



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 2023
10:00 a.m. Worship

Our Mission is to share the life, love and joy of Jesus Christ with others

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ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
3025 CHURCH ROAD
LAFAYETTE HILL, PENNSYLVANIA

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Welcome:

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
+ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

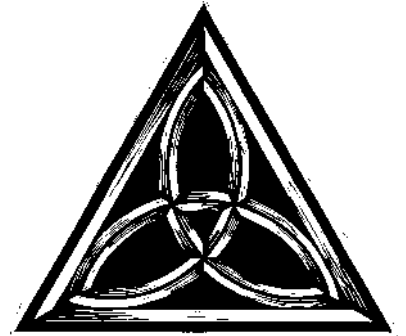
(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Pastor: Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.**

Assembly: **We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

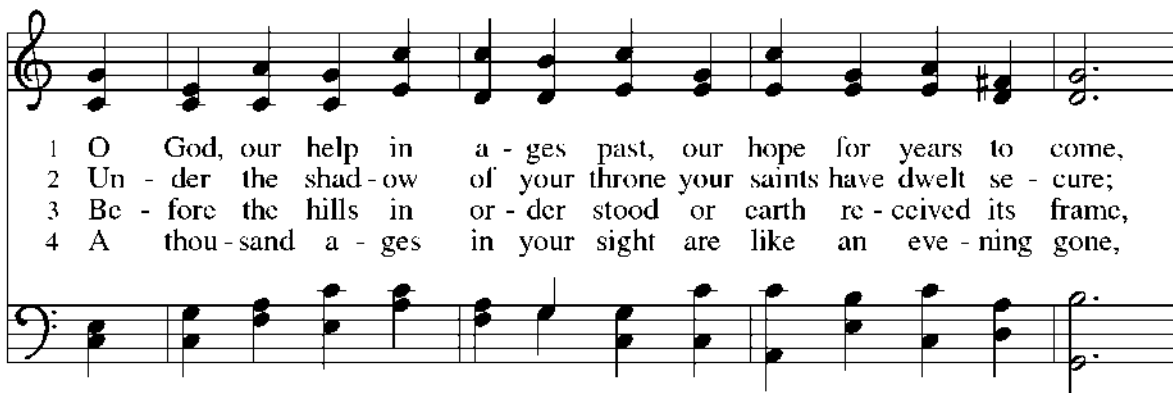
Pastor: Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

Assembly: **Amen.**

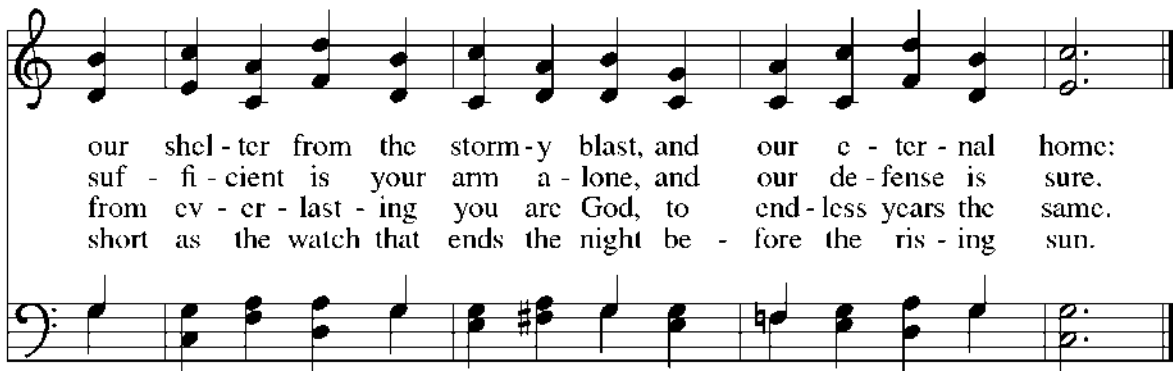


Opening Hymn:

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

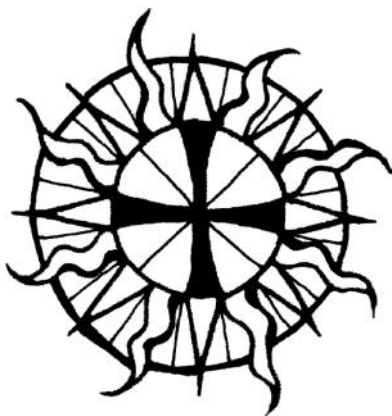


1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727



Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Assembly: And also with you.

