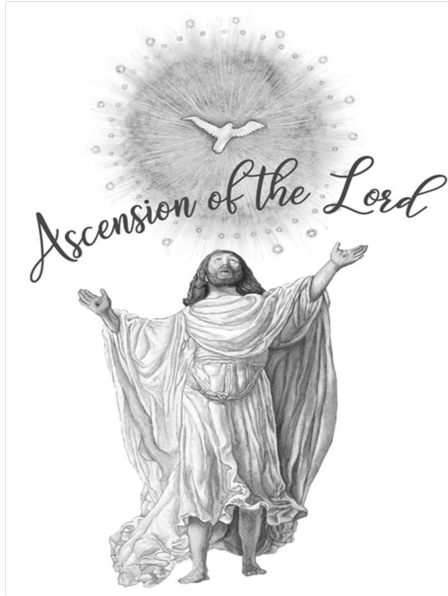


The Sunday Spirit



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
6175 St. Peter's Church Road
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May 21, 2023
Ascension Sunday
Graduation Sunday

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As We Gather This is amazing! Jesus Christ, the God-Man, is on heaven's throne! He is King, seated at the right hand of the Father who has given Him full control over earth and heaven. He is our High Priest, offering the sacrifice of His life to bring us to God and also representing us before His Father. Today we exalt and magnify the One on heaven's throne!

+ Share +

Welcome to St. Peter's! We welcome our **guests** and ask you to fill out the "Welcome Guest" card in the pew rack, place it in the offering plate and take home a "welcome" bag. We invite members and friends to fill in the red attendance pew pads. We are so glad you came!

Need Prayer? Those desiring personal prayer will find an elder stationed in the prayer room during Holy Communion today. The prayer room is located in the hallway to the left of the altar area. You can also leave a prayer request in the prayer box that is on the door.

Holy Communion Today - 8:15 AM & 10:45 AM & 4:30 PM

Since our church feels a Biblically founded stewardship regarding the Lord's Supper, we ask that you prayerfully consider these truths. **Baptized Christians** who have been instructed in the Lord's Supper and share the faith in Christ we proclaim are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper.

+ *I know that I am a sinner in thought, word and deed and from my heart I repent (turn from) all my sins against God and other people, intending to change and correct my sinful life.*



+ *I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin through His death and resurrection for me.*

+ *I believe that the Risen Christ is present in the Sacrament and that with the bread and wine (fruit of the vine), I receive His true Body and Blood. I believe that these gifts are "given and shed for me for the forgiveness of my sins."*

-Pastors Kevin and Eric and the Board of Elders

Graduation Sunday - Today we will honor the high school and college graduates at both our 8:15 am and 10:45 am worship services. Those from St. Peter's graduating from high school are Kaylan Hall, Ashlynn Isenhour, Kalissa Killian and Dallas Sigmon. Those from St. Peter's graduating from college are Adam Beck, Amber Bowman and Amanda Cline.

4:30 PM Communion Service designed for homebound members and those who work Sunday mornings will be held today in the sanctuary. Please join us.

Today's 8:15 am Radio Service Broadcast is given to the glory of God and in celebration of their wedding anniversary (5/21) by Darrell & Alice Freeman

Next Sunday– May 28th - Pentecost Sunday and Memorial Day

A Brass Ensemble and a trumpeter's taps will open both services next Sunday with a tribute to those who gave their lives for our liberty. During the 10:45 AM service Patti Dellinger and Janet Good will be baptized into the Christian faith! The service will celebrate the pouring out of God's Holy Spirit upon us on Pentecost. Scriptures: Numbers 11:24-30; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39; Ps. 25

8:15 AM Contemporary Worship

10:45 AM Service of the Word, DS Setting III and Holy Baptism

Next Sunday - Camp Linn Haven Weekend Pastor Eric will be leading worship next Sunday, 11:00 AM, in Newland, NC. Over 50 campers from St. Peter's will enjoy the beauty of God's creation and the hospitality of Camp Linn Haven which is located at 1308 Linville Falls Highway. The **newly built bridge** entering the camp will be dedicated on Saturday, June 3rd, 2:00 PM.

