

THE SUNDAY SPIRIT

MARCH 30, 2025

**FOURTH
SUNDAY
OF LENT**



ST. PETER'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ CONOVER, NC ✠

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday in Lent

The Lord Feeds His People

The Lord provided bread from heaven for His people in the wilderness (Ex. 16:2–21). Now He who is Himself the living bread from heaven miraculously provides bread for the five thousand (John 6:1–15). This takes place near the time of the Passover, after a great multitude had followed Jesus across the sea, and when He went up on a mountain. Seen in this way, Jesus is our new and greater Moses, who releases us from the bondage of Mount Sinai and makes us free children of the promise (Gal. 4:21–31). Five loaves become twelve baskets—that is, the five books of Moses find their goal and fulfillment in Christ, whose people continue steadfastly in the doctrine and fellowship of the twelve apostles, and in the breaking and receiving of the bread of life, which is the body of Christ together with His precious blood, and in the prayers (Acts 2:41–47). So it is that God's people *"shall not hunger or thirst"* (Is. 49:8–13). For He abundantly provides for us in both body and soul.

Welcome to St. Peter's! We welcome our **guests** and ask you to fill out the "Welcome Guest" card in the pew rack, place it in the offering plate and take home a "welcome" bag from our table out front. We invite members and friends to fill in the red attendance pew pads. We are so glad you came!

Need Prayer? Those desiring personal prayer will find an elder stationed in the prayer room following the services today. The prayer room is located in the hallway to the left of the altar area. You may also leave prayer requests there for them to pray over.

Today's radio broadcast is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Steven W. Sigmon's birthday (March 27) by Jan Sigmon

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

Fifth Sunday Social today following the 8:15 am worship service in the Spirit Center, hosted by our Senior Youth.

Lenten Services start at **7:00 pm in the sanctuary with a meal before at 6:00 pm** in the Spirit Center. The theme for this year's Lenten Services is "The Hand of the Lord." The meal this evening is a taco bar and dessert.

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

***Confirmation Class** - Library in the Education Building - Pastor Frank, Pastor Eric & Kim Kaylor will lead these sessions.

***Adults of All Ages** - Education Building, Room #2 “Grit don’t Quit” by Bianca Olthoff with Kim Gantt & Kevin Gantt . This study is a five-session series that will help us learn how to keep going through every difficult circumstance no matter how many times we fall.

***Ladies Sunday School Class** - Grover Herman Room Education Building, with Beth Lail. They are studying “A Woman’s Wisdom, How the Book of Proverbs Speaks to Everything.”

***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 Terry Bolick, Nancy Bostian, Johnny Bryant, Sherry Bumgarner, Patty Couch, Betty Eckard, Gary Eckard, Mary Ruth Hefner, Scott Houston, Catherine Huffman, Trudy Huffman, Darrell Little, Seth Paschal, Alan Pruitt, V. Lynn Starnes, Mickey Stewart, Janet van Horne, and Marshall Wray

Pray for Our Homebound Members

Those at Home: Polly Bowman, Shirley Dellinger, Joe Eckard, Annette Hollar, Kathleen Houston, Scott Houston, Bobby Little, Hazel Moser, Seth Paschal, Jeanette Reese, Reva Reinhardt, Glenn Shell, Bonnie Sigmon, Eugene Sigmon, Richard Sigmon, Carol Starnes, Mary Ann Winebarger

Brookdale: Blanche Hefner

Kingston Manor: Barbara White

Catawba Valley Living: Alberta Winebarger

Trinity Village: Margaret Laws, Donald Bowman

Trinity Ridge: Mickey Stewart

Abernathy Center: Gracie Bolick, Gwendolyn Allen

Friends Needing Prayer

- Carolyn Reitzel (friend of Ron & Brenda Hefner)
- Ann Hefner (family of Ron & Brenda Hefner)
- Jerry Bolick (husband of Doris Bolick)
- Eddie Forrest (father of Ashton Sigmon)
- Lowell & Karen Rothenberger (parents of Peter Rothenberger)
- Johnny Stiles (father of Drew Stiles)
- Brian Roberts (former vicar of St. Peter's)
- Bill Sherrill (uncle of Debbie Thomas)
- Dusty Ferrell (friend of Brenda & Ron Hefner)
- Linda Tilley (family of Selena Gurganious)
- Jim & Carol Crouch (grandparents of Heath Sigmon)
- Darvin Bruce (uncle of Nancy Bruce)