Kyrie:

Leader
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord. For your
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Hymn of Praise:

“Glory to God”

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.

☐ Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might - y God and Fa-ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



⑩ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



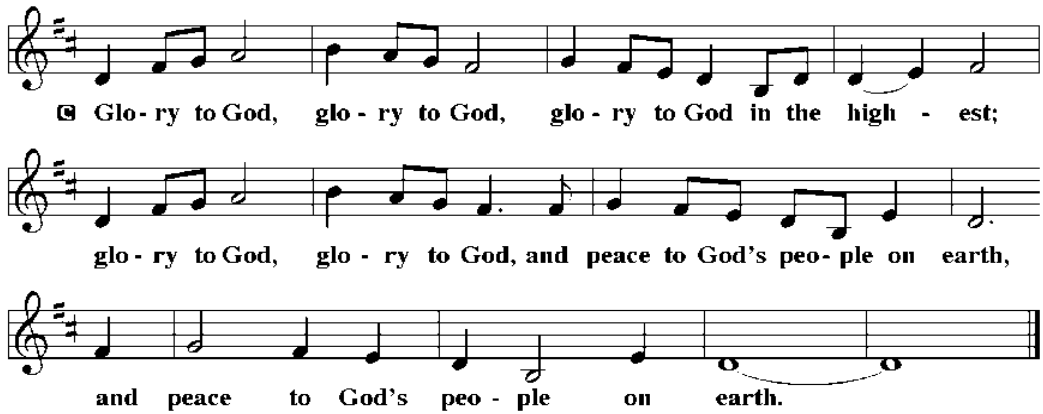
①
③ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



☩ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

The Salutation:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day:

Pastor: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Please be seated

Announcements:

Children's Message:

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

¹O LORD, you are my God;
 I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
 for you have done wonderful things,
 plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
²For you have made the city a heap,
 the fortified city a ruin;
 the palace of aliens is a city no more,

Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

Assembly: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Message:

Pastor Suloff

Please stand

Hymn of the Day:

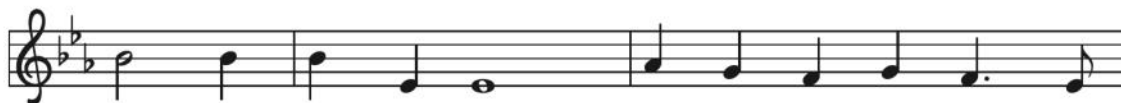
“Lift Up Your Heads”



1 Lift up your heads, all you bowed low,
2 Lift up your hands, your voices raise,
3 Lift up your hearts, your great Amen;
4 Be - hold, the Spir - it here a - bides,



hear the liv - ing wa - ter flow: quench - ing
bold in plead - ing, bright with praise. Weep no
Mer - cy feeds her guests a - gain: bread e -
bear - ing God's a - bun - dant life: peace be -



spring and cleans - ing pool, heal - ing riv - er, clear and
more, your God has come; greet the wound - ed, ris - en
nough to break and share, fes - tive wine that scents the
tween you, love with - in, grace be - side you loos - 'ning



cool. How fresh it falls up -
One, who bless - es you with
air. Oh, taste and see what
sin. Be - lov - ed, Christ a -



on your face, stream - ing from the font of grace.
joy com - plete, dwell - ing in the Word of peace.
once was lost ris - ing in this feast of love.
mong you stands, mov - ing through your hearts and hands.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: WEST LEESTAD, Zebulon M. Highben, b. 1979

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The Apostles Creed:

Pastor: With the whole people of God, let us profess our faith using the words of the Apostles Creed.

Assembly: **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession:

Pastor: Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Please kneel or be seated

(The Prayers of the Church are said)

Pastor: God of grace; **Assembly: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Assembly: Amen.

Please stand

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Assembly: And also with you.

Offering:

Offering Music:

"Still Be My Vision"

- Mary McDonald

The Offertory:

“Create In Me”



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.



Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me



with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,

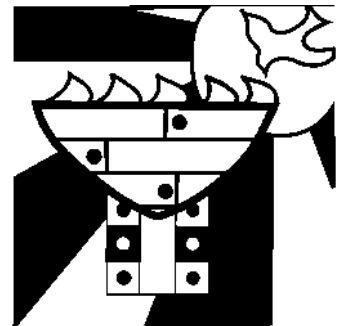


and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

Offering Prayer:

Pastor: God of power, God of plenty,
all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table,
that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved,
Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Assembly: Amen.



The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

People: And also with you

People: We lift them to the Lord.

People: It is right to give God
thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.



Pastor: Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave 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.**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Distribution:

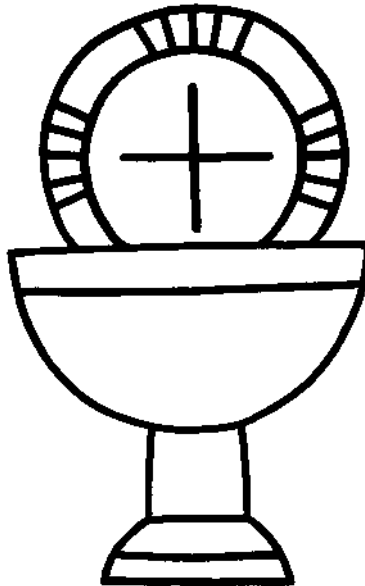
All those who believe in the presence of the Lord are welcome at the table and are invited to share in the sacrament. If you would like to receive Communion or a blessing from the pastor please join the line in the middle aisle of the sanctuary, receive the bread, and then move to the chalice and dip your wafer in the wine. If you prefer to remain in your pew or are joining us for worship online please take the individual Communion Cup or the elements of your choosing and share them with one another and with the community when you are ready. If young children are present who have not yet received their First Communion please bring them forward or take a moment and share a blessing with them (and if you would like your child to receive their First Communion please speak with the Pastor). Be the community of Christ with all those gathered near and far. All are welcome at the table of the Lord.

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.

(At this time receive the bread, cracker, or that which you are using as the body of Christ)

Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

(At this time receive the wine, juice, water, or that which you are using as the blood of Christ)



Please Stand

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Assembly: Amen.

The Post-Communion Prayer:

Pastor: Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.
Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray.

Assembly: Amen.



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

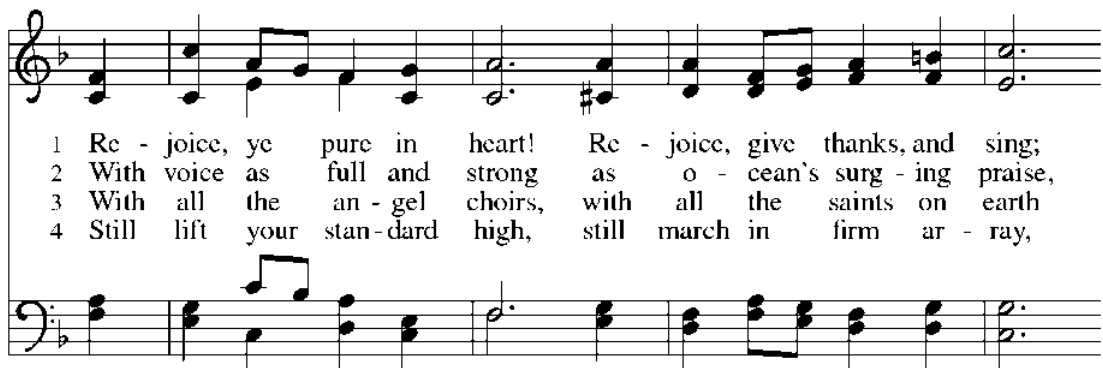
The Benediction:

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, † and of the Holy Spirit.

