

Welcome to
St. Peter's Lutheran Church



Seventh Sunday of Easter
with prayers for healing

May 12, 2024
10:15 Worship Service

Pastor Brandon Johns

PRELUDE

In the Chapel

Walter O'Donnell

BELL RINGING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

**By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.

**Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life,
bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God.**

Here, death is washed away forever.

**Here, we are grafted into the tree of life,
with leaves for the healing of the world.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly,
into this community, and throughout all creation.

Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions.

Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

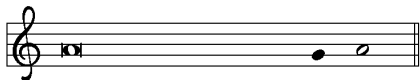
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Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



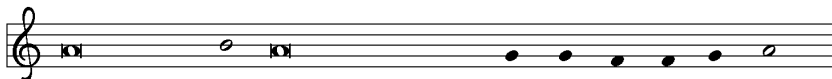
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR ANTHEM

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

⁶In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

PSALM 1 (Read Responsively)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

¹²If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son

¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son.

¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

The holy gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

This is the Holy Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON



HYMN OF THE DAY: I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

ORDER FOR HEALING

Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

Laying On of Hands

Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come forward to be prayed for and to pray for one another. Come forward to feel the love of the Living God at work in you and through you. Come forward to be anointed with oil and the cross as you were at your baptism. May the voices in prayer, the hands in service, and the oil in blessing be a sign and even a work of healing and wholeness for us all in the name of the triune God.

Those who wish to receive laying on of hands with prayer and anointing approach and will be received one by one in turn. If you are unable to come forward but still wish to be individually prayed for, please send someone up on your behalf to alert the pastor of that need. Those who wish to join in the laying on of hands on behalf of our brothers and sisters should also come forward at this time, standing forward by the pastor to allow space for those receiving to be welcomed. Everyone is invited to participate in either or both capacities. When it is your turn to receive laying on of hands and anointing, you are invited to kneel at the kneeler as you are able or you may remain standing or in your wheelchair as needed.

During the Laying On of Hands we will sing the following five hymns. For each hymn, a phrase will be played as a brief introduction, then immediately join in singing along or continue with your meditation. If the hymns are finished before the Laying On of Hands concludes, instrumental music will then provide space for our meditation. If the Laying On of Hands portion of the service concludes before we have finished singing these hymns, we will sing the rest of whichever hymn we are singing at that time before continuing with the Blessing.

HYMN: We Come to You for Healing, Lord



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



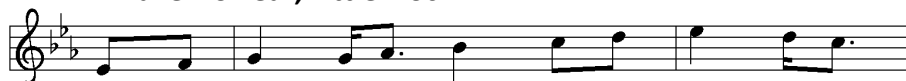
Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole,
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain,
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer,
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know,
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Text: Herman G. Strampfle Jr., 1923-2007

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1766-1824

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HYMN: Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Ribson, b. 1931, st. 2-4

Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinar Werner Zimmerman, b. 1930

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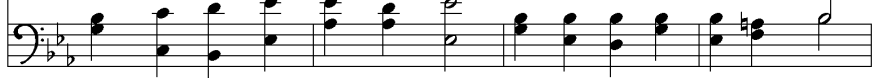
HYMN: Chief Of Sinners Though I Be



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High - er than the heav'ns a - bove,
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part balm to heal the wound - ed heart,
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
 5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford by your Spir - it and your word!



died that I might live on high, lives that I might nev - er die.
 deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.
 peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
 all my wants to him are known, all my sor - rows are his own.
 When my way - ward heart would stray, keep me in the nar - row way;



As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.
 Love that found me—won - drous thought—found me when I sought him not.
 faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.
 He sus - tains the hid - den life safe with him from earth - ly strife.
 grace in time of need sup - ply while I live and when I die.



Text: William McComb, 1793–1870
 Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901



hope anchors the soul
 Hebrews 6:19

HYMN: There Is a Balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain
but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

HYMN: Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847
 Music: EV'NTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

After all have returned to their places and the music has ended, the congregation stands, and the Order of Healing concludes with the following blessing. Then the service continues with Prayers.

Blessing

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all,
to whom all things in heaven
and on earth bow and obey,
be now and evermore your sure defense,
and help you to know that the name given to us for health and
salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments.

The response for each petition is:

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

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Risen Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Our offerings are made processionaly, which means dropped into the plates located near the entrances to the nave.

