

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH and ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Our Mission: Learn God's Truth, Share Spirit's Healing, Follow Jesus' Ways.
All Saints Sunday – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

November 2, 2025

Virtual Prayer and Preaching Worship

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

**The CHURCH'S GATHERING**

**CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

We bless the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.* Faithful God,

**you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen**

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

**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 God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

**GOD'S WORD**

**READING: Ephesians 1:10-14** *Common English Bible*

*After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.*

This is a reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, chapter 1.

This is what God planned for the climax of all times: to bring all things together in Christ, the things in heaven along with the things on earth. We have also received an inheritance in Christ. We were destined by the plan of God, who accomplishes everything according to God's design. We are called to be an honor to God's glory because we were the first to hope in Christ. You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory.

This is God's Word, our hope.

### **HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10 and Luke 6:27-31**

*Jesus encounters Zacchaeus, a rich man who is also a lost sinner. Moved by Jesus' acceptance of him, Zacchaeus becomes a model of discipleship. In immediate response to being restored to God's people, Zacchaeus ministers to the poor and seeks reconciliation with those whom he has wronged.*

*In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies.*

This is the Holy Gospel as the Word was given to Luke,  
the 19<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> chapters.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Humanity came to seek out and to save the lost."

*Jesus preached on the Mount:* "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away

what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

This is the Good News of Christ’s victory!

**HYMN of the DAY: # 631 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee!  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

**MESSAGE:**        **Right Action**        *silence for reflection follows*

**The CHURCH PRAYS**

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.*

God who became human in Jesus, challenge the church to recognize Christ in all our neighbors. Give church leaders endurance in times of weakness and affliction. Grant wisdom in conflict and joy in service. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God who preserves us in trouble, guide us to properly care for the earth’s resources. Heal waters, land, and air to sustain future generations. Help all communities that are rebuilding after weather disasters, and also grieving their losses. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God who guides our ways, give the world's leaders, voters, and those seeking election humility and respect for the dignity of all. Accompany local election workers and community volunteers. Increase and sustain your justice through all the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God who knows us by name, bless St Peter's leaders with wisdom and give them a faithful vision for your church. Bless this congregation's children and young people as they grow and are nourished, in both our Sunday school and elementary grades. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God who brings grace and peace, we pray for those who are unhoused and in need of shelter, those suffering and in need of comfort, and those sick and in need of relief. 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, ... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God who welcomes us home, we remember your saints whom we recall with love today (*list of names*). Let us trust in the peace and promise of the resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, or 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 love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you,  
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you ☩ and grant you  
a faithful and courageous heart, now and forever. **Amen**

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Today's Sponsorships

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*Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God*

In Honor of Leanne Van Dyke's birthday.  
Given by the Heinbaugh family.

*Rose Vase*

Happy Birthday to Heather Rezek  
for her November 1<sup>st</sup> birthday.  
Love, Mom-Mom Diepold.

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Attendance for October 26, 2025: 34

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**All Saints Day – November 1<sup>st</sup>**

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. We remember all who have died in the faith and now serve God around the heavenly throne.

***List of Remembrance***

Duane Barnes

Jack Bast

\*Raymond Corvin, Sr.

James Frederick, III

\*Agnes Froberg

\*Mark Henry

Ruth Langenfelder

Skip, Ned, Jack and Rich Le Brun

\*William (Bill) Myers, Jr.

Herbert (Buzzy) & Audrey Robinson

\*Genevieve Sacker

Christine Syndikus

\*Pr. Maren Alexis Tomkiel

Herb Weinreich

\*Shirley Bass

John & Mae Bast

James Frederick, Jr.

Mary E. Frederick

Marilyn Harpole

\*Albert Heinbaugh

May & Howard LeBrun

Leroy Lynch

Monika Otto

Carolyn Sacker

Jane Spath

Madeline & \*Francis Thrift, Sr.

