

THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

APRIL 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

“BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN
THE NAME OF THE LORD!”



ST. PETER'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

✚ CONOVER, NC ✚

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Palm Sunday

The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory

“Behold, your King is coming to you . . . humble and mounted on a donkey” (Zech. 9:9–12; Mt. 21:1–9). Our Lord rides in this humble fashion because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself even to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:5–11). His kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin’s curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own life. The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed and bear the name “*Barabbas*,” “*son of the Father*” (Matthew 26 and 27). It is at the name of this exalted Savior, Jesus, that we bow in humble faith. With the centurion who declared, “*Truly this was the Son of God!*” (Mt. 27:54), we are also given to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:11).

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!

Need Prayer? Those desiring personal prayer will find an elder stationed in the prayer room following the services 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.

A special welcome today to Kirk Hymes, Lutheran Church Extension Fund District Vice-President and Facilitator for Stewardship as he will be presenting St. Peter’s with the “Servant of Christ” award at both services today. 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).”

Today’s radio broadcast is given to the glory of God and in honor of Johnny Bryant’s birthday (April 12) by Sandra Bryant

The palms by the altar are in thankfulness for our Lord's suffering and death on our behalf by Jan Sigmon.

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

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, Brenda Griffin, 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)
- 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)
- Marcia Boyd (friend of Nancy Bruce)
- Dusty & Jessica Ferrell (family of Brenda Eckard)

(*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)

Birthdays This Week Terry Bentley (4/13); Judy Little (4/13); Dina Coffey (4/14); Darrell Little (4/15); Jack Sigmon (4/15); Larry Eckard (4/16); Dixie Ingram (4/16); Donald Killian (4/16); Adam Watts (4/16); Debbie Icenhour (4/17); Brenda Fulbright (4/18); Kaylor Spencer (4/18); Nathan Lewis (4/19); Christal Sigmon (4/19)

Anniversaries This Week William & Glenda Thornburg (4/16); Michael & Angela Martin (4/17); Richard & Brenda Hallman (4/18)

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Easter Breakfast** If you would like to bring a breakfast casserole or other breakfast item to share on Easter morning it would be greatly appreciated. See Betty Goble for more information.
- **Kid's Kamp 2025 is full for this summer.** Thanks to all that signed up for our camp this year! It promises to be a great week!
- **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.
- **Our Kid's Kamp theme is "Making a Difference".** It is our goal to introduce kids to organizations that help the less fortunate and teach them how they can contribute to the needs of others. We need your help in collecting items that the kids will donate to various charities. We are collecting the following items: canned goods, old eye glasses, new kids' jackets and coats, gently used toys and books. We will have baskets located in the hallway outside the church offices, the Spirit Center and the Parish Hall. We will collect items through June 22.
- **Evangelism Team Meeting** Join us for the first meeting of our newly revitalized Evangelism Team! Our mission is to share the Gospel of Jesus and the hope of the Resurrection while serving neighbors in love within our community. The meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 27 at 2:00 pm** in the multi-purpose room. If you feel called to share God's love with others in our area, we'd love to have you join us! For questions, please contact Marla Early.

Journeying Through Holy Week

- **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 - April 6, 2025

Worship Services Attendance

8:15 am 147 10:45 am 81 7:00 pm (Lent) 73

Sunday School & Bible Classes Attendance

Adults 63 Youth 12

Offerings

General Fund - \$14,446.86; Sunday School - \$64.00

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 - \$1,269 ; Building Fund - \$895; Helping Hands - \$1,974 Easter Lilies -\$195;
Domestic Missions -\$1,400

