

# ST. PETER'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service of Holy Communion

Holy Trinity

Sunday, June 15, 2025

9:30 a.m.



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*Building a community of faith by God's grace*

# HOLY TRINITY

## + GATHERING +

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

### **Prelude**

### **Musical Meditation**

Come Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire (W. Held)

Dr. Ross Ellison

### **Welcome**

*Please stand.*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

P: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**C: Amen.**

### **Gathering Hymn**

**Amazing Grace (NEW BRITAIN), ELW 779**

(stanzas 1, 2, and 5)

### **Greeting**

P: 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray together.

**C: Almighty Creator and ever-living God:** we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please sit.*

## Children's Sermon

Pastor Hanus

### + WORD +

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

## First Reading

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

L: A reading from Proverbs.

L: <sup>1</sup> Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? <sup>2</sup> On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; <sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: <sup>4</sup> “To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. <sup>22</sup> The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. <sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. <sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. <sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— <sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. <sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, <sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, <sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, <sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, <sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.”

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 8

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

<sup>1</sup> O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup> **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup> **You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup> all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup> **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup> O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## Second Reading:

Romans 5:1-5

L: A reading from Romans.

L: <sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Gospel Acclamation



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

John 16: 12-15

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the sixteenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: Jesus said, <sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason, I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

**Sermon**

Pastor Hanus

*Please stand.*

**Hymn of the Day**

**Holy God, We Praise Your Name (GROSSER GOTT), ELW 414**

## Apostles' Creed

P: 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

P: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

Each petition closes with:

P: God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through 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.*

## Offering

## Offertory

Sweet Hour of Prayer (D. Wood)

*Offerings can be made online by going to [stpeterslutheran.org/give](http://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. Please fill out the worship record sheet in the black book located at the end of the pew.*

*Please stand.*

## Setting the Table

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 dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray together.

C: Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

+ MEAL +

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

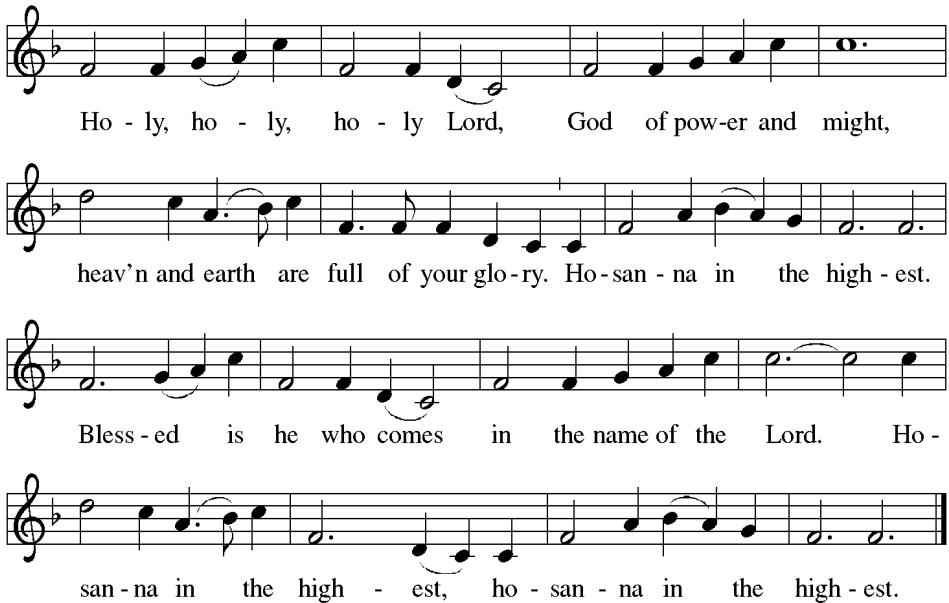
Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.



