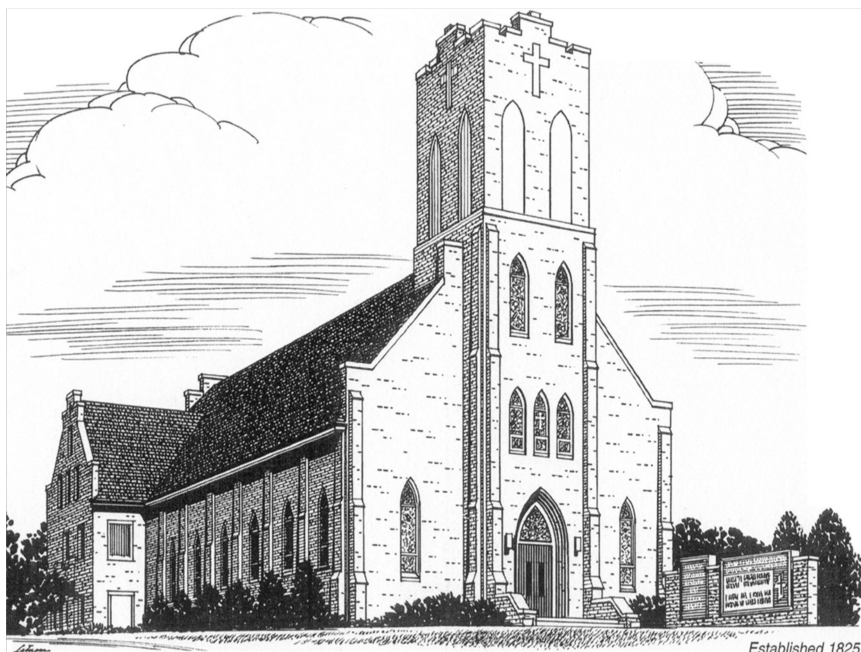


# THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

Sixth Sunday after Trinity  
July 27, 2025



**ST. PETER'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ CONOVER, NC ✠

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

### **Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

#### ***Our Only Hope Is in Christ's Righteousness***

*"Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 5:20). God demands nothing less than perfection and holiness from you in regard to His commandments (Ex. 20:1-17). Your only hope, then, is not in your own goodness but in the goodness of Christ, who did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them for you. In Christ, your righteousness does indeed exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. For you have been baptized into Christ's death and your sinful nature crucified. Therefore, he who has died has been freed from sin (Rom. 6:1-11). You are now raised with Christ to walk in newness of life and to share in His resurrection on the Last Day. Christ has brought you through the baptismal sea "out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex. 20:2). Therefore, "consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:11).*

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

**Today's radio broadcast** is given to the glory of God

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

**Vacation Bible School starts today!** Please join us for a meal from 5-6 pm in the Spirit Center and then activities and classes run from 6-8 pm. Bring your family, friends and neighbors! It promises to be an exciting time!

## 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, Carol Alley, Terry Bolick, Donald Bowman, Johnny Bryant, Betty Eckard, Jerry Eckard, Janet Good, Audrey Hauss, Mary Ruth Hefner, Sandra Jenkins, Bobby 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, Patricia Isenhour, 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**

- Anne Schenk (sister-in-law of Nancy Bruce)
- Patti Oliver (cousin of Deborah Rufty)
- Jim Totty (father of Billy Totty)
- 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)
- Angela Kirby Hunter (friend of Judy Dellinger)
- Chris Penley (Newton-Conover High School principal)

*(\*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 Darrell Little , especially his wife, Linda and children, Jonathan David Little and wife, Gina and Lori Little Propst, and husband, Darrell and their families and friends

**Birthdays This Week** Savannah Sparks (7/27); Rachel Beck (7/28); Collene Lafone (7/28); Heath Sigmon (7/28); Pastor Del Roth (7/31); Alyson Mains (8/1); DeAnn Barnes (8/2); Renae Randall (8/2)

**Anniversaries This Week** Danny & Emily Schwandt (7/28); Glenn & Shirley Shell (7/28); Donald & Sharon Hefner (7/30);

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**“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**. They are still 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. Volunteers are requested to arrive at 7:30 am to help set up. 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.

**GriefShare** A new GriefShare class will begin Sunday, August 3 at 4:30 pm in the multi-purpose room. Contact Sandra Jenkins at 828-638-5224 for more information.

