

Sunday, October 12, 2025
Lectionary 28, Year C
Holy Communion 10 am



Introduction

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
121 N. SPRING STREET, MIDDLETOWN, PA 17057
Sunday Worship 10:00am and Wednesday 10:00am

THIS IS CHRIST'S CHURCH
THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE

St. Peter's is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a Reconciling in Christ congregation joining with Reconciling Works. As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we welcome and invite all of God's people regardless of age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or economic status.

SERVING OUR CHURCH

October 12, 2025

Preaching & Presiding:

Molly Haggerty

Musicians:

Bennett Williams, Paige Pavlishin Gerry Leonard

Reader:

Josh Thomas

PRELUDE: Jesus! Lover of My Soul *by Hillsong Worship*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC MEDITATION: Chain Breaker *by Zach Williams*

GATHER

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the ✙ holy Trinity,
the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

Amen

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Source of all life,

Forgive us, when in our full and busy days we fail to share your love and grace with those around us.

Forgive us, when we fail to focus on the person speaking to us.

Forgive us, when we pass a neighbor and do not acknowledge them.

Forgive us, when the bounty you have given us, we fail to share with those in need.

Forgive us and guide us Lord, as we continue to live and grow into the people you formed us to be.

Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us
and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven,
God's love is unconditional,
and we are raised up as God's people
who will always be made new,
in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: Take My Life, That I May Be ELW 583

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you

KYRIE: ELW Setting 3, pg 138

CANTICAL OF PRAISE: This is the Feast ELW Setting 3, p 140

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty and most 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.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

¹I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 37:1-9

¹Do not fret because of the wicked;
do not be envious of wrongdoers,

²**for they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.**

³Trust in the Lord and do good;
live in the land and enjoy security.

⁴**Take delight in the Lord,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

⁵Commit your way to the Lord;
trust in him, and he will act.

⁶**He will make your vindication shine like the light
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

⁷Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him;
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.

⁸**Refrain from anger and forsake wrath.
Do not fret—it leads only to evil.**

⁹For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of
the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION setting 3 p142

Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel according to Luke the seventeenth chapter. **Glory to you O, Lord**

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would

obey you.

⁷ “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

YOUTH TALK

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: We Walk by Faith ELW 635 V1-3

+PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *We will say the response together.*
God of grace, receive our prayer.

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all

C: and also with you

P: share that peace with one another

MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING:

Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone *by Chris Tomlin*

VERSE 1:

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,

That saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found,

Was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear,

and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace, appear,

The hour I first believed.

CHORUS:

My chains are gone, I've been set free

My God, my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy reigns

Unending love, Amazing Grace

OFFERING PRAYER:

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 Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:
our Good Samaritan, who tends the wounds of body and spirit
with the oil of consolation and the wine of hope;
the Sun of righteousness, who raises us to life on his healing wings.
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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.



LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

All are invited to share in communion. It is Christ's table and all are welcome. The Ushers will bring you forward. The Pastor will give you the bread and the communion assistant will have a tray of wine. Please take one cup and drink it.

COMMUNION SONGS: Lamb of God: Setting 3 pg 146
Here Is Bread ELW 483

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

SEND

BLESSING:

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.

Standing is optional.

SENDING: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less ELW 596 v1-3

DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: I'll Never Find Another You *by The Seekers*

The altar flowers and bulletins are dedicated in memory of Anna Fager on the anniversary of her birthday by Karen & Tim Ainsley, in memory of Dale Rhen on his birthday by his family and in honor of Allen & Barbara Jacobs' 57th wedding anniversary by Stephanie & John Ponnett.

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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Middletown is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Susquehannock peoples and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this place their home.



St. Peter's News

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: New to our prayer list this month: Jaiden Mullins, Josie Brewster, Neal Kresge, Ruth Shireman, Jimmy & Cece Abromitis, Larry Lingle Jr., Richard Brandt, Sue Stetler, Michelle, Milton, Bruce, Betty Wise, Jim White, Lynda Fitzpatrick

Those friends and members in need of continued prayers: Jenny Dimeler, Marie Fox, Dianne Breininger, Tina Polito, Patty & John Stewart, Charles Brooks, Mitchell Hahn, Karen Eckles, Barbara Henry, Emily Booth, Lucinda Sheaffer.

****SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES****

Justin Polito, Corbin Stetler, Gabriel Goldsborough, Jordane Mondeaux, Anthony Mondeaux, Edgar Lopez, John Pappas, Colton Stone, Aaron Williams

October Harvest Festival at Wittle Farm

Saturday October 18 from 10am to 2pm with lunch at 12pm.

Enjoy hayrides, farm to table lunch at noon, pumpkin decorating and live music. \$15 per person, 4 years and under are free.

Location: Wittle Farm 1753 Mill Rd, Elizabethtown

Fall Foliage Days at Nawakwa and Kierchenwald: bring your family and friends to camp for a fall afternoon! Both events will run from 1-6pm. An evening meal will be provided. Registration is \$15 a person (4 and under free)

Nawakwa Sunday October 19. Activities include pumpkin painting, hayrides, hiking and more.

Kierchenwald Sunday October 26. Activities include pumpkin painting, canoeing/kayaking, mountain biking, hiking and more.

Please call 717-677-8211 or visit Lutherancamping.org to register

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