

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church & Elementary School
Our Mission: Learn God's Truth, Share Spirit's Healing, Follow Jesus' Ways.
Virtual Prayer and Preaching Worship

Day of Pentecost, June 8, 2025

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**The CHURCH'S GATHERING**

**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✠ the One who was,  
who is, and who is to come. **Amen**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, we confess our need for God's absolution and reconciliation.

*A brief silence.* To you, O God, **all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Christ Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. Amen**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**GREETING and PRAYER of the DAY**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Grace, mercy, and peace are yours from God Almighty,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit. **And also with you.**

Holy God, **hear our prayer.** *A brief silence.* God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**GOD'S WORD**

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21**

*Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, amid signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.*

This is a reading from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a



violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jewish people from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? *Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs*—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

This is the Word of God, word of life.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 8:14-17**

*Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive a new name in our adoption: child of God.*

This is a reading from Paul's Letter to the Church of Rome, chapter 8  
*Paul writes:* For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have

received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. This is the Word of God, word of life.

**HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:15-17, 26-27**

*Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.*

This is the Holy Gospel as the Word was given to John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

"If you love me, you will do as I command. Then I will ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit who will help you and always be with you. Spirit will show you what is true. The people of this world cannot accept Spirit, because they don't see or know him. But you know Spirit, who is with you and will keep on living in you.

"I have told you these things while I am still with you. But the Holy Spirit will come and help you, because the Father will send Spirit to take my place. Spirit will teach you everything and will remind you of what I said while I was with you. I give you peace, the kind of peace only I can give. It isn't like the peace this world can give. So don't be worried or afraid."

This is the Good News of Christ's Victory.

**HYMN of the DAY: # 807 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee;  
may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer:  
"Hither by thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter  
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

**MESSAGE:**        ***Gift of Spirit***        *silence for reflection follows*

### **The CHURCH PRAYS**

#### **PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to loving challenge. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it's needed and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Protect forests, prairies, and grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard firefighters and rescuers in their dangerous work. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for courts and legislatures. Write your commandments on our hearts, and inspire all who govern to lead with love over retribution. Unite judges, lawyers, and systems of justice in a desire for reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this congregation. Raise up in us a deep desire to live out our baptismal promises and to support those of all ages in our shared journey of faith. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit. Lift up all who have been bowed low by circumstances or internal strife. Bring to wholeness those who cry out to you in need. We pray for Greg, John, Lori, Mary Lue, Joe, George, Lynn, Brenda and Kurt Froberg and family, our at-home worshippers, ... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We offer thanks for Agnes and all the faithful departed who now rest in you. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

We pray that God's will is done, as Jesus taught us.

**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**

### **SPIRIT'S SENDING**

#### **PRAYER for MISSION**

Holy God, **hear our prayer.** *A brief silence.*

Come, Holy Spirit, come; **and sustain us with your gifts.**

The spirit of wisdom; **Come, Holy Spirit!**

The spirit of understanding; **Come, Holy Spirit!**

The spirit of counsel; **Come, Holy Spirit!**

The spirit of might; **Come, Holy Spirit!**

The spirit of knowledge; **Come, Holy Spirit!**

The spirit of the fear of the Lord; **Come, Holy Spirit!**

The spirit of joy in your presence; **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Come, Holy Spirit, come; **and sustain us with your gifts. Amen**

#### **BLESSING**

May the Spirit of the living Christ fill you with faith and trust,  
burn in you with the fire of love, enliven your bones, body, and life,  
and breathe through you the breath of life.

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever. **Amen**

#### **SENT OUT for MISSION**

Alleluia! The Spirit moves us to give witness!

**Christ leads his Church! Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Spirit you are made whole. **Alleluia!**

We go in peace to love and serve all.

**Amen, YES, we will! Alleluia!**

*Please share the peace with others in your household and online.*

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At the time of this writing, please keep the following in your prayers: ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Synod Bishop Bill Gohl, Brenda and Kurt Froberg and family on the passing of their mother Agnes (5/29), those hospitalized or at home recuperating, and our at-home worshippers.

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*Today's Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God*

In Honor of Susanne's birthday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Given by Siegfried and Bärbel Otto.

In Celebration of Jennier Smith's birthday.  
Given by Cathy and Mark McQuade.

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Today's Worship Folders are Given to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of Uncle John Bast
for what would have been his 105th birthday.
Given by the Volz family.

In Loving Memory of Uncle John Bast
for his June 14th birthday.
Given by the Mills family.

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Attendance for June 1, 2025: 44

### ***Learning, Serving, & Fellowship Opportunities***

**Sponsorships Available:** Bulletins for 6/22 (contact the church office). Altar flowers for 10:15 am. worship on 6/22 (contact Nancy Barnes).

**SPES Summer Office Hours:** Beginning on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, the school will have abbreviated hours during the summer: Mon. 12p-4p, Tue.-Thur. 9a-12p, Fri. - closed.

**DE/MD SWO Quilt Raffle:** Support Katie's Fund, a program that provides support for WELCA ministries and initiatives. The quilt was made by St. Peter's quilting group! Chances are 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5, or 13 for \$20. See Heather Frederick (410-925-4171) for more information and to purchase tickets. Raffle drawing will be on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Road Trip VBS:** July 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> from 9 am.-12:30 pm. at St. John, Parkville (8808 Harford Rd., 21234). Registration is for children who've just completed PreK3-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Children must have completed at least 1 year of preschool by June 2025 and be potty trained. Register early as it closes when we've reached full capacity (60 children). To register or for questions, call the office at 410-665-1234 or email [office@stjohnsparkville.org](mailto:office@stjohnsparkville.org).

**Music Camps:** (Campette) July 28-30 from 9a-12p for students who've just completed K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and (Camp) August 11-15 from 9a-2p for students who've just completed 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade at St. John, Parkville (8808 Harford Rd., 21234). Campette is \$15 per student, non-refundable, and Camp is \$25 per student, non-refundable. Registration forms and additional information can be found at [www.stjohnsparkville.org](http://www.stjohnsparkville.org).

**Kids Summer Arts Camp:** August 4<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> from 9a-3p at St. Luke (7001 Harford Rd., 21234). The camp is for children who've just completed 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Activities include music making, dance & movement, and making art. Registration is \$225 per student and includes lunch and snacks. To register, call 410-444-5171.

**For every NEW regular deposit account** opened at Eastern Savings Bank (Fullerton branch only) St. Peter's Lutheran Church receives \$5! Visit the Fullerton branch at 4113 Wholesale Club Drive, Suite 130 or go to [EasternSavingsBank.com](http://EasternSavingsBank.com).

**On-line Giving:** As an alternate way of submitting your offering, you can make donations on-line through PayPal! Login to your PayPal account and search for our tag: @Spl367 or St. Peter's Lutheran Church and Christian Day School.

***News from St. Peter's Elementary School & PACE***

SPES night at Camden Yards is Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>! Join the SPES families as the O's take on the Houston Astros. Ticket prices: Upper reserve (section 348) \$29 and Lower reserve (section 61) \$33. Contact the school at 410-665-4521 for a flier. For any additional questions, call Gary at 410-547-6115.

Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year has begun! Contact the office at 410-665-4521 if you have questions, want to schedule a tour, or to register. Referrals are always welcome!