### **St. Peter's Camp Linn Haven Weekend - August 29-September 1**

Forms to sign up for St. Peter's weekend are available in the narthex. Price per person - Ages 16 and up - \$120; Ages 12-15 - \$110; and Ages 2-11 - \$100. Please complete the form and return to the church office or give to Erin Sigmon. Checks payable to Camp Linn Haven.

**Sunshine Group** The group is planning to attend the Gateway Baptist Church Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 13. If you would like to attend, please let Betty Goble (828-308-4251) know by August 5.

### **Bible Study Groups Resuming in August**

- Men's Bible Study at 7:30 am on Saturdays, starting August 9 in the multi-purpose room.
- Thursday Morning Bible Study with Kim Kaylor, leader, starting on August 21 at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. They are studying the Book of Revelation.
- Thursday Evening Bible Study with Terry Sigmon, leader, starting on August 7 at 6:30 pm in the multi-purpose room. They will be studying "The Risen Christ: Jesus' Final Words on Earth."

## Blessing Box Ministry Update

### Priority Items Needed for the Blessing Box

#### Food Essentials:

- o Canned meals with pop-tops (Chef Boyardee, canned meats)
- o Basic food staples (cereal, oatmeal, grits, cornbread mix)
- o Microwave-ready meals
- o Canned fruits and vegetables
- o Cooking essentials (oil, salt, pepper, seasonings)
- o Bottled water

#### Personal Care Items:

- o Hygiene products (soap, shampoo) for adults and children
- o Laundry detergent
- o Baby food and wipes

#### Other Needed Items:

- o Pet food
- o Children's items (coloring books, clothing, shoes)

Please drop off your contributions in the designated area at the back hallway of the church or at the church office. Thank you for your continued support of this vital community outreach!

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

#### **Last Week - July 20, 2025**

##### Worship Services Attendance

8:15 am 152    10:45 am 68    4:30 pm 12

##### Sunday School Attendance

Adults 55    Youth 14

##### Offerings

General Fund - \$9,803.05 ; Sunday School - \$71.00

***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

Building Fund - \$780; Crocheting - \$5 ; Radio Sponsor - \$100; Disaster Relief - \$1,101.59

Evangelism - \$120

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. (27)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service</p> <p><b>9:15 am Voters Meeting</b></p> <p>9:45am Sunday School &amp; Bible Studies</p> <p>10:45 am Traditional Service</p> <p><b>12:30 pm Sunday Lunch Bunch - at Captain's Galley</b></p> <p><b>5:00 pm VBS Meal - in Spirit Center (bring desserts &amp; fruit)</b></p> <p><b>6:00 pm VBS Activities &amp; Classes</b></p>
Mon. (28)	<p>8:30 am Quilters</p> <p><b>5:00 pm VBS Meal - in Spirit Center (bring desserts &amp; fruit)</b></p> <p><b>6:00 pm VBS Activities &amp; Classes</b></p>
Tues(29)	<p>2:30 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p><b>5:00 pm VBS Meal - in Spirit Center (bring desserts &amp; fruit)</b></p> <p><b>6:00 pm VBS Activities &amp; Classes</b></p>
Wed. (30)	<p><b>5:00 pm VBS Meal - in Spirit Center (bring desserts &amp; fruit)</b></p> <p><b>6:00 pm VBS Activities &amp; Classes</b></p>
Thurs. (31)	<p><b>5:00 pm VBS Meal - in Spirit Center (bring desserts &amp; fruit)</b></p> <p><b>6:00 pm VBS Activities &amp; Classes</b></p>
Sat. (2)	<p><b>7:30 am Volunteers arrive at the Hickory Fairgrounds</b></p> <p><b>9:00 am - 12 Noon - "We are One in Christ" Back to School Bash at Hickory Fairgrounds</b></p>
Sun. (3)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School &amp; Bible Classes</p> <p>10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>4:30 pm GriefShare Support Group - <i>in multi-purpose room</i></p> <p><b>6:00 pm Senior Youth Meeting - in youth room</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

## The Joy (?) of the Law *Psalm 19*

1. How does the word "law" make you feel, and why?
2. Which aspects of creation most powerfully reveal God's glory and craftsmanship to you?
3. What truths does God's Word reveal that nature alone cannot communicate?
4. What is the proper response to the Law 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 Goforth 10:45 am John Thomas

**Prayer Room:** 8:15 am Darrell Freeman 10:45 am John Thomas

**Greeters:** 8:15 am Mary Deese 10:45 am Christal Sigmon

**Ushers:** Open