

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church & Elementary School
Our Mission: Learn God's Truth, Share Spirit's Healing, Follow Jesus' Way.
19th Sunday after Pentecost, Harvest Time

September 29, 2024

Virtual Prayer and Preaching Worship

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**The CHURCH'S GATHERING**



**WELCOME** *Theme of the day, Prayer concerns, & Praise time:*

**CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

*We make the sign of the cross, which was marked on us at baptism.*

We bless the holy Trinity, Sovereign, Savior ✝ and Spirit,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen**

In hope, we confess our sin and come to God for healing.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.* Gracious God, have mercy on us. **We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior. Amen**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen**

**CALL to WORSHIP** *from James, ch 1*

Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above.

**These gifts come down from the Father,  
the creator of the heavenly lights,  
in whose character there is no change at all.**

God chose to give us birth by the true word,  
and here is the result: **we are like the first crop  
from the harvest of everything God created. Amen**

**PRAYER of the DAY**

Holy God, **hear our prayer.** *A brief silence.* Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as Michael and the angels contend against the cosmic forces of evil, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **GOD'S WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3**

*Daniel trembles in the presence of an angel. That angel tells the prophet about the good and terrible future when the dead will be resurrected and the archangel Michael will usher in the deliverance of the nation.*

This is a reading from the prophet Daniel, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

A hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. The heavenly messenger said to me, "Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you." So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. He said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days.

"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

This is the Word of God, word of life.

### **SECOND READING: Revelation 12:7-12**

*Armed with the power of God, Michael and the angels of God fight those armed with the power of evil, the devil and the devil's angels. The "blood of the Lamb," our crucified Lord Jesus, gives Michael the power to force the devil from a place in heaven.*

This is a reading from Revelation, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power

and the realm of our God and the authority of his Messiah,  
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,  
who accuses them day and night before our God.  
But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony,  
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.  
Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them!  
But woe to the earth and the sea,  
for the devil has come down to you with great wrath,  
because he knows that his time is short!"

This is the Word of God, word of life.

**HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:17-20**

*The missionary church ("the seventy-two") is given magnificent power. Greater than this gift of power over the enemy, however, is the gift of salvation: their names are written in heaven.*

This is the Holy Gospel as the Word was given to Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

The seventy followers returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" Jesus said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

This is the Good News of Christ's Victory.

**MESSAGE: Authority**           *(silence for reflection follows)*

**HYMN of the DAY: # 490 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**

- 1     Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
      and with fear and trembling stand;  
      ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
      for with blessing in his hand  
      Christ our God to earth descending  
      comes full homage to demand.
  
- 2     King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
      as of old on earth he stood,  
      Lord of lords in human vesture,  
      in the body and the blood,  
      he will give to all the faithful  
      his own self for heav'nly food.

- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way;  
as the Light of light, descending  
from the realms of endless day,  
comes, the pow'rs of hell to vanquish,  
as the darkness clears away.
- 4 At his feet the six-winged seraph,  
cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-1885, alt.

### **The CHURCH PRAYS**

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

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

We pray for the church and its leaders: for council members and music ministers, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Make us faithful messengers of your love in a world hungry for good news. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the flourishing of all that you have made, for birds and squirrels, spikers and whales, oak trees and humble grasses. Renew prairies and forests, tundra and wetlands, that they sustain all who make their home there. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the peoples of the world and for their leaders. Where conflict and violence reign, bring peace; wherever there is oppression or discrimination, bring liberation. Guide all in power to protect those who are most vulnerable. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who are suffering this day. Accompany people fleeing from danger and encourage all who help them on their journeys. Abide with all who are in prison or detention centers. Reassure them of your steadfast love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who question their faith. Fill our dry wells with your living water and reassure all who doubt of your boundless grace. Let us accompany all in discernment with open hearts and tender care. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

P: We especially pray for John, Greg, Genevieve, Mary Lou, Bärbel, Doris, Angela, Linda, Lori, our at-home worshippers, ... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We offer thanksgiving for our beloved dead. At the close of our earthly pilgrimage, gather us with Michael and all the saints and angels into everlasting life in you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

With the confidence of the children of God, 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**

### **SPIRIT'S SENDING**

#### **PRAYER for MISSION**

Holy God, hear our prayer. *A brief silence.* Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**

#### **BLESSING and PEACE**

Receive the blessing. *A brief silence.*

God all mighty, God most merciful

bless you, keep you, ☩ and give you peace. **Amen**

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

*Please greet your household and friends online with Peace.*

At the time of this writing, please keep the following in your prayers: ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Synod Bishop Bill Gohl, 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 Christy Sykes on receiving
her Master's Degree in Education.
From Mom, Dad, and Katie.