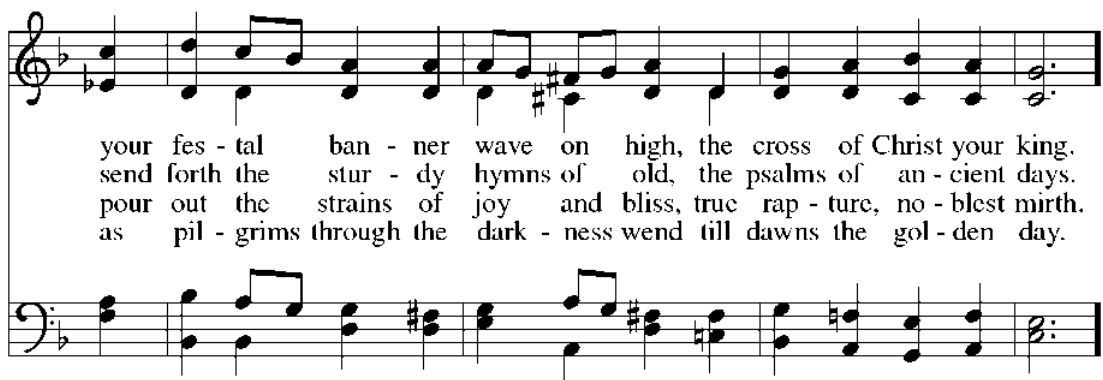
Assembly: Amen.

Closing Hymn:

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”



1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing;
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king,
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain



Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!
Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce!

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–1891, alt.
Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

The Dismissal:

Pastor: Go in peace to share the life, love, and joy of Jesus Christ with all.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Flower Dedication

Happy 90th Birthday to Marge Guldner!

-Joe and Sandy Leonardo

HELP US KEEP THE PRAYER LIST CURRENT:

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list please contact the church office at office-assist.splh@gmail.com or simply use the Prayer Request Form that can be found on the church website.

Please remember in your prayers those members, family and friends on our prayer list:

Joanne Barnhardt	Betty Jane Knittel	Leigh Richard
David Beyer	Elsie Kortrey	The Shollenberger Family
Mary Bolognese	George Kulczycky	Ursula Schwartz
The Chamberlain Family	The Kwartnik Family	Steve Schultz
Debbie Davis	John Soo Lee & Family	William Scott
Marge Devitt	Rose Letouille	Karen Specos
Cooper Durham	Maryanne Lorenzon	Karen Speers
Hunter Durham	Melissa Mooran	Sue Speers
Robert Emberger	Frank Munafo	John Swancott
Lindy Hughes	The Neborak Family	Jackie Strauss
Walt Humm	Bernadette Pence	Teresa Weber
Ted Hyczko	Lindsay Peterson	

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RaiseRight (formerly Shop-
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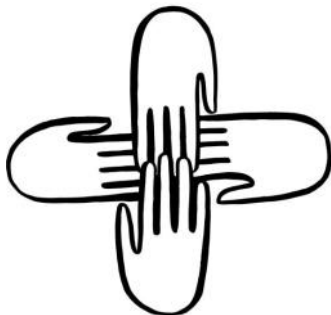
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Gift card purchases through RaiseRight don't have to be hundreds of dollars - \$5 and \$10 cards are available and all amounts help pay down the church mortgage. Download the RaiseRight app, sign up (our Enrollment Code is D96653C515851) and be part of something impactful for St. Peter's. Or, visit Jane Stettler at the front door of the church before or after the service. You can also contact Jane and she will send you a sign-up email to walk you through the process.



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Volunteer!

We are looking for people to help out everywhere!!!

We are looking for folks to help out as Worship

Assistants, to help lead us in song as part of the choir or as an instrumentalist, to help with Finance, Property, Worship & Music, Sunday School, Cemetery Care, Social Ministry, Prayer Shawl

Ministry, Prayer Team, our Audio/Visual elements on Sunday morning, and pretty much anything else you can think of! If you are willing to help serve as a Communion Assistant, Usher, or Greeter

please use the link below or use the sign-up available in the church narthex. If you are interested in helping with any of our ministries please contact Pastor Suloff. Don't worry, you're not signing up for a lifetime or a bunch of long meetings, just a willingness to help out when you can, where you can, in a place you are passionate about!

Worship has ended, let the service begin!



St. Peter's Statement of Welcome

All people are created by God. We affirm with the apostle Paul, that in Christ “there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female” (Galatians 3:28). Christ has made us one. In keeping with our mission statement “to share the life, love and joy of Jesus Christ with others”, we welcome all people regardless of characteristics which might cause exclusion or discrimination outside of St. Peter's.

We affirm that all people share the worth that comes from being unique individuals created by God. All people are welcome within the membership of this congregation upon making the same affirmation of faith as all other members make. Members of this congregation are expected and encouraged to share in the sacramental and general life of this congregation.

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