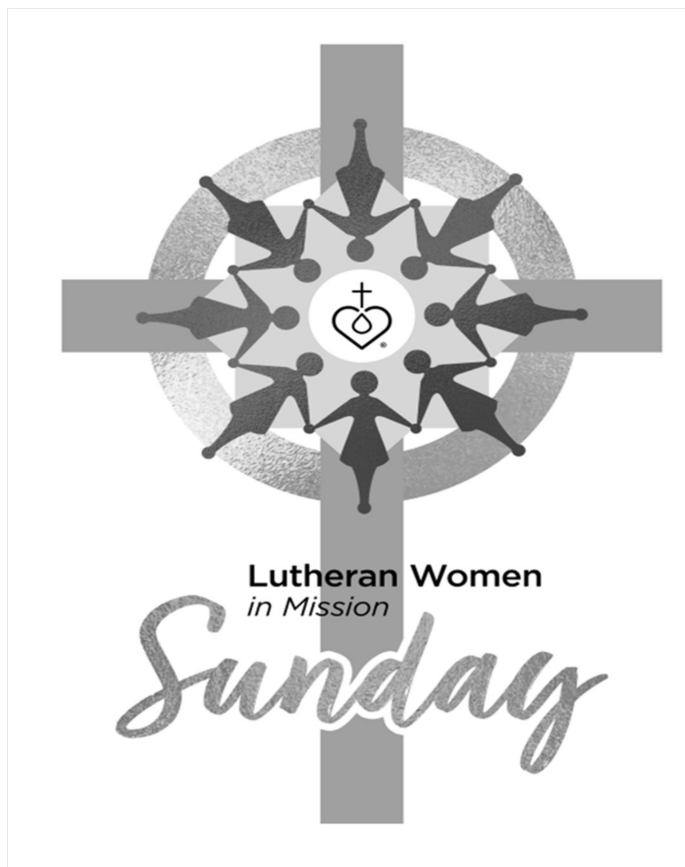


THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

LWML Sunday
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
October 5, 2025



ST. PETER'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
✠ CONOVER, NC ✠

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Jesus Calls forth Life from Death

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11–17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, *“Young man, I say to you, arise.”* Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father *“is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think”* (Eph. 3:14–21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman’s son (2 Kings 17:17–24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. *“To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”*

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.

Holy Communion Today

Today we celebrate the Lord’s Supper, where the risen Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine, offering His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. We welcome to commune all baptized Christians who:

- Believe in Jesus Christ as their only Lord and Savior
- Trust they receive Christ’s body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of sins
- Acknowledge their sinfulness and desire to live a new life in Christ

As this Sacrament is a public confession of our shared faith, we ask visitors to speak with a pastor or an elder before communing. This ensures all who commune receive this gift as a blessing rather than to their harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). We are happy to answer any questions you might have about the Lord's Supper.

Pastor Frank, Pastor Eric, and the Board of Elders

Today is Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) Sunday. Members of the LWML will be participating in today's services. We invite you to learn more about the mission and ministry of the LWML by asking a member or going to their website www.lwml.org. LWML welcomes women of any age to join one of their groups.

Today's radio broadcast is given to the glory of God and in celebration of Dan & Paula Timmerman's 55th wedding anniversary (Oct. 4) by Dan & Paula. (*Listen on WAIZ 630 AM or 105.9 FM during our 8:15 am service*)

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and placed by the LWML in thankfulness to God for the faithful women, both past and present, who have dedicated their time and talents to the task of bringing the Word to the world

SUNDAY SCHOOL

***Ages 2-5** - Room #1 Education Building- Brenda Fulbright & Alice Layne

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

***3rd - 5th Grades** - Grover Herman Room Education Building - Terry Sigmon

***Middle & High Schoolers (6-12th Grades)** - Room #4 Education Building - John Adams

***Adults of All Ages** - Education Building, Room #2 - A study on "The Book of Jude" by Eric Geiger with Kim Gantt, Kevin Gantt & Kim Rector.

