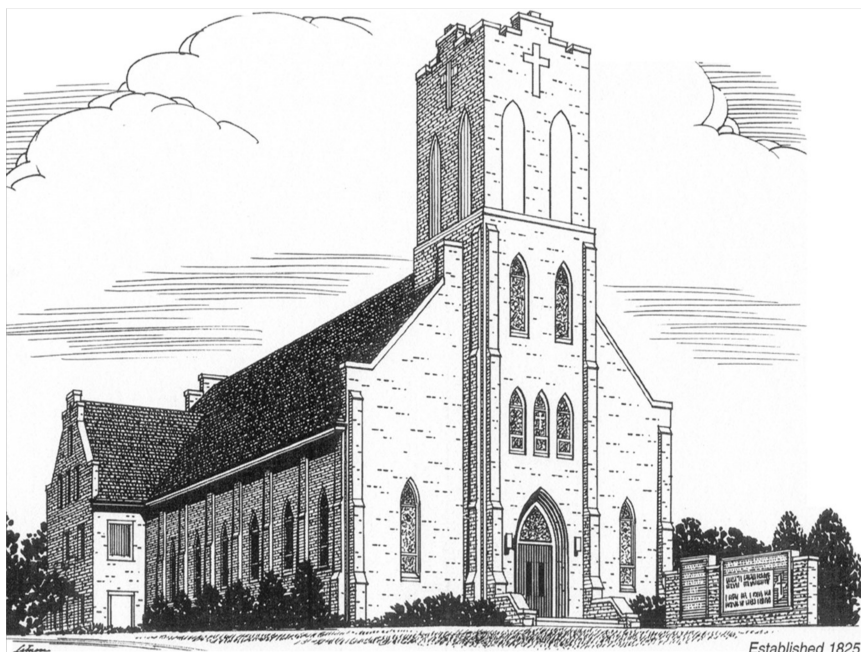


# THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

Fourth Sunday after Trinity  
July 13 , 2025



**ST. PETER'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ CONOVER, NC ✠

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

### **Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

#### ***Jesus Is Lord of All Creation***

In Jonah we see ourselves. For Jonah fled from the presence of the Lord (Jonah 1:1–17) even as we sinners turn our backs on God and go our own way. This brings the storm of God's judgment. But in Jonah we also see Christ. For even as he was in the great fish for three days and three nights, so also Christ Jesus was buried in the depths of death for us and raised on the third day. The Lord of creation, who rules over the wind and the wave (Matt. 8:23–27), saved us from the fury of divine wrath by taking the judgment in His own body. His love is the fulfillment of the Law (Rom. 13:8–10). Though our faith be weak in the face of peril, yet we are kept in safety on the ship of the Church; for the Son of God is with us. Though the whole creation groans with us under the curse, yet by Jesus' speaking, there is a great calm. For we know that our present sufferings are not worthy to be compared with the glory to be revealed in us (Rom. 8:18–23).

**Welcome to St. Peter's!** We are glad you are here! We ask everyone to fill out an "attendance card" and place it in the offering plate later in the service. We welcome our first-time guests and visitors and request that you fill out the back side of the attendance card as well. Guests and visitors please take a "welcome" bag from our table out front.

**Need Prayer?** Those desiring personal prayer will find an elder stationed in the prayer room following the service today. You may also leave prayer requests there for them to pray over.

**Join us today for our Second Sunday Social** following the 8:15 am worship service in the Spirit Center for light refreshments and fellowship. Sunday School will follow at 9:45 am.

**National Youth Gathering Commissioning** will be held today at 8:15 am for our advisors and senior youth that will be attending the gathering, July 17-24. Pastor Frank will be working with the LCMS during the convention in the area of social media.

**Today's radio broadcast** is given to the glory of God in loving memory of her husband Jim's birthday today given by Jean Davis.

**Today's altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by the LWML in thankfulness for the 100 years given to your faithful servant, Reva Reinhardt. Her presence has touched so many lives. We love you, Reva!

**Children's Bulletins and Devotional Books for youth and adults** 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

**\*Adults of All Ages** - Education Building, Room #2 - A study on "Esther" by Danielle Brown with Kim Gantt ,Kevin Gantt & Kim Rector.

