

June 23rd, 2024
Camp Sunday
A celebration with the Children of God



Introduction:

Today is a celebration of the children of God! Spirit & Truth are bringing music from a week at Confirmation Camp and we will praise God through music as prayer. It is a day to celebrate Christ's commandments to us!

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
121 N. SPRING STREET, MIDDLETOWN, PA 17057

Sunday Worship 10:00am and Wednesday 10:00am





**THIS IS CHRIST'S CHURCH
THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE**

St. Peter's is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a Reconciling in Christ congregation joining with Reconciling Works.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we welcome and invite all of God's people regardless of age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or economic status.

SERVING OUR CHURCH

June 23rd, 2023

Preaching/: Presiding

Pastor Molly Haggerty

Reader:

Bennett Williams

Musicians:

Spirit & Truth

GATHERING

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me ELW 325 v 1, 2 & 3

In the name of the Creator, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

KYRIE: ELW page 184 v 3 & 4

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and loving God,

We thank you for your children and gathering us in as your faith community. We celebrate your grace and forgiveness that is poured out over us through baptism. Help us learn to live

together as your people, to help, love and protect all you have created. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: All My Fountains *by Chris Tomlin*

This dry and desert land
I tell myself, "Keep walking on"
Hear something up ahead
Water falling like a song
An everlasting stream
Your river carries me home
Let it flow, let it flow

A flood for my soul
A well that never will run dry
I've rambled on my own
Never believing I would find
An everlasting stream
Your river carries me home
Let it flow, let it flow

Open the heavens, come, living water
All my fountains are in You
You're strong like a river
Your love is running through
All my fountains are in You

Come on and rain down on us
Rain down on us, Lord
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Rain down on us, Lord
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WORD

The children are invited forward to listen to the readings.

First Reading: Jesus' Baptism

Mark 1:4-11

Spark (p 242-245)

PSALM: Psalm 25- Higher Than the Mountains

We will sing the Psalm together.

Second Reading: Fruits of the Spirit

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Spark Bible (p 550-553)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Bless the Lord O My Soul *by*

Matt Redman

The Gospel according to St. Luke

Glory to you O, Lord

Gospel: Luke 22:14-20 (the Message)

¹⁴⁻¹⁶ When it was time, he sat down, all the apostles with him, and said, "You've no idea how much I have looked forward to eating this Passover meal with you before I enter my time of suffering. It's the last one I'll eat until we all eat it together in the kingdom of God."

¹⁷⁻¹⁸ Taking the cup, he blessed it, then said, "Take this and pass it among you. As for me, I'll not drink wine again until the kingdom of God arrives."

¹⁹ Taking bread, he blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, given for you. Eat it in my memory."

²⁰ He did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant written in my blood, blood poured out for you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

**YOUNG WORSHIPPERS' MESSAGE
SERMON**

SONG OF THE DAY: Indescribable *by Chris Tomlin*

APOSTLES' CREED: I Believe *by the Newsboys*

We believe in God the Father

We believe in Jesus Christ

We believe in the Holy Spirit

And He's given us new life

We believe in the crucifixion

We believe that He conquered death

We believe in the resurrection

And He's comin' back again

We believe

+PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(sung)*

God of grace,

“Bless the Lord O my soul, Oh my soul

worship your holy name. Sing like never before

Oh my soul, worship Your holy name. ”

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

You entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world.

God, in your mercy,

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. I'll worship your holy name.

Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Safeguard plant and animal habitats threatened by melting glaciers, rising oceans, and receding coastlines. Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth's resources.

God, in your mercy,

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. I'll worship your holy name.

Our world is enduring violence and destruction. Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or crisis (*especially*).

Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation.

God, in your mercy,

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. I'll worship your holy name.

You have counted even the hairs of our heads. Reassure anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle (*especially*). Answer us, for your steadfast love is good. God, in your mercy,

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. I'll worship your holy name.

Even when we experience rejection your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or any other human distinction. Make your people one.

God, in your mercy,

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. I'll worship your holy name.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

All who have died with Christ also live with him. We give thanks for (*Philipp Melanchthon and*) all the saints whose faithful confession inspired our own discipleship, and raise us, with them, to eternal life.

