

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH and ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Our Mission: Learn God's Truth, Share Spirit's Healing, Follow Jesus' Ways.
Virtual Prayer and Preaching Worship

FEAST of the HOLY TRINITY, Father's Day
1st Sunday after Pentecost, June 15, 2025 8:45 am.

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**The CHURCH'S GATHERING**

**CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

We begin our worship as we began our life in the body of Christ:

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Baptized into Christ, we call to him to confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.* Merciful God, **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen**

You belong to Christ Jesus, and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen**

**GREETING and PRAYER of the DAY**

God's kindness, Jesus' peace, and Spirit's joy are always with you.

**And also with you.**

Holy God, **hear our prayer.** *A brief silence.* Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**GOD'S WORD**

**FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

*In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.*

This is a reading from the Proverbs, chapter 8.

Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice?

On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;



beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live.  
"The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
Ages ago I was set up, at the first,  
before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth,  
when he had not yet made earth and fields  
or the world's first bits of soil.  
When God established the heavens, I was there;  
when God drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
when God made firm the skies above,  
when God established the fountains of the deep,  
when God assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when God marked out the foundations of the earth,  
then I was beside him, like a master worker,  
and I was daily his delight,  
playing before him always,  
playing in God's inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.  
This is holy Wisdom, holy Word.

**SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5**

*Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.*

This is a reading from the letter to the churches of Rome, chapter 5.  
*Paul writes:* Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.  
This is holy Wisdom, holy Word.

**HOLY GOSPEL: John 16:12-15**

*Contemporary English Version*

*Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.*

This is the Holy Gospel as the Word was given to John, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter. *Jesus said to his disciples:* "I have much more to say to you, but right now it would be more than you could understand. Our Spirit shows what is true and will come and guide you into the full truth. Spirit doesn't speak on his own. Spirit will tell you only what he has heard from me, and will let you know what is going to happen. Spirit will bring glory to me by taking my message and telling it to you. Everything the Father has is mine. This is why I have said that our Spirit takes my message and tells it to you. This is the Good News of Christ's victory!

**HYMN of the DAY: # 413 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"**

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

**MESSAGE**      **HUMAN/DIVINE** *silence for reflection follows*

**The CHURCH PRAYS**

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation. *A brief silence.*

Abiding God, your love pours into your whole church, creating faith and bestowing hope. Fill all the baptized with these good gifts in our various callings. Gather your church in every place and expression into the unity of your Spirit. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Creating God, your name is majestic in all the earth, and we are filled with awe at your creation. Renew this planet and all its wonders: springs abounding with water, earth and soil, beasts of the field, birds of the air, and fish of the sea. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you delight in the whole human race. On this week of Juneteenth, bring an end to racial oppression and heal the wounds of racial trauma. Grant us your wisdom, so that all people, especially those in authority, work for the life and freedom of others. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Living God, your glory appears in our shared life. On this Father's Day, give to all fathers and father figures gentle hearts and strong spirits, heal the wounds in our families, and comfort those for whom this day brings pain. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, your mindful care for us is everlasting. Give peace to all who are troubled, endurance to all who suffer, deliverance to all who are afflicted, and healing to all who are sick. We pray for John, Greg, Lori, Mary Lue, Lynn, Joe, George, our at-home worshippers, .... God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Eternal God, your hope does not disappoint. We give you thanks for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection especially the Emanuel Nine, martyrs. Hold us in our grief, and bring us at last to fullness of life in you.

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. **Amen**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

We pray for daily bread, 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.* Mothering God, **send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen**

#### **BLESSING**

The love of God ✠ overflow in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus fill your hearts;  
and the life of Spirit bless you and give you peace. **Amen**

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

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

Live by the Spirit of hope and joy!

**We will Learn God's Truth.**

**We will Share Spirit's Healing.**

**We will Follow Jesus' Way. Amen**

We go in peace to love and serve all. **YES, we will!**

*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, 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 Loving Memory of my father, Ernest Grimm,
for his June 27th birthday and Father's Day.
Given by his daughter, Carole Grimm.

In Honor of Anthony Smith's June 17th birthday.
Given by the Heinbaugh family.

In Celebration of Francis Thrift's 104th birthday.
Given by his family.

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

In Honor and Memory of our special fathers,  
grandfathers, Godfathers, and uncles on Father's Day.  
Given with love by the Mills family.

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Attendance for June 8, 2025: 34

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### **Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015**

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged to reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

### ***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:** As of Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, the school's abbreviated summer office hours are: Mon. 12p-4p, Tue.-Thur. 9a-12p, Fri. - closed.

**DE/MD SWO Quilt Raffle Drawing is Sunday, 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!