

# **THE SUNDAY SPIRIT**

**APRIL 6, 2025**

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**FIFTH  
SUNDAY  
OF LENT**



**ST. PETER'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

↔ CONOVER, NC ↔

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

### Fifth Sunday in Lent

#### ***Jesus Is Our Redemption***

In the temple Jesus said, *"If anyone keeps my word, he will never see death"* (John 8:51). For Jesus came to taste death for us—to drink the cup of suffering to the dregs in order that we might be released from its power. Clinging to His life-giving words, we are delivered from death's sting and its eternal judgment. Christ is our High Priest, who entered the Most Holy Place and with His own blood obtained everlasting redemption for His people (Heb. 9:11–15). He is the One who was before Abraham was, and yet is his descendant. He is the promised Son who carries the wood up the mountain for the sacrifice, who is bound and laid upon the altar of the cross. He is the ram who is offered in our place, who is willingly caught in the thicket of our sin, and who wears the crown of thorns upon His head (Gen. 22:1–14). Though Jesus is dishonored by the sons of the devil, He is vindicated by the Father through the cross.

**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 from our table out front. We invite members and friends to fill in the red attendance pew pads. We are so glad you came!

### **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." - Pastor Frank and Pastor Eric and the Board of Elders

**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. You may also leave prayer requests there for them to pray over.

**Today's radio broadcast** is given to the glory of God and in honor of Dan's birthday (April 7) by Dan & Paula Timmerman.

**The flowers by the altar** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her son, Clyde Miller's birthday (April 5) , by Teresa Houston.

**Children's Bulletins and Devotional Books** are available in the narthex and by both side entrance doors.

**Lenten Services** start at **7:00 pm in the sanctuary with a meal before at 6:00 pm** in the Spirit Center. The theme for this year's Lenten Services is "The Hand of the Lord." The meal this evening is parmesan chicken, green beans, corn, rolls and dessert.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**\*Babies - Kindergarten** - Room #1 Education Building- Brenda Fulbright & Alice Layne

**\*K-2nd Grade** - Room #8 Education Building - Emily Schwandt

**\*3rd - 6th Grades** - Room #7 Education Building - Terry Sigmon

**\*Middle & High Schoolers** - Room #4 Education Building - John Adams

**\*Confirmation Class** - Library in the Education Building - Pastor Frank, Pastor Eric & Kim Kaylor will lead these sessions

**\*Adults of All Ages** - Education Building, Room #2 "Grit don't Quit" by Bianca Olthoff with Kim Gantt & Kevin Gantt

**\*Ladies Sunday School Class** - Grover Herman Room Education Building, with Beth Lail. They are studying "Great Stories of the Bible."

**\*Adults - Multi-Purpose Room Class** - They are studying “The Cross” with Christal Sigmon

**\*Pastor’s Class - Parish Hall - Genesis Bible Study** “Calling of Abram” with Pastor Eric and Pastor Frank

## PRAYERS

**Church Members in Need of prayer** Terry Bolick, Johnny Bryant, Sherry Bumgarner, Betty Eckard, Gary Eckard, Mary Ruth Hefner, Scott Houston, Catherine Huffman, Darrell Little, Seth Paschal, Mike Pritchard, Alan Pruitt, V. Lynn Starnes, Mickey Stewart, Janet van Horne, and Marshall Wray.

### Pray for Our Homebound Members

Those at Home: Polly Bowman, Shirley Dellinger, Joe Eckard, Annette Hollar, Kathleen Houston, Scott Houston, Bobby Little, Hazel Moser, Seth Paschal, Jeanette Reese, Reva Reinhardt, Glenn Shell, Bonnie Sigmon, Eugene Sigmon, Richard Sigmon, Carol Starnes, Mary Ann Winebarger

Brookdale: Blanche Hefner

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Catawba Valley Living: Alberta Winebarger

Trinity Village: Margaret Laws, Donald Bowman

Abernathy Center: Gracie Bolick, Gwendolyn Allen

### Friends Needing Prayer

- Carolyn Reitzel (friend of Ron & Brenda Hefner)
- Ann Hefner (family of Ron & Brenda Hefner)
- Jerry Bolick (husband of Doris Bolick)
- Bill Sherrill (uncle of Debbie Thomas)
- Dusty Ferrell (friend of Brenda & Ron Hefner)
- Linda Tilley (family of Selena Gurganious)
- Jim & Carol Crouch (grandparents of Heath Sigmon)
- Darvin Bruce (uncle of Nancy Bruce)
- Greg Mundy (friend of Annissa Beck & Dana Deal)
- Pam McNeal (family of Annissa Beck)
- Jaycee Lynne (friend of Bob & Gaye Marlow)

