

June 26, 2022  
Holy Baptisms & Communion  
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. We are welcoming children into our church through Baptism and celebrating First Communion. 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**

God's Purpose for St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to listen to God and one another, to invite, welcome, and serve our neighbors in the community.

(Purpose statement adopted by Church Council 10/2016)

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 26, 2022**

Preaching/:Presiding

Pastor Molly Haggerty

Reader:

Don Hossler & Avery Heckman

Musicians:

Jen Joyce, Bob Crist, Bennett Williams

Opening the Church for June

Sharon Beard

Opening the Church for July

Sharon Beard

**Masks are optional.**

**We ask that if you are not feeling well you worship from home via Facebook Live or listen to the service on WMSS 91.1FM.**

**We give thanks for your patience during this Covid season in your continued care for the health and safety of all.**

## **GATHERING**

### **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** Here I Am to Worship

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

### **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**

#### **Rite of Baptism:**

##### **Presentation:**

In baptism, God washes away all our sins and claims us as children of God. Through water, the everyday earthly stuff, together with God's holy things of the Word (our Bible) and our Faith that we believe all things are possible through Jesus, we become members of the church, the body of Christ.

Through our baptism, we grow together as God's people in faith, love and living for God.

I present Ethan Jacob for baptism.

Ethan knowing that God created you, Jesus loves you and the Holy Spirit guides you to be closer to God, do you want to be baptized?

**I do**

**Sponsors**, do you want Ethan to be baptized into Christ's family and live a life of faith?

**I do**

As you bring your family to receive the gift of baptism, you are given the gifts to share with this child:

To be apart of God's faithful people,

Bring them to hear that Word of God and communion,

Teach them our faith through the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten commandments,

Read to each other the Holy Scriptures

Pray together,

Talk about God's creation, love and service to others

And protect and be kind to all of God's people.

Do you promise to help this child grow in the Christian faith and life?

**I do**

**Profession of Faith:**  
**(p229 ELW)**

### **Thanksgiving at the Font**

Thank you God for giving us water to help water the plants, give a home to the fish, and to help us when we are thirsty. We know that water is both for our life and to help us grow in our faith. You have used water as a source of life and connect us through our Biblical family.

- In the flood you brought Noah and his family to a new beginning through your promise.
- Through the parting of the sea, you led your people from slavery into freedom
- At the river your son was baptized and anointed with the Holy Spirit

- This baptismal water reminds us that Jesus died for our sins and rose from the grave so we could live with you again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word. We are washed in the baptismal water to be given new life as children of God. Through God the creator, redeemer and advocate.

Amen

### **Baptism**

Ethan Jacob I baptize you in the name of the Father

(pour water over the head)

And of the Son (water is poured over the head)

And of the Holy Spirit (water is poured over the head)

**AMEN**

**You belong to Christ, as a baptized child of God. Alleluia!**

### **Blessing & anointing**

*The family is invited to lay hands on the baptized. The congregation can raise their hands as a way to lay on of hands.*

Let us pray.

God, we give you thanks that through the water and the Word, you have given the Holy Spirit to your children to be forgiven of sins, to be adopted as your own and to lead us in a life for you.

Sustain Ethan Jacob with the gift the the holy spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of council and might, the spirit of knowledge and listening to your way, and to experience the joy and peace of being part of the body of Christ.

(sign of cross on forehead)

Ethan Jacob, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen**

**Welcome:**

**Clothing with a Garment and Presentation of White Rose**

*A white garment is given to the baptized and a white rose to a parent or sponsor.*

P Put on this robe which symbolizes the holiness and perfectness of Christ, who calls you to be part of God's family.

A Receive this white rose as a symbol of the purity of Christ, who grants us forgiveness and new life in Holy Baptism.

**Presentation of a Candle**

*A lighted candle is given to the baptized or to the sponsor.*

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify God in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. We give thanks and praise to God for sharing the Word, creation and the creating unity among us.**

**Baptismal Song:** Washed by the Water

**WORD**

*The children are invited forward to listen to the readings*

**First Reading: Jesus' Baptism**

**Mark 1:4-11**

Spark (p242-245)

**Second Reading: Fruits of the Spirit**

**Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

*Spark Bible (pp 550-553)*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON : The Bread of Life**

**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)**

<sup>14-16</sup> 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.”

