

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH and ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Our Mission: Learn God's Truth, Share Spirit's Healing, Follow Jesus' Ways.
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, HYMN MASS

September 28, 2025 8:45 am.

Feast of the Faithful

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(P) Pastor; (A) Worship Assistant; (\*) Please stand as you're able;  
Congregation responses in **BOLD**

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WELCOME *Theme of the day, Prayer concerns, & Praise time:*
+ What are you praising God for today? +

PRELUDE: "God of Grace and God of Glory" –J. Bert Carlson

The CHURCH'S GATHERING

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P: We bless the holy Trinity, † one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen**

Trusting in God's mercy, we confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.* Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of † Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen**

***GATHERING HYMN: # 705 "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

***GREETING and PRAYER of the DAY**

P: Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Holy Spirit, come; **hear our prayer.** *A brief silence.* O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

Kyrie

**Have mercy on us, Lord,
and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word;
it saves us from despair.**



**Have mercy on us, Christ,
and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole
that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord;
make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r;
create in us new hearts!**

GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 *(read responsively)*

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

A: This is a reading from the prophet Amos, chapter 6.

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion

and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

**Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches**

and eat lambs from the flock

and calves from the stall,

who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp

and like David improvise on instruments of music,

who drink wine from bowls

and anoint themselves with the finest oils

but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

**Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.**

This is God's Word, our hope.

We give our thanks to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19 *Common English Bible*

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

A: This is a reading from Paul's 1st letter to Timothy, chapter 6.

Paul writes: Actually, godliness is a great source of profit when it is combined with being happy with what you already have. We didn't bring anything into the world and so we can't take anything out of it: we'll be happy with food and clothing. But people who are trying to get rich fall into temptation. They are trapped by many stupid and harmful passions that

plunge people into ruin and destruction. The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some have wandered away from the faith and have impaled themselves with a lot of pain because they made money their goal.

But as for you, man of God, run away from all these things. Instead, pursue righteousness, holy living, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness. Compete in the good fight of faith. Grab hold of eternal life—you were called to it, and you made a good confession of it in the presence of many witnesses. I command you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and Christ Jesus, who made the good confession when testifying before Pontius Pilate. Obey this order without fault or failure until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ. The timing of this appearance is revealed by God alone, who is the blessed and only master, the King of kings and Lord of lords. God alone has immortality and lives in light that no one can come near. No human being has ever seen or is able to see God. Honor and eternal power belong to God. Amen

Tell people who are rich at this time not to become egotistical and not to place their hope on their finances, which are uncertain. Instead, they need to hope in God, who richly provides everything for our enjoyment. Tell them to do good, to be rich in the good things they do, to be generous, and to share with others. When they do these things, they will save a treasure for themselves that is a good foundation for the future. That way they can take hold of what is truly life.

This is God's Word, our hope.

We give our thanks to God.

*** WELCOMING the GOSPEL**



Verse: *You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ,
that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor,
so that by his poverty you might become rich.*

***HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31**

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is "lifted up" and the rich one is "sent away empty." Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

P: This is the Holy Gospel as the Word was given to Luke, the 16th chapter.

We give glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples and the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

This is the Good News of Christ's victory!

We give praise to you, O Christ!

***HYMN of the DAY: "Commonwealth Is God's Commandment"**



- 1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
- 2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
- 3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
bid-ding all to work to-geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.

Refrain

Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.

Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.

MESSAGE *Pr. Teal Anderson* *silence for reflection follows*

CHORAL RESPONSE: "The Priceless Grace" –arr. J. Helgen

APOSTLES CREED

A: With the whole Church, we confess our baptismal faith.

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 the PEOPLE

A: Gracious god, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.*

We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We pray for people in any need. Given them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love.