(\*names are listed for 4 weeks and can be renewed by calling the office\*)

### **Expectant Mothers**

- Sydney Schenk - due May 12 (step-daughter-in-law of Nancy Bruce)
- Ashlyn Martin - due Sept. 13 (daughter-in-law of Mike & Angie Martin)
- Katelynn Ruff - due Oct. 27 (granddaughter of Nelson & Selena Gurganious)

### **Christian Sympathy**

- The Family of Ken Hatch (brother-in-law of Richard & Brenda Hallman)

**Birthdays This Week** Dan Timmerman (4/7) ; Bob Watts (4/9); Barbara “Bobby” White (4/9); Nora Haynes (4/11); Johnny Brant (4/12); Jean Cook (4/12)

**Anniversaries This Week** Oz & Brenda Hefner (4/11); Steve & Laura Hall (4/12)

**April Over 80 Birthdays** The LWML has given a donation to Mites in honor of the following April birthdays: Hazel Moser (4/4); Barbara White (4/9); Darrell Little (4/15); Larry Eckard (4/16); Dixie Ingram (4/16); Shirley Dellinger (4/22); Sandra Gantt (4/22); Glenn Shell (4/26)

## **CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LWML (Ladies Women Missionary League) Quarterly Meeting** will be held on **Thursday, April 10 at 6:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. The guest speaker will be Jean Davis, Director of Ebenezer Orphanage in Wilkesboro, NC. She will share information about their organization, and the plans to build a new one in our area. If you wish to make a contribution to Ebenezer Orphanage, you can bring a monetary donation, Wal-Mart gift cards, or paper and cleaning products to the meeting. Light refreshments will be served. All ladies of the congregation are welcome!

**Donations Needed!** Our annual Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on Saturday, April 12 from 9-10:30 am. We need candy (NO NUTS) , stickers and small prizes for this event. Donations accepted through Tuesday, April 8.

**Cookie Donations Needed!** As part of our ongoing outreach to Lyle Creek Elementary School, they have requested cookies to help support their drama program there. Please package 2 cookies to a bag for them to sell as a fundraiser to help pay for the royalties of an upcoming play at the school. Cookies can be dropped off to the church office by **Monday, April 9 at 5 pm.**

## Join Us During Holy Week

- **Palm Sunday, April 13** - Worship Services with Palm Processional at 8:15 am and 10:45 am
- **Maundy Thursday, April 17** - Worship Services with Holy Communion at 12 Noon and 7 pm
- **Good Friday, April 18** - Combined Worship Services with Bethel Lutheran and St. John's Lutheran - 12 Noon at St. Peter's Lutheran and 7 pm at St. John Lutheran

### Join Us for a Full Easter Morning Celebration! - Sunday, April 20

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, this Easter Sunday, we invite you to experience the complete joy of our Lord's resurrection through three unique and meaningful gatherings:

Begin your morning with our intimate Sunrise Service at 6:30 AM in the church cemetery, where we'll greet the dawn just as Mary did at the empty tomb. Then, join your church family for a time of fellowship and celebration at our Easter Breakfast in the Spirit Center. Finally, lift your voices in our Festival Service at 9:30 AM in the church sanctuary, filled with special music and the fullness of Easter joy!

Each gathering offers a different way to celebrate our risen Savior. While you may have traditionally chosen one service, we encourage you to participate in all three events this year. Together, let's make this Easter morning a complete celebration of Christ's victory over death!

