

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church & Elementary School
Our Mission: Learn God's Truth, Share Spirit's Healing, Follow Jesus' Ways.
22nd Sunday after Pentecost, End Time

October 20, 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 Hebrews, ch 9, CEV*

We die only once, and then we are judged.

**Christ died only once to take away the sins of many people.**

But when he comes again, it will not be to take away sin.

**Christ will come to save everyone who is waiting for him.**

Lord, have † mercy. **Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen**

**PRAYER of the DAY**

Holy God, **hear our prayer.** *A brief silence.* Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your realm, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**GOD'S WORD**

**READING: Isaiah 53:4-12**

*This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and*

*redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.*

This is a reading from the prophet Isaiah, the 53<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

Surely he has borne our infirmities

and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,

struck down by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions,

crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the punishment that made us whole,

and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray;

we have all turned to our own way,

and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,

yet he did not open his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,

and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,

so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living,

stricken for the transgression of my people.

They made his grave with the wicked

and his tomb with the rich,

although he had done no violence,

and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin,

he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;

through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

Out of his anguish he shall see light;

he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,

and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,

and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;

because he poured out himself to death,

and was numbered with the transgressors;

yet he bore the sin of many,

and made intercession for the transgressors.

This is the Word of God, word of life.

**HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:32-45**

*On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will "rule" through self-giving service.*

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

The disciples were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again.'

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

This is the Good News of Christ's Victory.

**MESSAGE: Servanthood**

*(silence for reflection follows)*

**HYMN of the DAY: # 818 "O Master, Let Me Walk with You"**

- 1 O Master, let me walk with you  
in lowly paths of service true;  
tell me your secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

- 2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.
- 3 Teach me your patience; share with me  
a closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong,
- 4 In hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broad'ning way,  
in peace that only you can give;  
with you, O Master, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.

### **The CHURCH PRAYS**

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

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation. *A brief silence.*

Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless our bishops Bill and Elizabeth, Pastor Lans, and our synod St. Stephen deacons with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. Please help all those repairing and rebuilding their lives after storms, fires, and drought. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and

seminarians to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We especially pray for John, Greg, Genevieve, Mary Lou, Doris, Angela, Linda, Lori, Jack (complications from surgery), Jill (continued cancer treatment), our at-home worshippers, ... God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

We pray that God's rule will appear, 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.* Gracious God, you have welcomed us. 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.

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 Camden Wes Tanasescu's 7th birthday,
and Brandi Tanasescu's 35th birthday.
Given by grandparents and great-grandparents,
Al and Linda Heinbaugh.

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

In Honor of Brian Mills for his October 26<sup>th</sup> birthday.  
Given with love by Mom and Dad.

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Attendance for October 13, 2024: 41

Learning, Serving, & Fellowship Opportunities

PACE Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, October 20th at 11:15 am. in the fellowship hall. Menu includes pancakes, eggs, juice & coffee, and a surprise for the kids! All are invited!

Reformation Sunday is October 27th. Wear red, boldly!

All Saints' Sunday is November 3rd. During the worship services we remember those who have passed away through the year, since November 1st, and others who are remembered fondly in our hearts. If you would like to include someone on our "List of Remembrance" please contact the church office by Wednesday, October 30th. If you would like to bring a framed photo (up to 8x10) of your loved one to be displayed, please bring it on 11/3.

Sponsorships Available: Flowers for Thanksgiving service on 11/26 and bulletins for 11/3, 10, & 24 (contact the church office).

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 the church office), and/or for 10:15 am. flowers (contact Nancy Barnes).

PACE River Stone Grill Fundraiser: Tuesday, October 22nd from 3 pm. – close, enjoy a delicious meal and help the school earn 10% of all sales! Restaurant is located at 8720 Cowenton Ave., Perry Hall, 21128. Copies of the flier are available on the table in the back of the church.

PACE Trunk-or-Treat: Saturday, October 26th from 2-5 pm. (on the back parking lot by the blue awning). Join us for fun, games, and a trunk decorating contest! To register your trunk, email stpeterspace@gmail.com.

Prayer Group: On November 6th, we'll pray about the fruit of "PEACE," and ALL prayers are welcome! We will meet at 11 am. in Grace Chapel (lower level, elevator access). If you are not able to join us, consider leaving your prayer request in the jar (school lobby) or basket (church lobby). Join us for mid-week Hopefulness, Kathy Shull, Patty Read, Bill Lauer, Pastor Lans, Karen Yelovich & Y-O-U!

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). Call Geri Booker at 410-852-3688 or Karen Haughey at 410-960-1148 for tickets and information.

November Annual Meeting: The November annual meeting, to discuss and vote on the 2025 budget, council members, and investment committee members, is scheduled for Sunday, November 17th between the worship services. Please plan to attend this very important meeting.

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!

Let's Raise Some Dough! PACE invites you to this delicious dine-in or carry out fundraiser on the 1st Wednesday of each month at Frank's Pizza and Pasta (6620 Belair Rd., 21206) from 12-8 pm. The school will earn 15% of your pre-tax total, and an extra \$1 for each cannoli purchased. Just present the flier (copies on the table at the back of the church) or specify "St.Pete" when ordering online.

News from Baltimore Lutheran/Concordia Prep School

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.

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 am. with a shotgun start at 9:00 am. Registration is now available and should be submitted by Sunday, October 20th. Call the school at 410-825-2323 for details.

The Drama Department is presenting "Peter and the Dream Catcher" November 8th-10th. More details coming soon!

2024 Saints Bingo: Friday, November 15th at Concordia Prep School Gym (1145 Concordia Dr., Towson 21286). Doors open at 6 pm. and Bingo begins at 7 pm. The bingo will offer 20 bingo games and raffles with the opportunity

to win bags from a variety of brands. All proceeds raised through this year's event will support the student experience here at Concordia Prep School. Tickets are \$35 each (\$320 for table of 10) and can be ordered through the school website or by calling 410-825-2323.