**\*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** Carol Abbott, Terry Bolick, Johnny Bryant, Betty Eckard, Jerry Eckard, Janet Good, Mary Ruth Hefner, Sandra Jenkins, Bobby Little, Darrell Little, Patti Oliver, Seth Paschal, Alan Pruitt, Kim Rector, Mickey Stewart, Tommy Stewart, and Marshall Wray

## **Pray for Our Homebound Members**

Those at Home: Carol Abbott, Rosella Bollinger, Polly Bowman, Shirley Dellinger, Joe Eckard, Annette Hollar, Kathleen Houston, Bobby Little, Hazel Moser, Seth Paschal, Jeanette Reese, Reva Reinhardt, Bonnie Sigmon, Eugene Sigmon, Richard Sigmon, Ernest & Carol Starnes, Tommy & Mickey Stewart, John Van Horne, Dorothy Willis, Mary Ann Winebarger

Abernathy Center: Gracie Bolick, Gwendolyn Allen

Brookdale: Blanche Hefner

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Catawba Valley Living: Alberta Winebarger

Trinity Village: Margaret Laws, Donald Bowman

## **Friends Needing Prayer**

- Ronnie Sigmon (brother-in-law of Johnny & Sandra Bryant)
- Carolyn Reitzel (friend of Ron & Brenda Hefner)
- Anne Schenk (sister-in-law of Nancy Bruce)
- Patti Oliver (cousin of Deborah Rufty)
- Ashley McComb (daughter of Carolyn and Seth Paschal)
- Robert Kanipe (friend of David & Grayston Sigmon)
- Jim Totty (father of Billy Totty)
- Lowell & Karen Rothenberger (parents of Peter Rothenberger)
- Randy Shook (son-in-law of Joy Lail)
- Andres Rodreguiz (friend of Seth & Carolyn Paschal)
- Tim Self (friend of Adam Watts)
- Jacob 'Levi' Baker (friend of Carter Link)
- Talynn Clark (great granddaughter of Johnny & Sandra Bryant)
- David & Angie Todd (friends of Melissa Sigmon)
- Will Walker (husband of Legina Walker)
- Marsha Eggelton (sister of Carolyn Paschal)
- Bob Grundy (cousin of Carolyn Paschal)
- Daniel Eckard (nephew of Patricia Pritchard)

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

## **Expectant Mothers**

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 David Abernathy (father of Brad Abernathy)
- The family of Connie Glover (friend of Nancy Bruce)

**Birthdays This Week** Bobby Gantt (7/13); Margaret Laws (7/14); Cooper Link (7/14); David Brittain (7/15); Brenda Hefner (7/16); Betty Eckard (7/17); Jackson Terry (7/17); Addison Sigmon (7/17); Joyce Hollar (7/19); Matthew Thornburg (7/19); John van Horne (7/19); Gunner Smith (7/19)

**Anniversaries This Week** Rob & Amy Rucker (7/13); Mark & Barbara Propst (7/16); Gavin & Kayla Griffin (7/17)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Blessing Box Update**

After our June meeting, we're strengthening our Blessing Box ministry with regular stocking and usage tracking. We need donations of canned meals, hygiene products, baby food, pet food, laundry detergent, and basic food staples. Pop-top items are especially helpful. Please bring your donations to the back hallway of the church building. Join us for our next Blessing Box meeting **today 2:00 PM** in the Education Building to discuss our progress and future plans. Thank you for supporting this important community resource!

### **Confirmation Proposal - Informational Meeting**

St. Peter's Lutheran Church invites the entire congregation, especially parents of children who will soon be confirmation age, to an important informational meeting on **today at 1:00 PM** in the Education Building.

We will be presenting a proposal for a new approach to confirmation instruction. This proposed program aims to make confirmation more flexible while maintaining accountability, replace the "graduation mindset" with a focus on confirmation as the beginning of adult church membership, allow students to be confirmed when they're ready, and increase parental involvement through mentoring.

This is still in the proposal stage, and we sincerely want your feedback and input before finalizing any changes. Please come with your questions and suggestions as we work together to strengthen our confirmation program. Contact Pastor Frank with any questions prior to the meeting.

**GriefShare** A new GriefShare class will begin Sunday, August 3 at 4:30pm. Anyone who is interested please contact Sandra Jenkins at 828-638-5224.

**VBS Items Needed** Our Vacation Bible School will be held this year, **July 27 - July 31**. Our theme this year is "Egypt: Joseph's journey from prison to palace." We need pop-up tents and any Egyptian themed items at your house (palm trees, etc.) that we can borrow, please let Ashton Sigmon or Laura Frank know.

**"We Are One in Christ " Back to School Bash** St. Peter's will be part of the "We Are One in Christ" back-to-school event at the Hickory Fairgrounds on **August 2nd**. We have all the notebooks that we need, but are accepting contributions to help offset the cost. Any amount helps—please mark your donations "We Are One in Christ Supplies." We're also seeking volunteers to lead fun games and activities for the children during the event. If you'd like to help run activities like ring toss, cornhole, or ball games—or if you have other game ideas—we'd love to hear from you! To contribute or volunteer, please contact Evangelism Chair Marla Early or Pastor Frank.