***Ladies Sunday School Class** - Education Building, Room 7 with Beth Lail They are studying “The Book of Acts.”

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

***Pastor’s Class - Parish Hall** - Lectionary Study with Pastor Eric and Pastor Frank

PRAYERS

Church Members in Need of prayer Carol Abbott, Carol Alley, Terry Bolick, Rosella Bollinger, Sherry Bumgarner, Shirley Dellinger, David Duncan, Betty Eckard, Earlene Fulbright, Scottie Goble, Janet Good, Mary Ruth Hefner, Oz Hefner, James “Himey” Huffman, David Johnson, Carter Link, Angela Martin, Barb Nordyke, Seth Paschal, Cheryl Pennell, Randy Pennington, Alan Pruitt, Reva Reinhardt, Amy Rucker, Mickey 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, 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

Greens at Viewmont: Reva Reinhardt

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Catawba Valley Living: Alberta Winebarger

Trinity Village: Margaret Laws, Donald Bowman

Friends Needing Prayer

- Carolyn Reitzel (friend of Ron & Brenda Hefner)
- Possum & Phyllis Mathews (friends of Bob & Gaye Marlowe)
- Tim & Roxanne Atwood (friends of Bob Marlowe)
- Sawyer Lackey (grandson of Craig & Donna Lackey)
- Debbie Hefner (wife of Randy Hefner)
- Tom Hottman (brother-in-law of Carmen Lander)

- Carson Hollar (son of Rev. Eric Hollar)
- Tyler Coulbourn (nephew of Sandra Jenkins)
- Madison White (granddaughter of Carol Alley)
- Scott Rudisill (friend of Nancy Bruce)
- Bo Todd (brother of Mike Pritchard)
- Lisa Foster (friend of Nancy Bruce)

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

Expectant Mothers

- Katelynn Ruff - due Oct. 27 (granddaughter of Nelson & Selena Gurganious)

Birthdays This Week Joyce Huffman (10/5); Malla Killian (10/5); Annissa Beck (10/7); Tammy Cloninger (10/7); Al Layne (10/7); Bobby Huffman (10/8); Alice Little (10/9); Jan Sigmon (Steve) (10/10); Debbie Milstead (10/11); Pat Smith (10/11); Carolyn Starnes (10/11)

Anniversaries This Week Heath & Ashton Sigmon (10/6); Kaylor & Nicole Spencer (10/6); Richard & Darlene Eckard (10/7); Chris & DeAnn Barnes (10/9)

October Over 80 Birthdays The LWML has made a donation to the Quilters in honor of the following October birthdays: Larry Hefner (10/3); Bobby Huffman (10/8); Pat Smith (10/11); Carolyn Starnes (10/11); Brenda Eckard (10/12); Ruth Thompson (10/16); Rosella Bollinger (10/21); Carol Starnes (10/24); Judy Dellinger (10/24); Ruby Matthews (10/26)

All Saints' Sunday - November 2 We will remember our family and friends that have entered the Church Triumphant since last All Saints' Sunday (November 3, 2024) For our special tribute, we request that families submit pictures of those who have died to Staci Bumgarner (stacibumgarnerpc@gmail.com) or bring them by the church office **by Wednesday, October 22.**

Council Elections If you would like to be considered for a position on church council in 2026 (*positions available will be announced soon*), please contact Daivd Sigmon or Nancy in the church office to add your name to the list.

Our Community Truck-or-Treat Event will be held on **Friday, October 31 starting at 6 pm.** Invite your friends and family *to the event. There will be candy, crafts, goodies and a free hot dog meal!* Prizes will be given for the best decorated trunk! **We also need candy (NO NUTS PLEASE), stickers and/or small prizes for this event! Boxes are in the hallway outside the church office.** Please contact Ashton Sigmon or the church office if you can volunteer and/or decorate your vehicle trunk.

You are invited to share your musical talents as we sing for two special services coming up in October - Homecoming and Confirmation/Reformation. *No prior experience necessary, just a love for singing!* Come join us for practice on **Wednesday, October 8 at 6:30 pm** to rehearse for the Homecoming Sunday and **on Wednesday, October 15 and 22 at 6:30 pm** to rehearse for the Confirmation/Reformation Sunday. We will practice in the church sanctuary! We'd love to have you join us for this one or both of these services! For more information, see Carolyn Paschal.

Updated Youth Confirmation Program St. Peter's updated Confirmation program helps students develop spiritual maturity throughout their faith journey. The foundation begins with regular worship attendance and consistent participation in our Junior High/High School Sunday School class for essential Bible instruction. If you have children or grandchildren who might be ready for confirmation (6th grade through high school), please speak with one of the pastors to discuss readiness and program details. Our self-directed, community-centered approach will help young people deepen their understanding of and commitment to their baptismal faith!