## **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: As our Lord has taught us 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**

P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice. All are welcome.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please sit.*

## **Communion is continuous.**

*All are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers, take a cup from the trays, and proceed to the ministers to receive bread and wine or a blessing. Please return to your seats via the outside aisles, depositing your used cup in the basket. If you desire to receive communion, but are not able to come forward, please alert the ushers. If you wish to kneel at the rail after communing, you are welcome to do so.*

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

*Music during communion as time allows*

## Lamb of God



- 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

**Let Us Break Bread Together (BREAK BREAD TOGETHER), No. 471**

**Draw Us in the Spirit Tether (UNION SEMINARY), No. 470**

**All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (HOLY MANNA), No. 461**

**Now We Join in Celebration (SCHMÜCKE DICH), No. 462**

*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

P: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

**+ SENDING +**

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

**Blessing**

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

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

**Children of the Heavenly Father (TRYGGARE), ELW 781**

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C: We will. Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

Festive Trumpet Tune (D. German)

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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AT 9:30 a.m.**

<b>Lector:</b>	Lois Miklas
<b>Organist:</b>	Dr. Ross Ellison
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sharon and Scott Breeden
<b>Ushers:</b>	Alan and Beverly Swanson
<b>Welcome Center:</b>	Bob and Phyllis Hollinger
<b>A/V:</b>	Bill Schlener
<b>Communion Assistants:</b>	Janet Roberts, Ginny Stickler
<b>Altar Guild Coord:</b>	Debbie Shue
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Melanie Burkholder
<b>Flower Delivery:</b>	Cathy Graver, Becky Lutz

## CALENDAR

**Sunday (6/15)**



All Week

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

### **Father's Day**

Confirmation Camp (Kirchenwald)

Traditional Worship, Service of Holy Communion  
(Sanctuary & Livestream) Pastor Hanus preaches

Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)

**Tuesday (6/17)**

6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Call Committee (Cry Room)

Council Meeting (Conference Room)

**Wednesday (6/18)**

1:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Community Meal Prep (Kitchen)

Communication Meeting (Zoom)

Pub Theology (Home of Steve and Diane Gegg)

**Thursday (6/19)**

7:00 p.m.

Musical Arts Committee (Conference Room)

**Sunday (6/22)**

9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship, Service of Holy Communion with  
Holy Baptism (Sanctuary & Livestream)

Pastor Hanus preaches

Word of Life Deaf Church (Chapel)

## 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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**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their 62nd wedding anniversary by Ron and Joan Beck.

**THIS MORNING WE WELCOME:** Dr. Ross Ellison to our worship service, and thank him for providing music for the morning. Dr. Ellison has served as a university-level organ instructor, and has a distinguished career in organ performance in Lancaster county and elsewhere.

**WIDOWS GROUP:** St. Peter's has a Widows Group that meets one time a month, on the 4th Tuesday, at 10:30 a.m. in the Cry Room. We discuss what's going on in our lives and how they have changed. We would love for you to join us. For more information, please contact Betsy Linn, [betsylinn1@gmail.com](mailto:betsylinn1@gmail.com) or 717-618-9615.

**VBS and VOLUNTEERS:** You can sign up on the QR code if you would like to volunteer for VBS for July 20-24. VBS will be held Sunday, July 20 - Thursday, July 24 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Theme is True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.



**MOVIE NIGHT:** WOLD is inviting St. Peter's to a movie night at St. Peter's on Friday, June 27, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The movie, which was made for the hearing impaired, features Jesus as its topic.

**FOOD PANTRY:** Hunger doesn't take the summer off! The food pantry at St. Paul Penryn is busier than ever, and they need help restocking their shelves. Current needs are: pasta, spaghetti sauce, mac and cheese, canned tomatoes, flour, sugar, cooking oil, and toiletries. Items can be dropped off in the Narthex. If you are interested in helping out in person, there are upcoming volunteer opportunities on June 21, July 19, and August 16, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. If



you are interested in helping out on one of the dates, please email [lesliericemccarthy@gmail.com](mailto:lesliericemccarthy@gmail.com).

### **ITEMS NEEDED FOR RIVER'S PLACE**

**AND MTSD CARE CLOSET:** We're collecting clothing (K-12), new underwear, socks, and shoes. Household items also needed: toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, feminine products, detergent, and more.