**Last Week - July 6, 2025**

Worship Services Attendance

9:30 am - 216 (one service only)

Sunday School Attendance

No Sunday School

Offerings

General Fund - \$7,408.28

***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

Senior Youth - \$220; LWML - \$50; Evangelism - \$72; Building Fund - \$ 1,047; Building Fund -Audio/Visual - \$50; Helping Hands Fund - \$50

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. (13)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service</p> <p><b>9:15 am Second Sunday Social - in Spirit Center</b></p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 am Traditional Service</p> <p><b>1:00 pm Confirmation Changes Proposal Meeting - in Ed Bldg</b></p> <p><b>2:00 pm Evangelism Team Meeting - in Ed Bldg</b></p> <p><b>3:00 pm Blessing Box Review Meeting - in Ed Bldg</b></p>
Mon. (14)	<p>8:30 am Quilters</p> <p>6:15 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Band Practice</p> <p><i>Pastor Eric's day off</i></p>
Tues(15)	<p>2:30 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p><b>6:30 pm Back to School Bash Meeting - at St. John's Lutheran</b></p> <p>7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>
Wed. (16)	<p>6:30 pm Basketball League</p> <p><i>Pastor Frank leaves for National Youth Gathering</i></p>
Thurs. (17)	<p><i>Senior youth and advisors leave for National Youth Gathering</i></p>
Fri. (18)	<p>10:00 am Bible Study with Pastor Eric - in Parish Hall.</p>
Sun. (20)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School &amp; Bible Classes</p> <p>10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion</p> <p><b>1:30 pm 200th Anniversary Team Meeting - Multi-purpose room</b></p> <p><b>2:00 pm Housewarming Shower for Emily Allen - Spirit Center</b></p> <p><b>4:30 pm Homebound/Workers Communion Service</b></p> <p><b>6:00 pm Church Council</b></p>

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

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 Frank or Pastor Eric

**SERMON NOTES**  
**Who Am I to Judge?"**  
**Luke 6:36-42**

1. Why do we find it so tempting to judge others?
2. What ultimately leads to a person's condemnation?
3. How does Christ's work on the cross transform our relationships with others?
4. What does showing mercy instead of judgment look like in your daily life?

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**Today's Servants**

**Altar Guild:** Carolyn Paschal

**Praise Band:** Drew Stiles, leader; Bradley Abernathy, Emily Allen, Thom Bumgarner, Tom Delgreco, Melody Frank, Susan Gantt, Brenda Hefner, Oz Hefner, Olivia Owens, Kim Rector, Emily Sherbino, Emma Spencer, Jeff Winebarger

**Adult Choir:** Charles Bumgarner, Sherry Bumgarner, Greg Eckard, Judy Eckard, Trudy Huffman, Carmen Lander, Scott Medlin, Carolyn Paschal, Emily Sherbino, Jan Sigmon, Drew Stiles, John Thomas.

**Handbells:** Betty Goble, Alice Layne, Carolyn Paschal, Cheryl Pennell, Cheryl Sigmon, Drew Stiles, Bill Totty.

**Organist:** Carolyn Paschal

**Office:** Bob Marlowe

**Readers:** 8:15 am Danny Schwandt 10:45 am Carmen Lander

**Prayer Room:** 8:15 am Kevin Gantt 10:45 am John Thomas

**Greeters:** 8:15 am Joy Lail 10:45 am Joy Eckard

**Ushers:** Open

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church Invites Families  
to our 2025 Vacation Bible School  
*Egypt Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace***

Our 2025 Vacation Bible School called *Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace* will be hosted at St. Peter's every evening from **Sunday, July 27 to Thursday, July 31**. Families step back in time at Egypt, exploring the life of Joseph and learning the love of Jesus every step of the way.

Kids participate in a memorable Bible-times marketplace, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into Egyptian eats, visit Joseph in prison and then in his palace home, and collect reminders of God's Word. Plus, everyone learns to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a time of upbeat worship that gets everyone involved.

Adults are welcome to volunteer (background checks are required) or they can attend Pastor Frank's Bible Study in the Sanctuary.

Vacation Bible School will begin with a meal at 5:00 and then activities will run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each day.

**Register today! Students and volunteers who register before Sunday, July 20th will receive a free t-shirt!** You can register online at <https://www.stpetersconover.org/ministries/vbs/> or complete the form in your bulletin.

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation is invited to a housewarming shower for Emily Allen on Sunday, July 20 from 2-4 pm in the Spirit Center.

## YOUTH NEWS

**Please be in prayer for our senior youth, advisors and Pastor Frank that will be leaving for the National Youth Gathering this coming week.** Youth attending: Kenny Ballard, Rachel Beck, Jaxson Fisher, Elliott Gantt, Lyla Killian, Hayden Sigmon, Emma Spencer, Serenity Tupman; and advisors attending: Kim Kaylor, Erin Sigmon, Jack Sigmon, Peter Rothenberger. Pastor Frank will be working the LCMS in the area of social media for the gathering.

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

- **Given to the Quilters** in loving memory of Libby Sigmon by Bob & Kay Watts
- **Given to the Building Fund - Audio/Visual** in honor of Reva Reinhardt's 100th birthday (July 12) by the Golden Agers

**Online Giving** Did you know that you can give your offerings on line? You can sign up through our website [stpetersconover.org](https://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.