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Sun. (13) ***Palm Sunday***
8:15 am Contemporary Service
9:30 am Sunday School, Bible Classes & Confirmation Class
10:45 am Traditional Service
4:30 pm Griefshare Support Group - *in multi-purpose room*
6:00 pm Church Council
- Mon. (14) 8:30 am Quilters
6:15 pm Girl Scouts
6:30 pm Praise Band Practice
6:30 pm Bible Journaling 102 - *with Kim Kaylor in Spirit Center*
- Tues. (15) **10:00 am Golden Agers**
2:30 pm Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Crocheting & Looming Class
6:30 pm Mission Team
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Wed. (16) 6:30 pm Adult Choir
6:30 pm Basketball League
6:30 pm Bible Journaling - *with Kim Kaylor in Parish Hall*
- Thurs. (17) ***Maundy Thursday***
12:00 Noon Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
7:00 pm Traditional Service with Holy Communion
- Fri. (18) ***Good Friday***
12:00 Noon Combined Traditional Worship with Bethel & St. John's at St. Peter's Lutheran
7:00 pm Combined Traditional Worship with Bethel and St. John's at St. John's Lutheran
- Sat. (19) **5:00 pm Sunshine Group Outing for dinner and Hickory Community Theater**
- Sun. (20) ***Easter - Resurrection Sunday***
6:30 am Sunrise Service - *in church cemetery*
Easter breakfast between services
9:30 am Festival Worship Service
4:30 pm Homebound/Workers Easter Service

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

SERMON NOTES

“The Promised King Has Arrived - What Kind of King Is He?”

John 12:12-19

1. What did God promise about a king for Israel?
2. Who gathered in Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday, and what kind of king did each group expect?
3. What kind of king do you expect Jesus to be?
4. What kind of king is Jesus really?

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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 Frank Family 10:45 am Crmen Lander

Prayer Room: 8:15 am Darrell Freeman 10:45 am Richard Hallman

Greeters: 8:15 am Mary Deese 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 Catherine Fox by Jerry & Sandy Eckard

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.

The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
Luke 19:38 (NIV)



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BLESSED	MIRACLES	HIGHEST	HEAVEN	CROWD
SPREAD	GLORY	PRAISE	VILLAGE	PEOPLE
DISCIPLES	CLOAKS	VOICES	LORD	PEACE
NAME	ROAD	JESUS	HILL	COLT

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Date of Outing	Outing	Date
Sat. April 19	Dinner & Hickory Community Theatre	Meet at 5:30 pm to leave
Mon. April 21	Carolina Theatre to see "King of Kings" - Opens next week in Hickory .	RSVP by April 16
Fri. May 9	Green Room Theatre to see "Escape to Margaritaville - Jimmy Buffet music"	RSVP By April 16

- **Thank You Notes**
 - ◇ Thanks to everyone that brought candy, stickers, prizes, helped stuff Easter Eggs and treat bags and assisted with the Easter Eggstravaganza. Your help is so appreciated as we share Jesus in our community! - Ashton Sigmon
 - ◇ Thank you to everyone for bringing cookies this past week for Lyle Creek Elementary. They were so appreciated! - Kim Kaylor
- **Child protection training and background checks** are required on all volunteers that will be helping with either Kids Kamp or Vacation Bible School. If you have not done either of these and plan to help this summer, please contact Nancy in the church office for the necessary paperwork.
- **On Line Giving** Did you know that you can give your offerings on line? You can sign up through our website www.stpetersconover.org and click on "online giving". You can give through bank draft, debit or credit card. You can do a one time offering or set up for weekly, monthly etc.

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
OLD-FASHIONED DAY

& Potluck Picnic on the Grounds
(following the 10:45 service)

Musical Guest: Willow Creek

PRIZES FOR BEST PERIOD
CLOTHING CATEGORIES:
MAN / WOMAN
YOUTH
COUPLE / FAMILY



BRING YOUR PRIZE-WINNING
FARE & ENTER THE:
PIE JUDGING CONTEST
CAKE JUDGING CONTEST
JAM/JELLY CONTEST



MAY
4
SUNDAY



Get your old-fashioned clothes together (from any era in the last 200 years) and enter the Best Period Clothing Contest at Old-Fashioned Day on May 4th! Make and bring your family's traditional recipes to share at our potluck Picnic on the Grounds following the 2nd service. Do you have an award-winning pie, cake or jam/jelly recipe? Enter your dish in the appropriate contest for our distinguished judges to sample! Our special musical guests will be the blue-grass gospel group Willow Creek! It's going to be a fun day for all ages!

** If you have a pop-up canopy that we can use to provide shade at our picnic, please contact Staci Bumgarner at 828-310-7777.

**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
FOOD
GAMES
FUN

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9am-10:30am
Free Community Event

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