17th Sunday after Pentecost, September 20, 2026 Outdoor Hymn Sing

GATHERING SONG *Shine, Jesus, Shine*
ELW 671
Refrain
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with love and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1
Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me:
Refrain

2
As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me:
Refrain

GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

INSERTED MUSIC *Give Me Jesus*
ELW 770 vs. 1-3
1 In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.

Refrain
Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
give me Jesus.

3 Just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
give me Jesus. Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God,
you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8
1 I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.
2 **Every day will I bless you**
and praise your name forever and ever.
3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.
4 **One generation shall praise your works to another**
and shall declare your power.
5 I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.
6 **They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,**
and I will recount your greatness.
7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.
8 **The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,**
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

HYMN *My God, How Wonderful Thou Art*
ELW 863 vs. 1-2
1 My God, how wonderful thou art,
thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy seat
in depths of burning light!

2 How wonderful, how beautiful
the sight of thee must be--
thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r,
and awesome purity!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
My Faith Looks Up to Thee
ELW 759 vs. 1 & 3
1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine!

3 While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16
The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. 5 When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' 8 When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his

manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ [9] When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received a denarius. [10] Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. [11] And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, [12] saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ [13] But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? [14] Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. [15] Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ [16] So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "Scandal" Pastor Tim Malek

HYMN OF THE DAY
My Life Flows On in Endless Song **ELW 763**
1 My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? Refrain

3 What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. Refrain

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? Refrain

HYMN *Shout to the Lord* **ELW 821**
My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MUSIC DURING OFFERING
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
ELW 884
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER
God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Reminded of God’s gracious and abundant love, . . .

. . .
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

We ask this in Jesus’ name.
Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

INSERTED MUSIC
Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling **ELW 608**
1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.

Refrain
"Come home, (Come home,)
come home! (come home!)
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, "O sinner, come home!"

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me? Refrain

3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me. Refrain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING
The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.
Amen.

The God of grace
✢ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

JOYFUL NOISE SENDING HYMN:
"DO LORD"
I've got a home in glo-ry-land that out-shines the sun,
I've got a home in glo-ry-land that out-shines the sun,
I've got a home in glo-ry-land that out-shines the sun,
'Way beyond the blue.

Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do re-mem-ber me,
Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do re-mem-ber me,
Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do re-mem-ber me,
'Way beyond the blue.

I took Je-sus as my Sa-vior, you take him too,
I took Je-sus as my Sa-vior, you take him too,
I took Je-sus as my Sa-vior, you take him too,
While he's call-ing you.

Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do re-mem-ber me,
Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do re-mem-ber me,
Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do re-mem-ber me,
While he's call-ing you.

OUR MISSION
We are disciples of Jesus Christ
called to grow in Christ and to invite all to follow Him.

DISMISSAL
Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

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Contributions (General Fund)
September 6, 2026 $3,120.
Attendance: 67

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETRI

Today Sept. 20
OCT. NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE!
9:00am Sunday School
10:00am **OUTDOOR Worship Service**
11:00am Coffee/Fellowship
11:15am **Adult New Testament Class resumes**

Monday Sept. 21
10:30am Staff Meeting

Tuesday Sept. 22

Wednesday Sept. 23
5:30pm Compass MS Youth Group
6:30pm Youth Meal
7:30pm Axis HS Youth Group

Thursday Sept. 24
2:00pm Senior Luncheon

Friday Sept. 25

Saturday Sept. 26

Sunday Sept. 27
BLESSING OF QUILTS
9:00am Sunday School
10:00am **HOMECOMING Worship Service**
11:00am Tailgate Lunch
–Chili & Cinnamon rolls
6:30pm Confirmation at St. Petri

ST. PETRI ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 20, 2026

Worship volunteer opportunities – If you'd like to volunteer to be Assisting Minister, Lector, or the Children's Message, please sign up at the table outside the church office. Thank you!

~~ IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ~~

OUR PRAYER LIST
Jaye Anderson

PRAYERS OF ONGOING CONCERN
Judy Schnurstein, Linda Fevold, Paul Wierson

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT NEAR TO US
Pat & Jacqueline Bencke-Japan ELCA Missionaries; Soldiers; Peace Workers; & Humanitarian Aid Workers; For those in Ukraine and Russia

PRAYERS OF CELEBRATION
Happy Birthday to Hannah Bencke on September 22
daughter of our missionaries

Baptism anniversaries this week:
Leland Schwartz, Connie Demuth, Karen Jacobson

Huge thank you to all that participated in God's Work Our Hands on Saturday and Sunday. It is always exciting to serve our community!
The potluck was an added bonus!

The Adult New Testament Class resumes today, September 20th at 11:15 a.m. and will meet in the old nursery room across from the High School youth room. We will be studying 1st & 2nd Thessalonians.

Youth Ministry News!
Both groups meet at St Petri on Wednesdays.
All are welcome!

5:30-6:30pm **Compass** (Middle school)
6:30pm **Youth Meal** (Compass & Axis)
7:00-8:00pm **Axis** (High School)

Homecoming Sunday with a Tailgate Lunch is coming up on September 27! There will be chili and cinnamon rolls! There will be interactive history during the service and **Blessing of the Quilts** made by our St. Petri quilters!

October 3rd Outdoor Workday -We will begin at 9:00 a.m. We will be taking out the hosta garden (west of the parsonage) and replacing it with grass. If you'd like any hostas, please take them anytime!

ST. PETRI T-SHIRTS
We will be doing another T-shirt order in October!
The shirts are maroon with the words printed on the front-

St Petri
Gathering to know Jesus,
Serving to make a difference

Order forms will be by the church office or send an email to ahealy1201@gmail.com to order.
All sizes available.
Orders due by October 18th.
They will arrive sometime November and cost will be somewhere around $15 each. Payment due at pickup.
Thanks!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Loaves and Fishes needs: Canned vegetables, canned soups (tomato, chicken noodle, cream of chicken, cream of mushroom), Ramen noodles, paper supplies (paper towels, toilet paper, tissues), shampoo, deodorant.

Walk to End Alzheimer's
NOW Is Our Moment.
October 10, 2026 8:00am Registration
Brookside Park in Ames, Iowa
Now is the moment we've been waiting for. With new treatments emerging in the fight against Alzheimer's and all other dementia, now is the time for hope. Now it the time for action. Help us keep the momentum going in your community at the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's, the world's largest fundraiser to fight the disease.
Register today at alz.org/walk.

Ames Area Crop Walk for Hunger
Sunday, October 11, 2026
Ada Hayden Park, Ames, Iowa
Check-in is 1:00pm; Walk begins at 1:30pm
To learn more or to register, go to: https://events.crophungerwalk.org and choose the Ames, Iowa Crop Hunger Walk.
You can sign up as teams!