<sup>17-18</sup> 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.”

<sup>19</sup> 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.”

<sup>20</sup> 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.

*Please be seated*

**SERMON**

**SONG OF THE DAY:** How Great is Our God

**+PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

“Bless the Lord O my soul, Oh my soul  
worship your holy name. Sing like never before  
Oh my soul, worship Your holy name.”

*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**

**We are an Offering ELW692**

## **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**

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**Hosanna in the highest heaven**

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

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

Come to the Table

I Will Sing of Your Mercy

## **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

*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.**

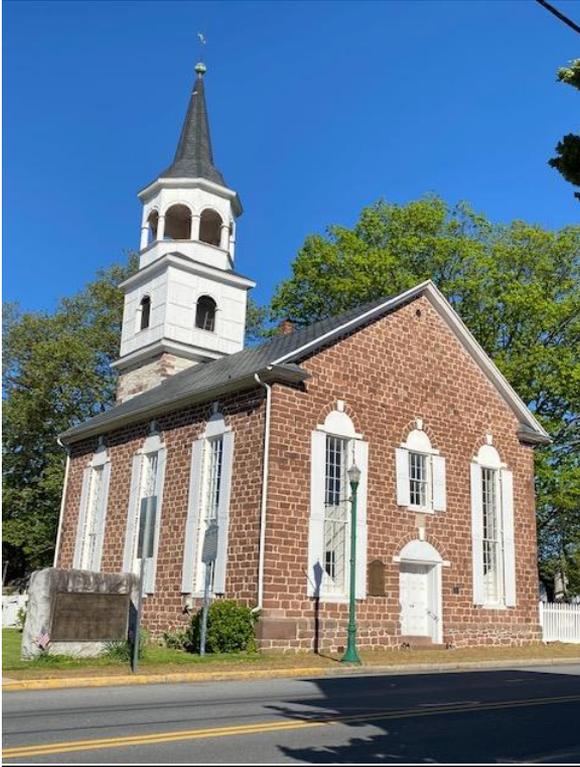
**POSTLUDE:** Riverside

**The Altar Flowers are dedicated in memory of  
Mr. & Mrs. George Foltz and  
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Thompson  
my Grandparents by Ray Thompson**

**The Bulletins are dedicated in honor of  
Ethan Jacob Green  
on the day of his baptism  
and  
Elaina Storm Green and Ethan Jacob Green  
on the day of their first communion.**

**REMINDER!**

**WE WILL WORSHIP AT THE KIERCH ON  
SUNDAY JULY 3 AT 10AM**



**ST. PETER'S STAFF**

**Everyone Serving and Caring for Others**

Rev. Molly Haggerty, Pastor

Rev. Elaine Dent, Ministry Leader

Bennett Williams, Coordinator of Music Ministry

Barry Lockard, Organist

Ellen Willenbecher, interim Coordinator of TOGETHER

Sharon Beard, interim Coordinator of Church Care &  
Administration

Church Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. – noon. Monday – Thursday  
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Facebook livestream: St Peter's Lutheran Church Middletown

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Watch the service live (10am) on our FACEBOOK page-

**St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Middletown, PA**

We remember in our prayers those 80 years and older celebrating their birthdays in **June**: Art Wiand (12), Betty Asick (14); **July**; Jean Lippy (4), George Fuoti (10), Marlin Mellinger (15), Richard Brandt (16), Beverly Fuoti (22), Carol Keiffer (25)

**(If you'd like to send a birthday card, contact the church office for addresses 717-944-4651)**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

**New to our prayer list this month:**

Karen Ainsley, Danette Baumbach, Joann Hoy, Patricia Sherick,  
Mae Stum

**Those friends and members in need of continued prayers.**

Scott Fahnstock, Tracy Fahnstock, Chris Green, Fred Harris,  
Perry Moreau, Tina Polito

**Our prayers and the comfort of our Christian faith** are extended to the friends and family of Janet Ridley. Janet passed away Thursday, June 16.