Last Week - September 28, 2025

Worship Services Attendance

8:15 am 150 10:45 am 63

Sunday School

Adults 55 Youth 15

Offerings

General Fund - \$9,042 Sunday School - \$77.71

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

Feed the Athletes - \$20 ; Building Fund - \$706; Building Fund - Audio/Visual - \$88

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Sun. (5) 8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion
 9:30 am Sunday School & Bible Classes
 10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion
 12:00 pm Handbells
 12:15 pm Confirmation - Elder questioning
 4:30 pm GriefShare Support Group
- Mon. (6) 8:30 am Quilters
 6:15 am Girl Scouts
 6:30 pm Praise Band Practice
- Tues. (7) **9:00 am Pastors Winkel Group**
 10:00 am Miriam Circle
 2:30 pm Staff meeting
 6:30 pm Lydia Circle
 6:30 pm Ruth Circle
 7:00 pm Naomi Circle
- Wed. (8) 6:30 pm Basketball League
 6:30 pm Bible Journaling with Kim Kaylor - *in Parish Hall*
 6:30 pm Adult Choir
- Thurs. (9) 10:00 am Bible Study with Kim Kaylor - *in Parish Hall*
 10:00 am LWML Monthly Meeting - in Spirit Center
 11:45 am Lyle Creek Lunch Buddies
 6:30 pm Bible Study with Terry Sigmon - *in multi-purpose room*
- Fri. (10) 10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastor Eric - *in Parish Hall*
- Sat. (11) 7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study - *in multi-purpose room*
 9:30 am Volunteers arrive to decorate for Homecoming
- Sun. (12) *Homecoming Sunday*
 9:30 am Homecoming Worship Service with Rev. Kevin Graudin
 as guest pastor (ONE SERVICE ONLY)
 11:00 am Covered Dish Meal - in Spirit Center
 4:30 pm GriefShare Support Group

***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
"When We See Him Again"
Luke 24:44-53

1. How have you responded when you've heard predictions about Jesus' return?
2. What do you imagine you will feel or say when you see Jesus?
3. In what ways has the Holy Spirit empowered you to be Christ's witness?
4. How might proclaiming "repentance for the forgiveness of sins" bring you joy?

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Today's Servants

Altar Guild: Theresa Cook, Tony Darden

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 Judy Eckard 10:45 am Tonya Darden

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

Greeters: 8:15 am Marla Early, Joy Lail 10:45 am Donna Sipe, Sandra Jenkins

Ushers: 8:15 am Open 10:45 am Open

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Studies - Join a Bible study this fall!

- Wednesday Night Bible Journaling with Kim Kaylor, leader at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.
- Thursday Morning Bible study with Kim Kaylor, leader at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall - studying Revelation
- Thursday Night Bible study with Terry Sigmon, leader at 6:30 pm in the multi-purpose room of the church, studying "The Risen Christ: Jesus' Final Words on Earth"
- Friday Morning Bible study with Pastor Eric, leader at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall, studying "The Chosen" series

Tutors Needed for Partnership with Central Latino's Opening Doors

Program Update Due to staffing changes at Central Latino, we will introduce the tutoring program after the first of the year. Please stay tune for more details and prayerfully consider volunteering in the new year!


4th Sunday Lunch Bunch Our group will be going to the Yellow Deli in Hiddenite on Sunday, October 26 following the Confirmation/ Reformation Service. We will plan to arrive when the restaurant opens at 12 noon. We will reserve the church van for this outing, so please let Betty Goble know if you'd like to ride with us from the church, or if you will drive and meet the group there.

Online Giving Did you know that you can give your offerings on line? You can sign up through out website 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.



Family Trivia Night!

Gather your family and friends for a fun-filled evening of trivia for *all ages*! Bring your team of **6-8 people** and put your knowledge to the test.

 **Date:** October 25, 2025 -- 5-8 PM

 **Location:** St. Peter's Lutheran Church -- Spirit Center

 **Cost:** \$10 per person (includes pizza, drink & desserts!)

Don't miss this chance for great food, laughter, and friendly competition. Register your team today at this link: <https://forms.gle/tfaqnabMWMp6yfdq9> (link is also on Facebook) or see Staci Bumgarner or Laura Frank.