

**SERMON NOTES**  
**“God Provides More Than A Meal”**  
**Matthew 14:13-21**

***I. God provides through COMPASSION (vs. 13-15)***

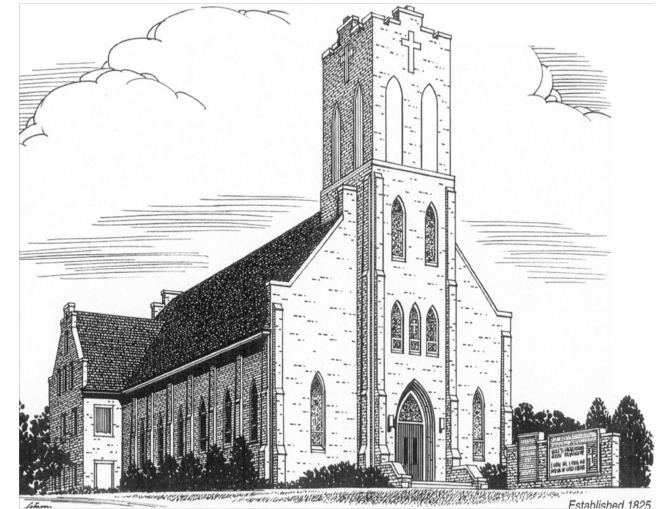
***II. Our God provides MORE THAN ENOUGH (vs. 16-21)***

# The Sunday Spirit

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**ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**6175 St. Peter's Church Road**  
**Conover, North Carolina**  
**August 6, 2023**  
**Tenth Sunday in Pentecost**

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**As We Gather...**...we hear about the only miracle that is recorded in all four gospels, which emphasizes the utter importance of this event. The “Feeding of the 5000” is known by many, but do we understand the significance. Jesus used a meal as a miracle opportunity to show God’s power. Having only five loaves of bread and two fish, Jesus multiplied the food and the disciples dispersed the meal to the crowd of five thousand. The crowd got their fill and there was even leftover food! But, looking deeper, Jesus provided more than just food for the body. He supplied much needed food for the soul. Jesus, the Son of God, provides for us all that we need to sustain a God pleasing life, and not just our daily food intake, but our spiritual existence. He supplies to us much more than a meal!

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**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 following communion today. The prayer room is located in the hallway to the left of the altar area.

**Holy Communion Today - 8:15 AM and 10:45 AM Services**

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 Eric and the Board of Elders

**ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK**

- Sun. (6) 8:15 am Contemporary Service w/Holy Communion  
9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes  
10:45 am Liturgical Service w/Holy Communion
- Mon. (7) 8:30 pm Quilters  
6:15 am Girl Scouts  
6:30 pm BASIC Band Practice  
6:30 pm GriefShare Class
- Tues. (8) 9:00 am Winkel Pastors Group  
6:30 pm Cub Scouts  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Weds. (9) 6:30 pm Basketball League  
7:00 pm Naomi Circle - *at Pam Medlin’s home*
- Thurs. (10) 10:00 am LWML Monthly Meeting - *in parish hall*
- Sat. (12) 8:00 am Church Choir Retreat
- Sun. (13) 8:15 am Contemporary Service w/kids talk  
9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes  
10:45 am Liturgical Service  
5:00 pm Youth Group Kickoff (*Grades 6-12*)  
5:00 pm Church Council

**Last Week**

*July 30, 2023*

8:15 am - Worship Service 144      10:45 am - Worship Service 72  
Sunday School - Adults 56      Youth 11

**Offerings**

General Fund - \$9,003.00; Backpack Ministry - \$100.00  
Building Bridges - \$ 65.00; Radio Sponsorship - \$100.00  
Building Fund - \$ 565.00

**Today’s Servants**

Altar Guild: Patty Couch, Savannah Couch  
Praise Band (8:15 AM): Drew Stiles, Thom Bumgarner, Jeff Winebarger, Chris Erwin, Oz Hefner, Chris Powell, Tom Delgreco, Emily Allen, Sarah Freeman, Susan Gantt, Brenda Hefner  
Organist (10:45 am service): Carolyn Paschal  
Readers: 8:15 Kevin & Elliott Gantt      10:45 Alex Fulbright



**We Are One In Christ” Community Celebration** St. Peter’s will be joining other local churches and organizations for a free community celebration and giveaway on **Saturday, August 19, 9 am to 2 pm**, at the Hickory Fair Grounds. The goal is to celebrate unity in a world with much diversity. We want everyone to feel welcome! The fun will include carnival games, bingo, volleyball and food! Backpacks with school supplies will be

handed out to all school age children attending. (*You must be present to receive a backpack.*) To volunteer, please see Kay Watts (828-896-7077) or Catherine Huffman (828-381-5880)

**Memorials**

\*Given to the General Fund in loving memory of Ron Deese’s birthday (August 9) by David & Carolyn Starnes

\*Given to the Stephen Ministry Fund in loving memory of Larry Lander by the Saturday Morning Men’s Bible Study Group and by Pam & Scott Medlin

**Honorariums**

\*Given to the Building Bridges Fund in honor of Pastor Del Roth’s 90th birthday by Marshall & Nancy Wray and Debra Shipman

If you know of a member of the congregation who is sick, hospitalized, or has special needs, please contact the church office at 828-256-2970 or Pastor Eric.

**Safety Precaution**

Due to security reasons, the church council has voted that all of the exterior doors will be locked during worship services except for the front doors of the sanctuary. The exterior doors will be unlocked before and between worship services.

**COVID-19 Protocol**

The 8:15 am service can be viewed and enjoyed on a large screen in the **Spirit Center** where masks are required and social distancing is maintained.