- Pastor Frank and Pastor Eric

**From sunrise to Festival Service, every moment of Easter morning tells a special part of our Resurrection story. Come, let us rejoice together!**

### **Last Week - March 30, 2025**

#### Worship Services Attendance

8:15 am 170 10:45 am 84 7:00 pm (Lent) 68

#### Sunday School & Bible Classes Attendance

Adults 61 Youth 24

#### Offerings

General Fund - \$8,612 ; Sunday School - \$72

***In order to meet the budget for 2025 that was approved by the congregation, our weekly General Fund offerings must average \$11,184.22***

#### Dedicated Fund Offerings

Lenten Service - \$478 ; Domestic Missions - \$20; Easter Lilies - \$39 ; Kids Kamp - \$250;

Autism Support Group - \$90; Building Fund - \$492

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. (6)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion            9:30 am Sunday School, Bible Classes &amp; Confirmation Class            10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion            12:15 pm Handbells  <b>1:30 pm 200th Anniversary Team Meeting</b>            4:30 pm Griefshare Support Group - <i>in multi-purpose room</i>  <b>4:30 pm Senior Youth (Grades 6-12) - in Youth Room</b>  <b>6:00 pm Lenten Meal - <i>parmesan chicken, green beans, corn, rolls, dessert</i></b>  <b>7:00 pm Lenten Service - Rev. Eric Hauss , proclaimer</b></p>
Mon. (7)	<p>8:30 am Quilters            6:15 pm Girl Scouts            6:30 pm Praise Band Practice            6:30 pm Bible Journaling 102 - <i>with Kim Kaylor in Spirit Center</i></p>
Tues. (8)	<p>2:30 pm Staff Meeting  <b>6:00 pm Crocheting &amp; Looming Class</b>            7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>
Wed. (9)	<p><b>10:00 am Easter Egg Stuffing Party - in Parish Hall</b>  <b>5:30 pm Barnabas Team Meeting</b>            6:30 pm Basketball League            6:30 pm Adult Choir            6:30 pm Bible Journaling 101 - <i>with Kim Kaylor in Parish Hall</i></p>
Thurs. (10)	<p>10:00 am Small Group Bible Study - <i>with Kim Kaylor in Parish Hall</i>            11:45 am Lyle Creek Lunch Buddy Program - <i>meet in Parish Hall to leave for lunch</i>            6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study - <i>with Tonya Darden &amp; Christal Sigmon in multi-purpose room</i>  <b>6:30 pm LWML Quarterly Meeting - in Parish Hall</b></p>
Fri. (11)	<p>10:00 am Small Group Bible Study - <i>with Pastor Eric in Parish Hall</i></p>
Sat. (12)	<p>7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study - <i>in multi-purpose room</i>  <b>9:00 am - 10:30 am - Easter Eggstravaganza</b>  <b>5:30 pm Sunshine Group Outing - dinner &amp; Green Room Theatre</b></p>
Sun. (13)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service - Palm Sunday            9:30 am Sunday School, Bible Classes &amp; Confirmation Class            10:45 am Traditional Service - Palm Sunday            4:30 pm Griefshare Support Group  <b>6:00 pm Church Council</b></p>

**\*Bold = activities that don't happen on a typical week**

# SERMON NOTES

1. The Test of Judgment – Abraham’s Faith and God’s Sovereignty
2. The Provision of a Substitute – The Ram and Christ
3. The Necessity of Faith – Trusting in God’s Provision

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**Today's Servants**

**Altar Guild:** Christal Sigmon, Steve Sigmon

**Communion Set-Up**

**Praise Band:** (8:15 am service) Drew Stiles, Bradley Abernathy, Jeff Winebarger, Oz Hefner, Tom Delgreco,

Danny Bolton, Emily Allen, Susan Gantt, Brenda Hefner, Emma Spencer, Kim Rector, Olivia Owens,

Brian Morrow, Chris Powell, Melody Frank, Emily Sherbino

**Organist:** (10:45 am service) Carolyn Paschal

**Office:** Bob Marlowe

**Readers:** 8:15 am David Sigmon 10:45 am Richard Hallman

**Prayer Room:** 8:15 am Scott Medlin 10:45 am John Thomas

**Greeters:** 8:15 am Marla Early 10:45 am Donna Sipe

**Ushers:** 8:15 am Open

10:45 am Stanley Dellinger, Eddie Little, Danny Sipe, Donna Sipe



## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- **Given to the General Fund** in loving memory of Johnny Lytton by Amy Thornburg & Family; by Willie & AB Thornburg & Family
- **Given to the LWML Mites** in loving memory of Johnny Lytton by Jeannette Gantt

## YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Senior Youth (Grades 6-12)** will meet on **TODAY at 4:30 pm** in the Youth Room. **All youth attending the National Youth Gathering need to attend.** Your medical forms and permission slips are due today. Please bring your paperwork, copies of insurance cards, and all forms signed by your parents. **Please note time change!**
- **Kids in Christ (Grades K-6)** will meet on **Sunday, April 27 at 12:45 pm** for an outing to the Catawba Science Center. We will have a fun afternoon learning about bugs, turtles, fish and more! We will have dinner after leaving the Science Center.