OFFERING SONG: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
Now no more can death app-all, Now no



an - gel sheathes the sword; you have conquered in the fight
more the grave en-thrall; you have op-ened par-a - dise,

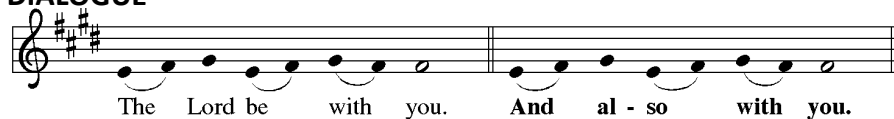


and your saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man-na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

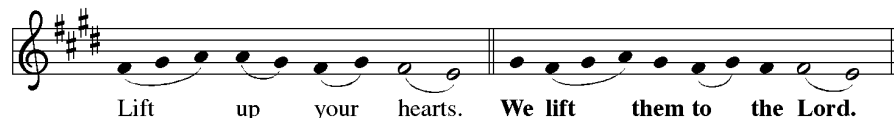
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. (*silence*) Blessed are you, **O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

DIALOGUE



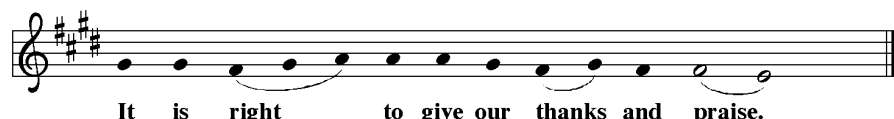
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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.

THE PROPER PREFACE *(It is indeed right... join their unending hymn)*

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars; beneath the sea;

within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:

through the water; by night and day;

across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:

at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;

beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way,
at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

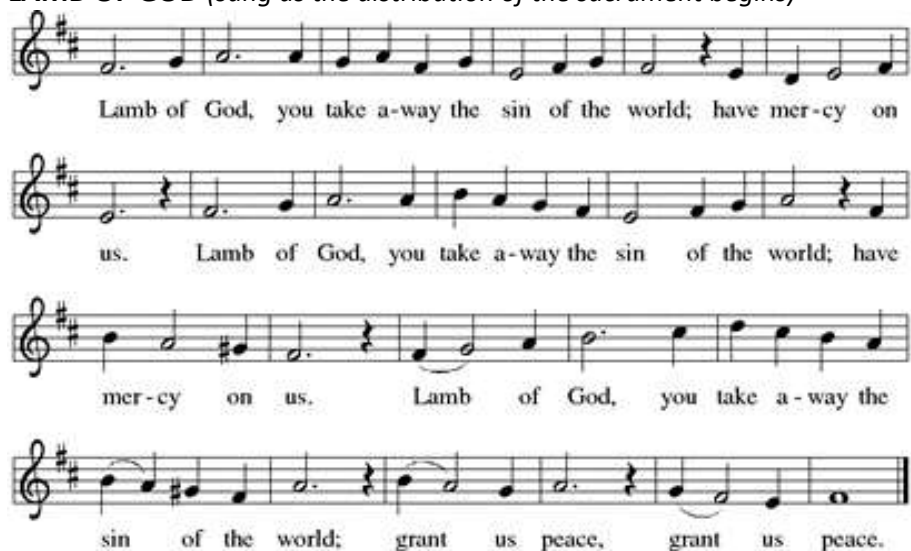
LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and help 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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven.
Hallelujah!

LAMB OF GOD *(sung as the distribution of the sacrament begins)*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

The Sacrament will be offered with these words:

The body of Christ, given for you. *And* The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Optional responses Amen or Thanks be to God or Renew us, Lord

BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931
 Music: LES PETITES SOEURS, Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community
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SHARING FOR SERVING: Mission Notices and Birthdays

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Joyous Postlude

Chester Nordman

*The altar flowers are given by
R.J. Bird in honor of his
Mother Marla Bird and
his Aunt Roberta Domhoff
May birthdays*

*The eternal candle is given by
Marlene Domhoff in honor
of the May birthdays of
Roberta Domhoff, May 8th and
Marla Bird, May 19th*

Our Monthly Benevolent Cause for May

Our Monthly Benevolent Cause supports United Lutheran Seminary.
If you would like to support this cause, please mark the Other line
on your contribution envelope Seminary.

Prayers Have Been Requested Recently for the Following:

Cole Barkley	Helen Barto	Luke Clawson
Michael Clawson	Stephanie Hogan	Carol Kerr
Dan & Mary Brittner	Joe Marburger	Audrey Smith
Kim Morgan	Fred Sharrar	Ricky Benson
David & Betty Wobb	Becky Arnold	
Coltin Mawhinney	Sandy Mullins	Family of Jan McKibben
Family of Bob Utz	Family of Kim Morris	Family of Joan Finch

Please hold these members and friends of St. Peter's in your prayers.

"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." James 5:16

Geraniums – Order forms for red geraniums for Pentecost are available on the red table. Please return forms **today**.