P: We pray for ELCA Bishop Elect Yehiel Curry and Secretary Rev. CeCee Mills, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Bill Gohl, Ebenezer Grace Worship, those hospitalized or recuperating at home, John, Greg, Lori, Mary Lue, Lynn, our at-home worshippers, God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed. Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbors, and bring us to eternal life. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **Amen**

JESUS' SUPPER

PEACE

Paul wrote: "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

The peace of Christ is with you always. **And also with you.**

GIVING OUR TITHES and OFFERINGS

OFFERING HYMN

**Oh, what shall I render in thanks to my Lord
for all the good gifts by which I am restored?
No treasure I tender could ever repay
God's mercy and faithfulness, new every day.**

**My hands take the cup of salvation you give;
I'll praise you, O God, for as long as I live.
My thanks will rise up as I call on your name,
with all of your people your goodness proclaim.**

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. *A brief silence.* Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what

we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

***SENTENCES and PREFACE**

Christ, the Savior of the world, is with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts in Spirit. **We lift them to Father God.**

We give glory and honor to the holy Trinity.

It is good to give God our thanks and praise.

It is right and good that we should offer you thanks and praise, O God, for with great love you have led us out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. You guided us along the way, giving us power to rejoice in the face of evil and death, and, fulfilling your ancient promise you continue to lift up the brokenhearted even in our own day. And so, with the multitude from east and west, from north and south, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we lift our voices in the unending hymn:

***HOLY**

**Holy, holy, Lord most holy,
God of pow'r and God of might:
Heav'n and earth reveal your glory.
Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!
Blessed be the coming Savior.
Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!**

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE – Autumn**

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,

**you created a world in which all might be satisfied
by your abundance.**

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,

and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners

and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was handed over, Jesus gave thanks for the bread that he held in his hands.

This bread he shared among his followers, saying:

"Take this and eat. It is my body, which is given for you.
Do this to remember me."

Then he shared drink with them, saying:

"This cup that is poured out for you, and for all people for the forgiveness of sin, is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it, to remember me."

Remembering his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await Christ's coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

Come, holy Jesus.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Through Christ all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church,
both now and forever. **Amen**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

So that all the world may be fed, we pray 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**

***INVITATION to the FEAST**

Bread is broken. **Love is shared.**

Sharing Communion *Please take time for meditation & prayer.*

SONG during SUPPER: # 719

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Agnus Dei

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin
of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save:
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin
of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave:
have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin
of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made:
give us your peace, we pray.**

SPIRIT'S SENDING

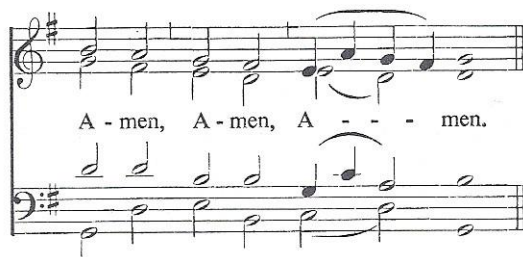
PRAYER for MISSION

A: Holy God, **hear our prayer**. *A brief silence.* O God, **through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen**

MISSION UPDATE: *opportunities for learning & service*

***BLESSING**

P: Please stand as you are able to receive the benediction.
*The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,
bless ✝ you now | and forever.*



***SENDING HYMN: # 729 "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"**

***SENT OUT for MISSION**

A: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
We will Learn God's Truth.
We will Share Spirit's Healing.
We will Follow Jesus' Way. Amen
P: With trust and hope, Christ sends us
to love and serve all. **YES, we will!**

POSTLUDE: "Prelude in A-major" –J.S. Bach

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Today's Sponsorships

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*Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God*

In the Glory of God.

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Attendance for September 21, 2025: 36

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*Helping with today's worship*

Worship Assistant: Heather Frederick

Usher: Rich Murphy

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

**Thank You to Pr. Teal Anderson for leading today's worship!**

**Prayer Group:** We are gathering at 11 am. in Grace Chapel (lower level, elevator access) on Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Our prayers and discussion will cover "whatever is TRUE." Please plan to join us – **ALL are welcome!**

**Pot Luck Dinner:** TODAY at 5 pm. at Epiphany Lutheran (4301 Raspe Ave., 21206). All are invited and to get to know each other at the dinner event hosted by LGBTQ+ Friends & Allies. Fried chicken will be provided, please provide a side dish or dessert. For more information, contact Mary Catherine at 443-743-4717.