God, in your mercy,

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul. I'll worship your holy name.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Please stand as you are able

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Let us share the peace with each other with a wave or a smile.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Jesus! Lover of My Soul *by Hillsong Worship*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

PREFACE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS The Camp style Holy, Holy

Holy Holy Holy is our God

God of Power, God of Might

Heaven and Earth will proclaim Jesus Christ is His name

Heaven and Earth will proclaim Jesus Christ is His name

Hosanna in the highest heaven

Hosanna in the highest heave

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against
us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The table has been set for each of you, just as you are.
Come and Dine because Jesus loves you.

The children receiving their first communion and their families will receive first. Please be seated & come forward for Holy Communion as directed by our ushers. If you are unable to come forward for communion the pastor will come to you.

COMMUNION

Jesus, Lamb of God

I Will Sing of Your Mercy *by Jars of Clay*

Washed by the Water *by NEEDTOBREATHE*

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

May the eating of this bread and drinking of this cup fill you with grace, peace and love through Christ. **Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,

You have welcomed more children into your kingdom and we give you thanks for them. Bless them with your unconditional love. And bring us together as your church family, sharing our gifts with each other and the world. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace; have courage; hold fast to what is good; do no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

ELW 857 *Children can take an instrument and join us for the sending song up front!*

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace, to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Riverside *by the Pool Boys*

**The altar flowers are dedicated in memory of Mr. & Mrs.
George Foltz and Mr. & Mrs. Harry Thompson, my
grandparents, by Ray Thompson.**

MESSAGE FROM MAIC

As the food scarcity increases and our Food Pantry clients increase, we need to increase the number of our volunteer staff. Please lend any help that you can in order to send this message out to the members of your faith communities and others (or yourself) that may be able to lend a helping hand. We have a very dedicated staff that will continue on at the Middletown Food Pantry, but we must lighten everyone's tasks by having more hands on deck.

In particular, a **Volunteer Coordinator** is truly needed to assist our director, Betsy Mauger, in organizing and expanding the volunteer membership. Please direct anyone interested in assisting in this way to contact either Marianne or Betsy Mauger for more details.

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St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Middletown is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Susquehannock peoples and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this place their home.

St. Peter's News

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

New to our prayer list this month: Erma Grim, Cheryl Schlum, Anthony Mondeaux, Emily Eckert, Barbara Henry, Nevin Lingle, Steve & Olivia Waite, Emily Booth, Josie Brewster, Lucinda Sheaffer, Ben Chappell, and Mary Houser.

Those friends and members in need of continued prayers: Kate Haggerty, Dorothy Murphy, Karen Ainsley, Ida Kramer, Stephanie Kastelik, Brenda Stum, Kiersten Kwiatkowski, George Fuoti, Linda Holmes, Regina Heagy, Jim Hurst, Tina Polito, Doris Arnold, Thelma Thomas, and Richard Brandt.

****SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES****

Corbin Stettler, Gabriel Goldsborough, Jordane Cleckner, Edgar Lopez, John Pappas, Colton Stone, Aaron Williams

RIDES NEEDED

A member of our congregation is in need of a ride to church for June 30th, July 14th, July 21st, and July 28th. Please let Sharon or Molly know if you can drive them to church on any of these dates!

HOPE ACADEMY NEW EXPLORERS

Hope Academy PA Preschool at St. Peter's Middletown is enrolling new explorers for the '24/'25 school year and we need YOUR help to spread the word! Please share with anyone you know who has preschool aged children or works with families. Email jen@t4hope.org for more information and follow us on Facebook at Hope Academy PA!

SUMMER FUN SCHEDULE

The TOGETHER YOUTH is offering their Summer Fun program again this summer from June 10th- August 2nd! The program is geared towards all ages. Children 0-7 should be accompanied by an adult and 8-18 are free to drop in. Summer Fun takes place Monday-Friday from 10:30am- 1pm. Lunch is provided by the Middletown Area School District. The Middletown Library will provide the performers every Wednesday! See Alex for more information.