### **THE ALTAR GUILD NEEDS YOUR HELP:**

We need coordinators to set up communion and help participate in cleanup. You might serve in pairs on a monthly schedule twice a year. Training is available. A **big thank you** to all those people who have served in the past. Debra Shue, 717-318-8848, [djshue52@Comcast.net](mailto:djshue52@Comcast.net).

### **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:**

We are going to have a big event to kickstart the beginning of the new Sunday School season this fall, and in preparation for that, we need a t-shirt designed. We are opening it up to the youth to design the front of the shirt. Designs can be submitted to the Church office to the attention of Nicky Snyder. The design must be on a white 8.5x11 sheet of paper. It must be done in black and white. It must include St. Peter's Lutheran Church on it somewhere. It must also include "We are all God's masterpieces" on it and is due June 30, 2025. More event details to follow.

**ALTAR GIFTS:** We are extremely gratified by your generosity in responding to our requests to support the funding of Sunday bulletins, flowers, and communion elements. These gifts in honor or in memory of loved ones



are an important part of supporting our weekly services. You can plan ahead and choose to commemorate current and future events in 2025. You may use the convenient online form by scanning the QR code or pick up a form on the bulletin board next to the office door. Thank you!

### **CALL FOR LIVE STREAM VOLUNTEERS:**

If you are willing to learn to use our live-streaming software, we would greatly appreciate your help. Even a small commitment of time (once a month?) can make a significant difference. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to learn more, please contact Jordan Lambert [islamvt@gmail.com](mailto:islamvt@gmail.com) or speak with him after the service.

**NEW FACES, NEW FRIENDS!** Welcome our six new members joining the St. Peter's family this Sunday. Say hello to Elizabeth McIntyre, Tara & Terry Beitzel, Anne Lefever, Elizabeth Reed, Diane Kicey, and Lynn Wallman!

**ENVELOPES FOR OFFERINGS:** You may have noticed blank, white envelopes in the pew racks. You are welcome to use one when putting cash or a check in the offering plate. If you would like the offering to be credited to you, please write your name and envelope number (if you know it) on the outside.

**CALL PROCESS UPDATE:** The Call Committee has completed the Ministry Site Profile for St. Peter's, and the document has been approved by the Congregation Council and the Synod Bishop. Call Committee members are grateful for the work of the Path Forward task force. The Synod will now send us a limited number of candidates for consideration to be our new Senior Pastor. This step is confidential and the Call Committee cannot give any updates during this phase of the process, which will take several months. Your continued prayers and patience are appreciated.

**PUB THEOLOGY:** Our next event will be held on Wednesday, June 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Steve and Diane Gegg. The main dish will be provided; please bring an appetizer, side dish, or

dessert to share, as well as your beverage of choice. Please contact Lynn Fyfe at 717-951-3932 or [lynnfyfe@comcast.net](mailto:lynnfyfe@comcast.net) to RSVP or with any questions.



### **RIVER'S PLACE CLOTHING BANK:**

Donating is an easy way to support our clothing bank, River's Place. We clothe over a hundred children monthly and

could use your help restocking the racks! (sizes K through 12) Click on the QR code to help.

### **ACOLYTES AND**

### **CRUCIFERS NEEDED:**

We need acolytes & crucifers!

Use the website to sign up!

Don't know how? Training is

available; see Ashley Miller or

Corrie Stream for a quick tutorial! You can also click on the QR code to sign-up.



### **OCEAN GROVE CHOIR FESTIVAL:**

The annual choir festival at Ocean Grove, NJ, is July 19. Hundreds of singers join together in a mass choir to sing a variety of inspiring sacred choral music. Rehearsals for this event will be held at St. Peter's on July 15 and 17. Singers purchase their music. All singers are welcome - please see or email Tom Berdos for more information.



**APPLY FOR THE ST. PETER'S MISSION FUND TODAY!** Scan the QR code to access the application. Funds available for 2025 are \$2,817.

Applications for this round are due by July 1st. If funds remain, a second round will happen in September. See the Weekly Herald for more information.