+ Grow +

Children Sunday School Classes Today

9:30 – 10:30 AM

- ***Preschool-Kindergarten** - Room #2 Education Bldg - Brenda Fulbright & Emily Schwandt
- ***1st - 3rd Grades** - Room #9 Education Bldg - Terry Sigmon
- ***4th - 6th Grades** - Room #8 Education Bldg - Ashton Sigmon
- ***Middle & High Schoolers** - Room #4 Education Bldg - John Adams

Adult Sunday School Classes Today

9:30 – 10:30 AM

- ***Sanctuary Class - Expository Teaching on Proverbs** with Pastor Eric.
- ***Parish Hall Class - "Growing Older & Wiser"** with David, Donna, Richard & Scott.
- ***Adults of All Ages - "The Story"** with Kim Gantt & Kevin Gantt, Education Building, Room # 1.

***Ladies Class - “God’s Psychiatry, The Healing of Mind and Soul”**
by Charles Allen with Beth Lail, Education Building, Room # 10.

***Multi-Purpose Room Class - “The Story”** - with Pastor Kevin.

***Library Class - “The Story”** with Marla Early.

Mid Week Small Groups



A New Grief Share Class will start tomorrow, **Monday, May 22 at 6:30 pm** in the multi-purpose room! This support group for those grieving the death of a loved one includes excellent instructions from professional grief counselors. Contact Sandra Jenkins (828-638-5224) for more information.

- ◆ **A New Member’s Class** meets **on Tuesday at 7:00 pm** in the multi-purpose room!
- ◆ **Wednesday Evening Couples Small Group** meets at **6:30 pm** in the Youth Room, 3rd Floor of sanctuary building. Study: “The Chosen.”
- ◆ **Thursday Morning Small Group Bible Study** meets in **10:00 am** in the Spirit Center. Study: “The Story.”
- ◆ **Thursday Evening Small Group Bible Study** meets at **6:30 pm** at the home of Shirley Dellinger.
- ◆ **Friday Morning Small Group Bible Study** meets at **10:00 am** in the Spirit Center. Study: “The Story”
- ◆ **Saturday Morning Men’s Small Group Bible Study** meets at **7:30 am** in the multi-purpose room. Study: “The Story”
- ◆ **Sunday Evening Small Group Bible Study** meets at the home of Carolyn & Seth Paschal at 4:30 pm. Study: “The Story”

+ Serve +



Senior Youth Cookout The youth (grades 6-12) will meet **today at 4:00 pm** for an end of year cookout! Come out for some great food and fellowship!

Church Council will meet this afternoon at **5:00 pm**. If you cannot attend, please inform President Bob Watts.

The Elders will meet on **Thursday, May 25 at 7:00 pm**.



Gift Bag for Confirmand Kaitlyn Webb In the narthex, you will find a gift bag for Kaitlyn who will be confirmed into the Christian faith on **Sunday, June 4th**. Please leave a card, note or small gift to encourage Kaitlyn as she continues her faith walk.

Vacation Bible School -Twists & Turns:

Following Jesus Changes the Game! Please make plans to join us for VBS here at St. Peter's, **Sunday June 18-Thursday, June 22**. A meal will be served from 5-6 pm with VBS classes & activities from 6-8 pm. Classes for toddlers thru 6th grade and an adult class. Pastor Kevin's adult class will be "Modern Parables - Living in the Kingdom of God." Registration forms are available in the narthex and spirit center. Please see Ashton Sigmon (828-244-8904) or Audrey Hauss (828-310-1524) if you have questions.



St. Peter's Kids Camp will be held Monday through Friday, **June 26-30, 2023!** Volunteers are needed to serve during this annual Kids Camp. Please contact Theresa Cook (828-612-6815), Audrey Hauss (828-310-1524) or Bob Watts (828-781-7012) to express your willingness to serve! Forms for camp are in the narthex!

Pregnancy Care Center Collection The Ruth Circle will be collecting items during the month of May for the Pregnancy Care Center. Please place your items in the playpen located at the back of the sanctuary. They are in need of infant clothing, baby blankets, wipes, bibs, and diapers!

LWML News The LWML has elected new officers: Jan Sigmon, president; Vickie Miller, vice-president; Jeannette Gantt, treasurer; Judy Eckard, secretary and Sandra Gantt, mission treasurer. A special thanks to Sherry Yount for her many years of dedicated service as our past vice-president. Our next regular monthly meeting will be June 8 at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. Also ladies, save the date on your calendar of Thursday, July 20 at 6:30 for our Ladies Dinner.

Church Members in Need of Prayer Terry Bolick, Aidan Cox, Vickie Dagenhart, Betty Eckard, Judy Eckard, Judy Gantt, Jimmy Goble, Steve Laws, Howard McCray, Libby Sigmon, Anna Carol Spencer.