For the Glory of God.

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

In Honor of Jim Frederick, III's birthday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Given with love by Janice Frederick.

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Attendance for September 22, 2024: 38

Learning, Serving, & Fellowship Opportunities

Sponsorships Available: Flowers for 10:15 am. service on 10/13, 20, & 27 (contact Nancy Barnes).

Your Help Needed in Sunday school! We're looking for volunteers to help as teaching assistants and/or substitute teachers. As little as once a month or as much as weekly is greatly appreciated. See/contact Janice Frederick or Heather Frederick for details.

Just a reminder: As we enter the final quarter of the calendar year, please confirm your sponsorship payments are up to date for bulletins and 8:45 am. flowers are up-to-date (contact Joy in the church office), and/or for 10:15 am. flowers (contact Nancy Barnes).

Hiding in Plain Sight is a youth mental awareness documentary that will be presented in 2 parts on Saturday, October 5th at Christus Victor Lutheran (9833 Harford Rd., 21234) beginning at 10:30 am. Counselors will be in attendance as the content of the documentary may evoke strong, emotional reactions. Attendees under 18 years of age must have a parent/guardian in attendance. To register, contact the church at 410-668-8089.

11th Annual Car Show: Sunday, October 6th from 10 am.-2 pm. (rain date 10/20) at Joppatowne Plaza (Rt. 40/Pulaski Hwy. and Joppa Farm Rd.). Music by DJ Danny and food by Town Grill & Pub. Proceeds benefit Baltimore Cancer Support Group. For more information or to register your car, call Geri at 410-852-3688 or baltimorecancersupportgroup.org.

Crab Feast: Sunday, October 13th from 1-4 pm. at St. Luke (7001 Harford Rd., 21234). Menu includes crabs from Parkville Crabs, chicken, corn, salads, tea, lemonade, sodas. Bring your own beverage (adult beverages okay). Tickets are \$65 in advance and \$75 at the door (if available). Call the church office at 410-444-5171 or Kim at 443-415-5824 to reserve tickets or for more information. Proceeds benefit the church's community outreach in Parkville and Hamilton.

Ribbon Cutting Celebration: Sunday, October 13th at 1 pm. at Prince of Peace (8212 Philadelphia Rd., 21237). We are celebrating the 3+ years of work and the completion of our stormwater retrofit project, The Prince of Peace Gardens! Please RSVP by Monday, September 30th to 410-866-8766.

32nd Annual Bullroast Fundraiser for Baltimore Cancer Support

Group: Saturday, November 9th from 7:30 pm.-12 midnight at Columbus Gardens (4301 Klosterman Ave., 21236). See attached flier for more pricing and details.

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.

News from St. Peter's Elementary School

Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year continues. Contact the office at 410-665-4521 if you have questions, want to schedule a tour, or to register. Referrals are always welcome!

PACE is planning 2 family events in October. The first is a pancake breakfast on Sunday the 20th in the hall after the 10:15 am. service. The second is a Trunk-or-Treat on the back parking lot on Saturday the 26th. All are invited!

News from Baltimore Lutheran/Concordia Prep School

The Annual Concordia Prep Saints Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, October 25, 2024, at Greystone Golf Course. Check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. Registration is now available and should be submitted by Sunday, October 20th. Call the school at 410-825-2323 for details.

Join us for the Baltimore Lutheran/Concordia Prep Alumni Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 12th! Meet up with former classmates over some German classics from 4:00-7:00p.m. No RSVP required.

Concordia Prep Open House and Homecoming 2024 arrives on October 19th! Open House starts at 10:00a.m. The football game starts at noon. Direct questions to advancement@concordiaprepschool.org.

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**DJ DANNY JAHN OPEN BAR - BUFFET
AUCTION - RAFFLES - PHOTOBOOTH
DOOR PRIZES**



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