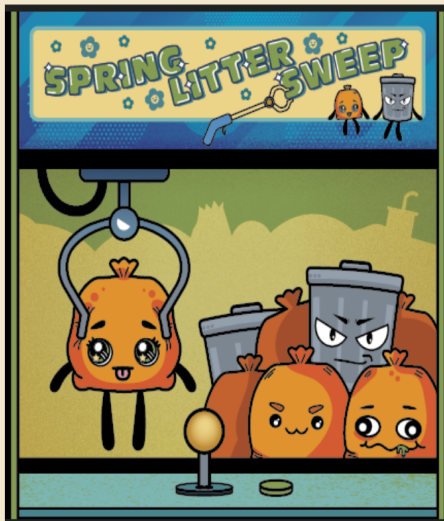
## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunshine Group Upcoming Outings** - please contact Betty Goble with any questions

Date of Outing	Outing	Date
Sat. April 12	Dinner & Green Room Theatre	Meet at 5:30 pm to leave
Sat. April 19	Dinner & Hickory Community Theatre	Meet at 5:30 pm to leave
Date to be determined	Carolina Theatre to see "King of Kings"	RSVP by April 6
Fri. May 9	Green Room Theatre to see "Escape to Margaritaville - Jimmy Buffet music"	RSP By April 16

- **Confirmation Parents Meeting** will be held **Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 pm** in the library of the Education Building.
- **Kid's Kamp 2025 Registration Packets** are available in the narthex or in the church office. Dates for camp are June 23-27. Cost is \$150 per camper - **for rising 2nd-7th graders. St. Peter's church members get first preference but we must have your paperwork and deposit to reserve your spot. Spots are filling up fast!** Camp is limited to the first 30 campers. Deadline for sign up is June 1st or until spots are full.
- **Golden Agers** will meet on **Tuesday, April 15 at 10 am in the Spirit Center.** Our guest speaker will Julie Packer from Carolina Caring (Hospice). Her presentation will be on drafting living wills, medical power of attorney and other documents. All members of the congregation are invited to attend this information session. Following the presentation, we will go for lunch at Palermo's in Conover.
- **200th Anniversary Memorabilia Needed** If you have any photos or St. Peter's memorabilia you could share with the 200th Anniversary Team, they would greatly appreciate it. Please see Staci Bumgarner, Dwight Reese or Harry Fulbright for more information.
- **St. Peter's awarded the "Servant of Christ" award** - A representative from the LCMS Southeastern District will be at both services on Sunday, April 13, to present this award to St. Peter's. The award letter states "amid great challenge and natural disaster, your faithful witness and dedication to the Gospel message and sharing that message with those you encounter is a great gift and blessing. On behalf of the Southeastern District, thank you for being an example of shining lights of Christ and the hope that has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. (Romans 5:5)."

# Help Keep Our Community Clean!



Join us to  
pick up  
trash on  
**St. Peter's  
Church Road**  
**Saturday,**  
**April 26th**  
**@ 9:00 am**

Safety vests, gloves & bags  
will be provided!

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

APRIL 12TH  
9AM-10:30AM

## EASTER EGG HUNT



MUSIC  
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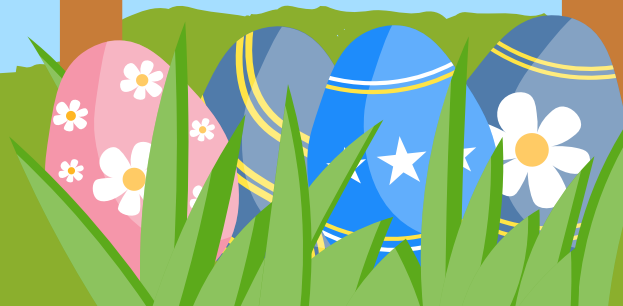
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