Pray for Our Homebound Members

Those at Home: Bob Bowman, Jean Hoke, Annette Holler, Lorene Huffman, Margaret Laws, Bobby Little, Gerald Matthews, Ruby Matthews, Hazel Moser, Seth Paschal, Reva Reinhardt, Deborah Ruffy, Eugene Sigmon, Richard Sigmon, George Smith, Carol Starnes, Georgia Walker, Mary Ann Winebarger

Trinity Ridge: Pat L. Sigmon Brookdale: Blanche Hefner
Kingston Manor: Barbara White Burke Morganton: Judy Gantt
Conover Rehab: Donald Gantt, Alberta Winebarger

Prayers for Expectant Mothers

Christin and Chris Sigmon - Due Date, July 15, 2023
Whitney and Ryan Terry - Due Date, July 22, 2023
Kat and Taylor Laney—Due Date, June 24, 2023
EmilyAnn & Garrett Pfeifer - Due Date, November 11, 2023

Friends Needing Prayer

- ◇ Susan Carlton***(*daughter of Dina Coffey*)
- ◇ Molly Brooks****(*niece of Carmen Lander*)
- ◇ Jessica Carter****(*friend of Nancy Bruce*)
- ◇ Steven Eckard****(*brother of Joy Eckard*)
- ◇ Marlys Cartwright***(*friend of St. Peter's*)
- ◇ Rev. Brian Roberts***(*former Vicar at St. Peter's*)
- ◇ Ruby Yount***(*friend of Sherry Bumgarner*)
- ◇ Mike Cline**(*uncle of Windy Pruitt*)
- ◇ Gibson Darden*(*brother of Russ Darden*)



(Names will be listed for one month and can be renewed upon request)

Christian Sympathy

- ◇ *The family of Michael Bollinger (father of Crystal Gantt)*

Birthdays This Week of Active Lynn Fox (5/22); Lyla Killian (5/22); Scott Medlin (5/22); Michael Sheahen (5/22); Gary Eckard (5/24); Jeannette Gantt (5/24); Peyton Eckard (5/24); Kadrian Huffman (5/25)

Anniversaries This Week Darrell & Alice Freeman (5/21); Mike & Patricia Pritchard (5/21); Daniel & Cherie Reynolds (5/23); Tony & Jan Sigmon (5/26)

Special thanks to Oz & Brenda Hefner for cleaning St. Peter's cabin at Camp Linn Haven for the upcoming camp season!

Memorials

- ◆ Given to the Quilters in loving memory of Herman Griffin, and Ralph Miller & Ethel Robinson (parents of Randy & Toni Miller) by Jean Davis

ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Sun. (21) *Ascension Sunday & Graduation Sunday*
8:15 am Contemporary Service w/Holy Communion
9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes
10:45 am Liturgical Service w/Holy Communion
4:00 pm End of year youth group cookout (*Grades 6-12*)
4:30 pm Homebound/Workers Communion Service
5:00 pm Church Council
- Mon. (22)
8:30 am Quilters
6:15 pm Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Griefshare Class
6:30 pm BASIC Band Practice
- Tues. (23)
6:30 pm Cub Scouts
6:30 pm Crocheting & Looming Class
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:00 pm New Members Class
- Weds. (24)
6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study for Couples
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- Thurs. (25)
10:00 am Small Group Bible Study
6:30 pm Small Group Bible study
7:00 pm Elders
- Fri. (26)
10:00 am Small Group Bible Study
- Sat. (27)
7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study
- Sun. (28) *Pentecost Sunday*
8:15 am Contemporary Service
9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes
10:45 am Liturgical Service

Last Week

May 14, 2023 - 8:15 am service - 155 10:45 am service - 94

Today's Servants

Altar Guild: Carolyn Paschal & Jeannette Gantt
Musicians (8:15 AM): Drew Stiles, Thom Bumgarner, Jeff Winebarger, Chris Erwin, Oz Hefner, Chris Powell.
Organist (10:45 am service): Carolyn Paschal
Greeters: 8:15 am Mary Deese 10:45 am Donna Sipe
Readers: 8:15 am Erin Sigmon 10:45 am Richard Hallman

SERMON NOTES
“Christ - On Heaven’s Throne”
Ephesians 1:19-23

I. Our King—At the Father’s Right Hand

A. A Place of Honor

B. A Place of Authority

II. Our High Priest - At the Father’s Right Hand

A. The Final Sacrifice

B. The Perfect Mediator

III. Our Response

A. Praise Him!

B. Believe in Him!

C. Come to Him!

D. Serve Him!

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