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

Expectant Mothers

- Sydney Schenk - due May 12 (step-daughter-in-law of Nancy Bruce)
- Ashlyn Martin - due Sept. 13 (daughter-in-law of Mike & Angie Martin)
- Catelynn Ruff - due Oct. 27 (granddaughter of Nelson & Selena Gurganious)
- **Christian Sympathy** We grieve the death of our dear brother, Johnny Miller Lytton, who died on March 21. His funeral was held this past Tuesday, March 25 with burial at St. Mark's Lutheran. Please keep his family, Brian & Sammi Sigmon, Debbie Bumgarner, Tommy Lytton, Doris Pardue, Martha Lytton, Mary Lytton and other family and friends in your prayers in the days ahead.
- The Family of Bobby Carrigan (cousin of Lisa Bentley)

Birthdays This Week Shirley Shell (3/30); Debra Shipman (4/1); Hazel Moser (4/4)

Anniversaries This Week James & Trudy Huffman (4/4)

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donations Needed! Our annual Easter Eggstravaganza will be held on Saturday, April 12 from 9-10:30 am. We need candy (NO NUTS) , stickers and small prizes for this event. Please leave your items in the boxes in the hallway outside the church office. Thank you for your help!

Kid's Kamp 2025 Registration Packets are available in the narthex or in the church office. Dates for camp are June 23-27. Cost is \$150 per camper - **for rising 2nd-7th graders.** **St. Peter's church members get first preference but we must have your paperwork and deposit to reserve your spot. Spots are filling up fast!** Camp is limited to the first 30 campers. Deadline for sign up is June 1st or until spots are full.

LWML (Ladies Women Missionary League) Quarterly Meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 10 at 6:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. The guest speaker will be Jean Davis, Director of Ebenezer Orphanage in Wilkesboro, NC. She will share information about their organization, and the plans to build a new one in our area. If you wish to make a contribution to Ebenezer Orphanage, you can bring a monetary donation, Wal-Mart gift cards, or paper and cleaning products to the meeting. Light refreshments will be served. All ladies of the congregation are welcome!

LCMS Set Apart to Serve 2025 Congregation Survey Where do we get pastors who preach and care for us with God's Word? Where do we get teachers who teach our children about Jesus in our Lutheran schools? Where do we get our directors of Christian education, deaconesses and directors of parish music? *Set Apart to Serve (SAS)* is partnering with our seminaries, Concordia universities, districts and others to build a Synod wide culture of church work formation and recruitment. Will you please take a brief online survey at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey and let us know how we can make SAS more beneficial to your congregation? We want to hear what you have to say!

Join Us During Holy Week

- **Palm Sunday, April 13** - Worship Services with Palm Processional at 8:15 am and 10:45 am
- **Maundy Thursday, April 17** - Worship Services with Holy Communion at 12 Noon and 7 pm
- **Good Friday, April 18** - Combined Worship Services with Bethel Lutheran and St. John's Lutheran - 12 Noon at St. Peter's Lutheran and 7 pm at St. John Lutheran

Join Us for a Full Easter Morning Celebration! - Sunday, April 20

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, this Easter Sunday, we invite you to experience the complete joy of our Lord's resurrection through three unique and meaningful gatherings:

Begin your morning with our intimate Sunrise Service at 6:30 AM in the church cemetery, where we'll greet the dawn just as Mary did at the empty tomb. Then, join your church family for a time of fellowship and celebration at our Easter Breakfast in the Spirit Center. Finally, lift your voices in our Festival Service at 9:30 AM in the church sanctuary, filled with special music and the fullness of Easter joy!

Each gathering offers a different way to celebrate our risen Savior. While you may have traditionally chosen one service, we encourage you to participate in all three events this year. Together, let's make this Easter morning a complete celebration of Christ's victory over death!

- Pastor Frank and Pastor Eric

From sunrise to Festival Service, every moment of Easter morning tells a special part of our Resurrection story. Come, let us rejoice together!