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

Gabriel Goldsborough, Jordane Cleckner, Edgar Lopez,  
Hunter Magaro, John Pappas, Corbin Stetler,  
Colton Stone, Aaron Williams

□ The ZOOM book study **has created a lending library in the hallway adjacent to Luther Hall.** Help yourself to copies. Please contact Marianne Moore to learn more about the topics/book the ZOOM discussion group is reviewing at this time at [mmoore70@gmail.com](mailto:mmoore70@gmail.com) or 717-329-3892.

□ If you need information on Pennsylvania resources to get help with **mental health or addiction issues** call the Pa. support and referral helpline at 1-855-284-2494. Program operated by the Pa. Dept. of Human Services.

□ **The Dauphin County Office of the Aging** provides a well-balanced hot lunch meal for delivery to residents of Dauphin County. *To request home delivered meals, please contact the Dauphin County Area Agency on Aging at (717) 780-6130. St. Peter's is responsible to deliver the meals the months of June and December.*

### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**Household Donations** - At this time the church is not in need of any household donations. If a specific need arises a notice will be put in Keynotes. However Wesley Methodist Church is doing a monthly pop-up thrift store called Threads of Hope. Anyone can come and shop for free. You can drop off donations Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30-3:00 at the backdoor on Witherspoon Avenue. They take furniture as space allows. Call Coordinator Becky Port 717.582.9866 (**They will pick-up** larger donations and furniture.)

• **FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY** will be on the 1st Sunday of every month...Non-perishable food items & personal care items are needed. **Our next Food Pantry Sunday will be Sunday, July 3. You can bring food donations to the church throughout the week and place in the Food Pantry wagon.**



**THEY ARE BACK!** The Y.O.U.T.H. made picnic tables are in place on the grass, outside the back door of Luther Hall. All are welcome to enjoy the homemade tables as a gathering spot, lunch after church, meeting space, picnic area, craft space, whatever!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

**Do you have an hour or two during the week to help in the church office. Thursday we print and fold bulletins and prepare mailings to our homebound members. There are other small jobs that you could do from home, such as sending postcards to remind members of their altar flower, bulletin or lamp candle dedications, we also receive memorials for which a thank you card is sent. If you are interested please let Pastor Molly or Sharon know.**

**Spring and summer bring some wonderful bright and sunny days. Unfortunately they also brings weeds. Help is needed in our garden areas. If you can help an hour or two a week to pull weeds (we have a few areas where weeds abound!) please contact Gail Hossler, Pastor Molly or Sharon.**

### **SUMMER FUN & FREE LUNCH**

**We will host** the Middletown Area School District Free Summer Food Program. Lunch will be served for children ages 18 and under Monday thru Friday from June 13 to August 5 with the exception of July 4. Lunch at St. Peter's will be between 11:15am -12:45pm. Join us for Summer Fun activities from 10:30-11:30am.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 26 –

10:00am Worship

11:30am Memorial Service-Lillie Krupilis

Wednesday, June 29

10:00am Worship-Chapel

11:00am Bible Study

Sunday, July 3 –

10:00am Worship-Kierch

Wednesday, July 6

10:00am Worship-Chapel

11:00am Bible Study

The Strategic Planning committee invited you to attend one of the scheduled meetings to talk about the assets and needs of the church and our community. Please pick up the committees “Caring Conversations as a Congregation” sheet for the dates and a list of areas of focus. You are invited to attend one or more of these meetings. Your ideas are of value to this conversation

### ST. PETER’S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Treasurer Report for Keynotes 6/13/2022 to 6/17/2022

Needed weekly = \$5,832

Needed Y T D (1) = \$139,968

Offerings last wk = \$2,223.06

Offerings Y T D = \$74,019.62

Total Received last wk = \$2,633.06

Total Received Y T D = \$122,036.21

Expended last wk = \$5,435.26

Expended Y T D = \$146,809.39

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YTD Receipts less Exp (\$24,773.18)

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