**Today’s 8:15 am Radio Service Broadcast** is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Carl Matthew’s birthday (August 10) by Carolyn, Barry & Ruby Matthews.

**Next Sunday - August 13 - Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

Sermon: Pastor Eric

Scriptures: Job 38:4-18; Romans 10:5-17; Matthew 14:22-33; Psalm 18:1-6

**8:15 AM Contemporary Worship w/kids talk**

**10:45 AM Service of the Word, DS Setting IV**

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**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** - with Pastor Eric studying the “Gospel of John”.

\***Adults of All Ages - “More to Your Story”** by Max Lucado 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, Ladies Sunday School Room (*old youth room*).

\***Multi-Purpose Room Class - “The Sermon on the Mount”** with Christal Sigmon

**Mid Week Small Groups**

\***A Grief Share Class** meets on **Mondays 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

\***Friday Morning Bible Study** will resume on **Friday, August 18 at 10 am** with Pastor Eric as the leader. They will be studying the series “The Chosen.”

### It's a time for the **GOLDEN AGE Group** to start back!

Consider joining the “**GA**” Bible Study on **Thursday August 17** in the Spirit Center with Kim Kaylor as leader. We will begin at **10 am** with Pastries / Coffee and Juice to begin our study entitled “My Heart- Christ’s Home” by Robert Boyd Munger. Lunch will follow at 11:30 @ Palermo’s in Conover. Kim exclaims, “What a privilege for me to meet each of you and to lead this study that examines what it would be like to have Christ come into the home of our heart!” *Rev 3:20 “Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me.”*

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**Church Members in Need of Prayer** Terry Bolick, Bob Bowman, Aidan Cox, Betty Eckard, Gary Eckard, Judy Gantt, Jimmy Goble, Reva Reinhardt, Bonnie Sigmon, Gary Smith.

### Pray for Our Homebound Members

Those at Home: Bob Bowman, Donald Gantt, Judy Gantt, Jean Hoke, Annette Holler, Kathleen Houston, Lorene Huffman, Margaret Laws, Bobby Little, Gerald Matthews, Hazel Moser, Seth Paschal, Reva Reinhardt, Deborah Rufty, Eugene Sigmon, Richard Sigmon, George Smith, Carol Starnes, Georgia Walker.

Trinity Ridge: Pat L. Sigmon, Reva Reinhardt

Brookdale: Blanche Hefner

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Conover Rehab: Alberta Winebarger

### Prayers for Expectant Mothers

EmilyAnn & Garrett Pfeifer - Due Date, November 11, 2023

### Friends Needing Prayer

- ◇ Gibson Darden\*\*\*\*(brother of Russ Darden) )
- ◇ Jan Hunt\*\*\*\*(cousin of Pastor Eric Hauss)
- ◇ Rebecca Caffey\*\*\*\*(mother of Chris Sherbino)
- ◇ Johnny Spencer\*\*\*(brother of Pauline Eckard)
- ◇ Brenda Goble\*\*(sister-in-law of Jimmy Goble)
- ◇ Aiden Eckard\*\*(great nephew of Patricia Pritchard)
- ◇ Shannon Hefner\*\*(friend of Sherry Bumgarner’s family)
- ◇ Harolene Setzer\*\*(friend of Thursday Morning Bible Study Group)
- ◇ Eddie Allen\*(friend of St. Peter’s Lutheran)
- ◇ Tommy London\*(father of Windy Pruitt)



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

**Birthdays This Week of Active Members** Janet Adams (8/6); Eunice Reiter (8/6); Wanda Sigmon (8/6); Emma Witherspoon (8/6); Wayne Bostian (8/11); Jonas Shook (8/11); Rynnen Killian (8/12)

**Anniversaries This Week** Brandon & Amber Bowman (8/7); Brian & Brandy Morrow (8/12)

**Over 80 Birthdays** The LWML has given to the Mites in honor of the following August birthdays: David Starnes (8/3); Clayton Milstead (8/14); Doris Winebarger (8/20); Harold Starnes (8/27)

**Amber Pill Bottle Collection** Elliott Gantt with our Boy Scout Troop 341 is collecting and cleaning amber pill bottles for reuse by the Cooperative Christian Ministries Pharmacy in Hickory. This is part of his Eagle Scout project. Please remove all labels from the bottles and place in the collection box located in the back hallway near the church offices. Thank you for your help!

**Choir Retreat “Sing to the Lord a New Song”** (Psalm 96) If you have a song in your heart and a desire to “praise the Lord”, then please come join us on **August 12** from 8:30 am to 4 pm in the Spirit Center to preview music that will be presented during our 10:45 worship service. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more details, please contact Carolyn Paschal (304-590-0504).



**Winter Workshop (Vendor & Craft Fair)** Our 12th Annual Winter Workshop will be held on Saturday, December 2 in the Spirit Center here at St. Peter’s. The event will from 9 am to 2 pm. Applications for a vendor table are available in the narthex or outside the church

office. If you have any questions, please contact Ashton Sigmon, event coordinator at 828-244-8904.

**Wreaths Across America** Sponsorship forms are available in the narthex, outside the church office, and in the Spirit Center to purchase a wreath that will be put at veterans’ cemeteries across the US in December. This year, St. Peter’s has been chosen to receive wreaths to lay in our cemetery. Please purchase a wreath and let’s honor our veterans and also support our mission team! Each wreath sponsorship costs \$17, with \$5 going to the Mission Team.

**Basketball is back!** Join in on the fellowship and fun exercise Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Spirit Center. Please text Nathan Lewis (919-609-7907) by the preceding Monday if you plan to join them!



**Church Directory Information** If your address, phone number and/or email has changed, please let Nancy in the church office know so we can update our records. Thank you!