**SPES Domino's Fundraiser** ends tomorrow (9/29). See fliers in the church lobby.

**Beachmont Corn Maze:** SPES invites you to join them at the Beachmont Corn Maze on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 pm. at Beachmont (6433 Mt. Vista Rd., Kingsville, 21087). Admission is \$18/person (guests 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult). Enjoy Beachmont's 6+ acre corn maze, hayride, carnival games, and more! Concessions are also available for purchase.

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show:** Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 10a-2:30p at Joppatowne Plaza (on the corner of Rt. 40 and Joppa Farm Rd.). Baltimore Cancer Support Group invites you to stroll down memory lane and browse through cars from yesteryear to today! Raffles, 50/50 and door prizes available, food by Towne Grill & Pub, and music by DJ Danny. Rain date is 10/12.

**Designer Bag Bingo:** Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 12-4pm. at Epiphany Lutheran (4301 Raspe Ave., 2106). This annual fundraiser features designer bags, raffles, and more! Doors open at 12pm. with games beginning at 1pm. Tickets are \$25/person (in advance) or \$30 at the door. Lunch and snacks will be available for purchase. For tickets and information, contact Diane Steimetz (410-218-1053) or Pat McGowan (410-262-4059).

**Murder on the Nile:** Artistic Synergy (Prince of Peace's own little Broadway) will be having their performances at Prince of Peace (8212 Philadelphia Rd., 21237) on Fridays, October 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturdays, October 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm., and Sundays, October 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm. Tickets are available at <https://www.artistic-synergy/net/tickets/>.

**Sour Beef & Dumpling Dinner:** Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm. at Prince of Peace (8212 Philadelphia Rd., 21237). Eat in or carry out. Menu includes sour beef, gravy and dumplings, red cabbage, applesauce, dessert, and beverages. Kid's meals include a hot dog, chips, applesauce, dessert, and drink. Tickets and reservations are required and are \$20/person or \$5 for kid's meal. For tickets and information, contact the church office at 410-866-8766.

**Crab Feast:** Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm. at St. Luke Lutheran (7001 Harford Rd., 21234). Tickets are \$65 in advance or \$75 at the door. Menu includes AYC crabs (from Parkville Crab), fried chicken, corn, salads, soda, tea, and lemonade. BYO beverage of choice. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Contact Kim at 443-415-5824 for tickets and information.

**Trunk-or-Treat:** Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm. SPES is hosting an afternoon of family fun! Costumes are encouraged (no weapons or scary costumes, please). Candy and treats from decorated trunks, and games and music for all.

**33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bull Roast:** Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 7:30p-12a at Columbus Gardens (4301 Klosterman Ave., 21236). Dress in costume and support Baltimore Cancer Support Group! Menu includes shrimp, pit beef, pit ham, pit turkey, entrees, salads, and desserts. Tickets are \$65/person and must be purchased in advance. Contact Geri at 410-852-3688 or Karen at 410-960-1148.

**Community Crafters:** All are invited to join the fun on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at 12:30 pm. at Epiphany Lutheran (4301 Raspe Ave., 21206). Learn new crafts, share ideas and find your creativity! October's project is making Christmas decorations. You're also welcome to bring crafts you're already working on. For more information and to register, contact Robin Palmer at 443-857-9555.

**Sponsorships Available:** Bulletins on 10/5 & 19 (contact the church office). Altar flowers for 10:15 am. worship on 10/12 & 19 (contact Nancy Barnes).

**St. Peter's Family Goods Center:** If you are interested in volunteering for the Family Goods Center, please contact Bill Lauer. This is a great opportunity for service hours for your middle or high school student, and volunteer hours for SPES families. A list of items needed is attached.

**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***

Although the school year has begun, it's not too late to enroll! Contact the office at 410-665-4521 if you have questions, want to schedule a tour, or to register. Referrals are always welcome!