Mother Daughter Banquet – This year is a high tea, with music and crafts as well. Since food is being provided, signups are helpful but not required. It will be on 5/20 at 6:30 pm. All ladies are welcome!

Church Picnic – Our picnic will be **Sunday, June 2nd** after worship. Hot dogs are provided. Please bring a dish to share if you're able. Come one and all!

Kid Camp – will be offered again this year for 3 weeks! June 10-14, June 17-21, and August 12-16. Please see Heidi for more info.

Morning Manna – Our five-day summer children’s ministry event will happen on June 10-14 from 9 am until noon. Children of all ages are invited to come and bask in the light of the Son!

St. Peter’s Anniversary - *Did You Know...* The stone wall along Van Buren Street was constructed in 1935.

St. Peter’s Pipers – Attention alumni of this fondly remembered music ministry! A reunion, complete with sharing songs during worship, is being planned for Sunday, July 14th as part of our 175th anniversary celebrations. If you are interested in participating in this lovely event, please contact Marge Wearing. Help is also needed in reaching out to and gathering together former members who are not currently active at St. Peter’s.

Anniversary Sponsorship – As you know, we are in the midst of joyfully celebrating 175 years of ministry together as St. Peter’s Lutheran Church. We have been able to enjoy the presence of the Bishop, as well as other guests so far. Those visits and celebrations have not come at a cost to the congregation. As ornaments are sold, those funds return to the Current Fund to balance out the upfront cost of purchasing them. In the coming months, we have some other exciting items lined up, like our Church Family Cookbook and an updated Directory! Also, we will be producing a Church History Book and will have a final anniversary celebration dinner and event at Lutherlyn in October. The history book and dinner event will take funds to produce. We are very grateful for your spirit of generosity that has helped to make these 175 years possible. Additionally, if you would like to support the printing of our 175 years of St. Peter’s history and/or the closing celebration, you are invited to give funds in support of these projects. Any gifts given in memory or in honor of someone(s) or given to the glory of God will have those honorifics listed in the history book and dinner program. Should you feel so moved, forms to list loved ones will be available on the table soon or leave a note and drop it in the offering plate.

75+ in 175th Reception – On Sunday, June 30th, as part of our anniversary celebrations, we will be hosting a cake and punch reception at St. Peter’s to honor our members who have reached or surpassed 75 years of life.

Food Cupboard – In honor of our 175th anniversary, we'll keep the giving going with **Jello and pudding** in May. **TODAY** is food pack up day!

Property Work Day – Please plan to come help spruce up St. Peter's. The annual work day will be Saturday, May 18th beginning at 8:30 am. Food will be provided, and all ages and skills are welcome!

Attention Graduates - If you are graduating in 2024 please submit a brief biography to the church office and plan to be honored here on June 2nd.

St. Peter's Upcoming Events:

Mon. – Fri.	4-6 pm	After School Program
Mon. May 13	7:00 pm	Anniversary Meeting
Tue. May 14	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wed. May 15	6:30 pm	St. Paul's ham loaf dinner
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thur. May 16	9:00 am	Quilters
Fri. May 17	6:30 pm	Softball – SRU MAC field
Sat. May 18	8:30 am	Property Work Day
	6:30 pm	Game Night



ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

is a congregation of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Presiding Bishop (ELCA)	The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Synodical Bishop (SWPA Synod)	The Rev. Kurt A. Kusserow
Pastor	The Rev. Brandon Johns
Organist & Music Director	Marlene Domhoff
Office Secretary	Kimberly Peaco
Sexton	Joe Ludwik
Acolyte	Logan Thomas
Assisting Minister	Teresa O'Malley
Bell Ringer	Joe Ludwik
Greeters	Becky Rengers & Jan Hogan
Lector	Melissa Bonicky
Nursery	Beverly Barkley
Tech Support	Heidi Beahm
Ushers	Adam Price & Rob Burr

Welcome to St. Peter's

We are thankful that you are here to worship with other Christians today. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray that your worship experience will fill you with the grace and mercy of Almighty God through his Holy Spirit.



Newcomers and Guests

New to St. Peter's? Please sign the GUEST REGISTER behind the last pew. A handicapped accessible RESTROOM is located near the Van Buren Street entrance (through Luther Hall, past the kitchen, restroom is on the left in the foyer). You are welcome to commune with us if that is your practice.

Nursery - is staffed by a volunteer and available for children and caregivers. Exit the rear of the nave and follow the steps to the basement, the nursery is on the left. The service can be heard through an intercom in the nursery. There are activity bags in the back of the sanctuary and children's bulletins geared for children ages 5 and up are at the nave entrances.

Staying in Touch:

Our church office is open Monday-Friday from 9 am until noon. Pastor is often there also or by appointment. Please feel free to contact us by phone or internet:

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