
- Offer small groups that connect God's Word to our everyday lives and create communities of faith.
- Share the good news in creative and authentic ways with the St. Peter's family and with neighbors in our community.

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SUMMER WORSHIP MUSIC at St. Peter's

Grateful thanks to all of our St. Peter's musicians for sharing their musical gifts with us!

August 27 Deborah Berdos, vocal soloist
September 3 Congregational Hymn sing, have your favorites ready!
Deborah and Tom Berdos, organ/piano duet

Fall 2023 Music Ensembles

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! (Ps. 150:6)

Our music ministry exists to bring glory to God. Music ensembles help gifted vocal and instrumental musicians hone their gifts to bring praise to God in our worship on a regular basis. Gathering together in weekly rehearsals is a worship experience in itself as we give our time and talents.

The following ensembles will be available starting this fall. Please prayerfully consider participating. Our adult choirs had a great spring, but we do need additional voices. We would love for our children to be singing in the choirs. Our handbell choirs greatly enhance our worship, and there is room for more to be ringing. And, our choral outreach to our community is a wonderful way to bring new people into St. Peter's as we present Messiah and the St. Peter's Choir Festival in the spring.

Please contact me at tom.berdos@stpeterslutheran.org to participate, or for more information. I hope to see you in our ensembles this fall!

Tom Berdos, Director of Music

CANTICLE CHOIR - adult choir providing choral music on the first Sunday of each month at the 8:00 a.m. traditional service. Singers in high school and older are welcome to participate. Rehearsals are with Tom Berdos in the music room on the third and fourth Sundays of each month, at 9:00 a.m., beginning on September 17.

(Note - no rehearsals in December or singing on January 7)

HERALD CHOIR - adult choir providing choral music each Sunday at the 10:30 traditional service. Singers in high school and older are welcome to participate. Rehearsals with Tom and Deborah Berdos on Thursday evenings, at 7:00 p.m. (6:30 p.m. during concert prep seasons), beginning on September 7.

CONCERT CHORUS - adult choir providing choral music for our two annual concerts - Messiah in December, and St. Peter's Choir Festival in May. Singers in high school and older are welcome to participate. The concert chorus is also open to any singers in the community, so you can bring friends and neighbors to sing with you. Rehearsals with Tom and Deborah Berdos are Thursday evenings, 7:30-8:30 p.m., during concert prep seasons (mid fall, after Easter). Singers need to purchase concert music.

YOUTH CHOIR - a new choir to get our kids singing! This will start as an open rehearsal for all singers in grades 3-8. Rehearsals with Tom Berdos on Thursday afternoons, 4:15-4:45 p.m. in the music room, beginning September 7. Once we determine who would like to sing, we may adjust rehearsal times a bit.

ST. PETER'S RINGERS - handbell choir for experienced ringers, providing handbell music for our traditional services, generally on the fourth Sunday of each month. Ringers in high school and older are welcome to participate. Rehearsals are with Tom Berdos in the sanctuary on Monday evenings, 7:00-8:00 p.m., beginning on September 11.

EXSULTATE RINGERS - handbell choir for beginning and intermediate ringers, providing handbell music for our traditional services from time to time. Ringers in grade 5 and older, through adult, are welcome to participate. Multiple generations from the same families are encouraged to ring together. Rehearsals are with Tom Berdos in the sanctuary on Monday evenings, 6:15-7:00 p.m., beginning on September 11.

OTHER MUSICAL INVOLVEMENTS

Deborah Berdos will be leading the pre-K to grade 2 Sunday School children each week in a time of singing. This will happen at the beginning of the Sunday School time. These children will sing in our worship services occasionally. Many thanks to Jill Pretz, who led this for many years, and to Deborah for taking it on.

Instrumentalists (brass, woodwinds, strings, piano) and vocalists who would be interested in playing or singing in worship, please contact Tom at tom.berdos@stpeterslutheran.org.



SAGES RECOGNITION SUNDAY

August 27, 2023

Today is Sages Recognition Sunday.
There will be a Narthex reception for Sages after the services.

No reservations are needed!



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