Betty Weinreich

Wilhelmina Weinreich

*~~and those we remember in our hearts~~*

*\* those who passed away 11/1/2024 to 10/31/2025*

### ***Learning, Serving, and Fellowship Opportunities***

**November Annual Meeting to discuss and vote on the 2026 budget, and elect council members and investment committee members will be held between services on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend this very important meeting.**

**LAST CALL for NYC Bus Trip Fundraiser:** St. Peter's Elementary School is offering a chartered bus trip to New York City on Friday, December 5th 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 to purchase tickets. Cash or check (payable to St. Peter's Elementary School) accepted. Flier with additional details is on the Welcome Table in the back of the church.

**All Saints Sunday** is November 2<sup>nd</sup>, when we will remember loved ones who entered the church triumphant! All Saints' Day is 11/1.

**Poinsettias:** Help us decorate the altar for Christmas! Each 6 ½" plant is \$8. See the attached order form for details.

**Prayer Group:** We are gathering at 11 am. in Grace Chapel (lower level, elevator access) on Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> to chat about "Whatever is NOBLE." Come find out what it means. Our prayers make a difference!

**Christmas Bazaar:** Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 am.-1 pm. at Christus Victor Lutheran (9833 Harford Rd., 21234). Unique handmade crafts, seasonal decorations, baked goods, and more!

**Christmas Bazaar:** Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 am.-2 pm. at St. John's, Parkville (8808 Harford Rd., 21234). Food, crafters, jewelry and bake tables, homemade "goodies," quilt raffle, and more!

**Merry and Bright Vendor and Craft Fair:** Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 am.-2 pm. at St. John's of Essex (518 Franklin Ave., 21221). Event features the Yuletide Tree Jubilee - take a chance to win your favorite decorated tree!

**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.

**Basket Bingo:** Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Luke's, Dundalk (1803 Dundalk Ave., 21222). Doors open at 5:30 pm. and games begin at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Lite supper and refreshments available for purchase. Door prizes, raffles, and special games. For more information call Kathe (410-458-8364) or Michelle (443-570-3701).

**2nd Annual Thanksgiving Food Give-a-way:** Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9am – 2 pm. at All Saints Lutheran (4215 Loch Raven Blvd., 21218). Come join us for our "Food-Give-A-Way! Receive a box of groceries. Enjoy good hot dogs, hamburgers, music and fellowship. Everyone is Welcome!

**Christmas Bazaar:** Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9 am-1 pm at Epiphany Lutheran (4301 Raspe Ave., 21206). Photos with Santa, creative crafts, cookie walk, homemade desserts, flea market items, raffles and one of Northeast Baltimore's only Train Gardens. Do you have a craft to sell? We will be having vendor tables available for \$20 each, register early. Contact Diane Steimets at 410-218-1054 or Pat McGowan at 410-262-4059 for vendor table rentals or more information.

**Christmas Bazaar:** Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 am-3 pm at St. Luke's, Parkville (7001 Harford Rd., 21234). Handmade gifts, holiday crafts, local artisans, food sampling, fair trade gifts, Trim A Tree fundraiser, and more. Vendors wanted with unique items, arts & crafts: \$30 per table space, register now. Contact Kim at 443-415-5824 for more information.

**Sponsorships Available:** Altar flowers for 8:45 am. worship and bulletins on 11/30 (contact the church office). Altar flowers for 10:15 am. worship on 11/30 (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 and 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!

### **Christmas Poinsettias**

We will be ordering RED, WHITE, and MARBLE (**pink/white**) poinsettias to decorate the altar for Christmas. Please submit your completed form and payment for poinsettias to the CHURCH OFFICE **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd**. Each plant is **\$8**.

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DO NOT PUT FORM & PAYMENT IN THE OFFERING PLATE.

Please place your completed form & payment in the "Church Secretary" mailbox outside of the church office OR mail it to the church (write POINSETTIAS on the envelope). Cash or checks (payable to the church).

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PRE-PAID.

Plants may be picked up after worship on Christmas Eve.

All plants are \$8 and must be picked up by Sunday, January 4th.

_____ RED _____ WHITE _____ MARBLE (pink/white)

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Presented by:

Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