Last Week - March 23, 2025

Worship Services Attendance

8:15 am 182 10:45 am 86 7:00 pm (Lent) 70

Sunday School & Bible Classes Attendance

Adults 62 Youth 24

Offerings

General Fund - \$9,360 Sunday School - \$76

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

Lent - \$513 ; Domestic Missions - \$135; Autism Support - \$25; Kids Kamp - \$1,000; Radio Sponsors - \$300; Backpack Ministry - \$30; Easter Lilies - \$182; Building Fund - \$337; Cemetery Fund - \$250

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sun. (30)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service</p> <p>9:15 am Fifth Sunday Social - <i>in Spirit Center</i></p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School, Bible Classes & Confirmation Class</p> <p>10:45 am Traditional Service</p> <p>12:15 pm Handbells</p> <p>1:00 pm Kids in Christ Outing - <i>meet in Parish Hall</i></p> <p>4:30 pm Griefshare Support Group - <i>in multi-purpose room</i></p> <p>6:00 pm Lenten Meal - <i>taco bar & dessert</i></p> <p>7:00 pm Lenten Service - <i>Rev. Morgan Lane , proclaimer</i></p>
Mon. (1)	<p>8:30 am Quilters</p> <p>6:15 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>6:30 pm Praise Band Practice</p> <p>6:30 pm Bible Journaling 102 - <i>in Spirit Center</i></p>
Tues. (2)	<p>9:00 am Winkel Pastors Group</p> <p>10:00 am Miriam Circle</p> <p>2:30 pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30 pm Lydia Circle</p> <p>6:30 pm Ruth Circle</p> <p>7:00 pm Naomi Circle</p> <p>7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>
Wed. (3)	<p>6:30 pm Adult Choir</p> <p>6:30 pm Basketball League</p>
Thurs. (4)	<p>10:00 am Small Group Bible Study - <i>with Kim Kaylor in Parish Hall</i></p> <p>11:45 am Lyle Creek Lunch Buddy Program - <i>meet in Parish Hall to leave for lunch</i></p> <p>6:00 pm Autism Support - <i>meet in Spirit Center</i></p> <p>6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study - <i>with Tonya Darden & Christal Sigmon in multi-purpose room</i></p>
Fri. (5)	<p>10:00 am Small Group Bible Study - <i>with Pastor Eric in Parish Hall</i></p>
Sat. (6)	<p>7:30 am Men's Small Group Bible Study - <i>in multi-purpose room</i></p>
Sun. (7)	<p>8:15 am Contemporary Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School, Bible Classes & Confirmation Class</p> <p>10:45 am Traditional Service with Holy Communion</p> <p>12:15 pm Handbells</p> <p>1:30 pm 200th Anniversary Team Meeting</p> <p>4:30 pm Griefshare Support Group</p> <p>6:00 pm Lenten Meal - <i>parmesan chicken, green beans, corn & dessert</i></p> <p>7:00 pm Lenten Service - <i>Rev. Eric Hauss, proclaimer</i></p>

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

SERMON NOTES

"A Time of Favor and A Day of Salvation"

Isaiah 49:8-13

1. What does "laetare" mean and why is it important during the season of Lent?
2. Who is the first servant of God described in Isaiah? Who is the second?
3. What makes you feel like a captive?
4. When is the "favorable time" and the "day of salvation" for you?
5. What does it mean for you to be a *servant of God*?

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Today's Servants

Altar Guild: Debra Shipman, Audrey Hauss

Communion Set-Up Bob Wats, Chris Watts, Adam Watts, Ethan Watts

Praise Band: (8:15 am service) Drew Stiles, Bradley Abernathy, Jeff Winebarger, Oz Hefner, Tom Delgreco,

Danny Bolton, Emily Allen, Susan Gantt, Brenda Hefner, Emma Spencer, Kim Rector, Olivia Owens,

Brian Morrow, Chris Powell, Melody Frank, Emily Sherbino

Organist: (10:45 am service) Carolyn Paschal

Office: Bob Marlowe

Readers: 8:15 am Kevin Gantt, Elliott Gantt 10:45 am Russ Darden

Prayer Room: 8:15 am Kevin Gantt 10:45 am

Greeters: 8:15 am Donna Sigmon 10:45 am Karen Hoyle

Ushers: 8:15 am Al Layne

10:45 am Stanley Dellinger, Larry Eckard, Ray Goble