

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

October 12, 2025

Virtual Prayer and Preaching Worship

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

**The CHURCH'S GATHERING**

**CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

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**

**GREETING and PRAYER of the DAY**

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

Holy Spirit, come; hear our prayer. *A brief silence.* Almighty and merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

**GOD'S WORD**

**READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15** *Common English Bible*

*Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.*

This is a reading from the 2<sup>nd</sup> book of Kings, chapter 5.

Naaman, a general for the king of Aram, was a great man and highly regarded by his master, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. This man was a mighty warrior, but he had a skin disease. Now

Aramean raiding parties had gone out and captured a young girl from the land of Israel. She served Naaman's wife.

She said to her mistress, "I wish that my master could come before the prophet who lives in Samaria. He would cure him of his skin disease."

When the king of Israel read the letter [that Naaman brought], he ripped his clothes. He said, "What? Am I God to hand out death and life? But this king writes me, asking me to cure someone of his skin disease! You must realize that he wants to start a fight with me."

When Elisha the man of God heard that Israel's king had ripped his clothes, he sent word to the king: "Why did you rip your clothes? Let the man come to me. Then he'll know that there's a prophet in Israel."

Naaman arrived with his horses and chariots. He stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent out a messenger who said, "Go and wash seven times in the Jordan River. Then your skin will be restored and become clean."

But Naaman went away in anger. He said, "I thought for sure that he'd come out, stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the bad spot, and cure the skin disease. Aren't the rivers in Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than all Israel's waters? Couldn't I wash in them and get clean?" So he turned away and proceeded to leave in anger.

Naaman's servants came up to him and spoke to him: "Our father, if the prophet had told you to do something difficult, wouldn't you have done it? All he said to you was, 'Wash and become clean.'" So Naaman went down and bathed in the Jordan seven times, just as the man of God had said. His skin was restored like that of a young boy, and he became clean.

He returned to the man of God with all his attendants. He came and stood before Elisha, saying, "Now I know for certain that there's no God anywhere on earth except in Israel. Please accept a gift from your servant." This is God's Word, our hope.

### **HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19**

*Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.*

This is the Holy Gospel as the Word was given to Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God

except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

This is the Good News of Christ's victory!

**HYMN of the DAY: # 840 "Now Thank We All Our God"**

- 1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
- 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

**MESSAGE:**        ***Giving Glory***        *silence for reflection follows*

**the CHURCH PRAYS**

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**

Renewed by God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation. A brief silence.

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing. We pray for ELCA Bishop Yehiel Curry, 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.*

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of grace,

**receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **OFFERING PRAYER for MISSION**

Holy Spirit, come; **hear our prayer.** *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**

### **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**

### **SPIRIT'S SENDING**

#### **BLESSING and PEACE**

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. **Amen**

*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.**

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Today's Sponsorships

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*Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God*

In Honor of the 19<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of  
Selina and Chris Read, October 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Given with love and best wishes, Mom.  
And In Honor of my granddaughter,  
Seraphina Read, on her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Given with love from her grandmother, Patty Read.

In Loving Memory of my mother,  
Mildred May's October 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
Given by her daughter, Ruth May.

*Rose Vase*

In Honor of Heather and Paul Rezek,  
October 16<sup>th</sup>, for their 21<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.  
With love, Mom-Mom Diepold.

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Worship Folders are Given to the Glory of God

In Loving Memory of my Godmother,
Mildred May, on her October 18th birthday.
Given by Carole Grimm.

In Honor of our son,
Andy Volz's 52nd birthday, October 16th,
and our grandson, Jacob Volz,
for his October 17th birthday.
Given by his parents and grandparents,
Lois and Fred Volz.

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Attendance for October 5, 2025: 37

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

**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> and 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/>.

**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.

**NYC Bus Trip Fundraiser:** St. Peter's Elementary School is offering a chartered bus trip to New York City on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> for \$100 roundtrip. The bus will begin boarding at 7:30 am in St. Peter's parking lot, and will return at approximately 10:30 pm. All participants will be on their own to plan and pay for their food and activities while in New York City. Seats are limited so sign up as soon as possible; no later than Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Contact Karen Yelovich at [kyelovich@spesmd.org](mailto:kyelovich@spesmd.org) or 410-665-4521 for more information or to purchase tickets. Cash or check (payable to St. Peter's Elementary School) accepted.

**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.

**Sponsorships Available:** Bulletins on 10/19 (contact the church office). Altar flowers for 10:15 am. worship on 10/19 (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. Please place donations in the shopping cart in the Narthex.

**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***

We are still accepting applications for this school year. Contact the office at 410-665-4521 if you have questions, want to schedule a tour, or to register. Referrals are always welcome!