

Welcome to
St. Peter's Lutheran Church



Second Sunday of Easter

*with baptism for
Lucas Craig Acre*

*April 12, 2026
10:15 Worship Service*

Pastor Brandon Johns

BELL RINGING

RESURRECTION GREETING

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

EASTER BAPTISMAL READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. *This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!*

GATHERING HYMN: We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

THE RITE FOR HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

The baptismal family gathers with the ministers at the font.

We begin the Rite for Holy Baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

God, who is rich in mercy, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. In this sacrament, we become children of life, heirs of all God's possessions, God's own children, and brothers and sisters of Christ. As Christ is our brother, we also become brothers and sisters to one another in the communion of all the saints. We begin our new life, we live our new life, and we look forward to the resurrection under the sign of our Baptism. Today God calls Lucas Craig by name to enter into this inheritance.

Mark and Emily, called by the Holy Spirit and trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Lucas baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring Lucas to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed,
and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace among all people.



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

Response: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Lucas and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **We do.**

The assembly stands as able.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin,
and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Through the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given praise and honor and worship through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

Lucas Craig is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

May you evermore be clothed with the righteousness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for whose sake God has now made you his child and promises you the fullness of new life.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your sons and daughters new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Lucas with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Receive the sign of the Holy Cross, as a sign that through your baptism you are participating in the death and resurrection of Christ. Through the cross you have been redeemed; in baptism you receive the fullness of this redemption; and henceforth you are called to take up your cross and follow after Christ.

Lucas Craig, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Peace be with you. **Amen.**

WELCOME

“Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Let us pray: O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Emily and Mark. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them and us teachers and examples of righteousness for Lucas and all our children. Strengthen Mark, Emily, and all of this assembly in our own Baptism so we may share eternally with Lucas the salvation you have given him through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The newly baptized is introduced to the assembly.

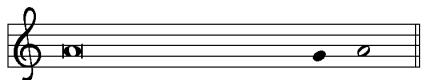
APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.



KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



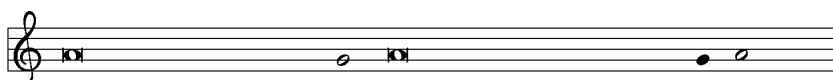
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



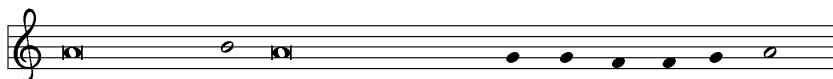
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

All



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.

Refrain



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.

Final refrain



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.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR *Praise Ye the Lord*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

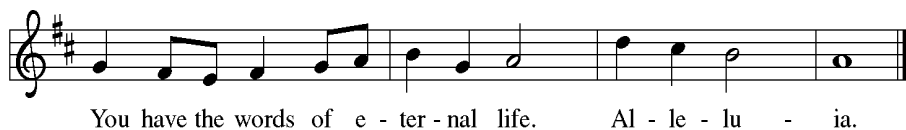
SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:14a,22-24, 32

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(The assembly stands, if able, to welcome the gospel.)



GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

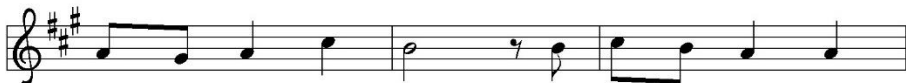
This is the Holy Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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 Music: SHANTIL, Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. *A brief silence.*

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day.

The response for each petition is:

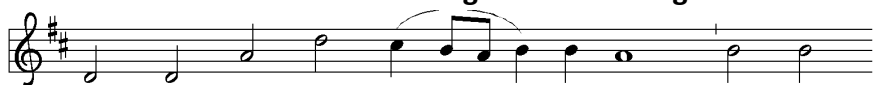
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

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



At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
Ea - ster tri - umph Ea - ster joy! This a -
Now no more can death app - all, Now no



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
lone can sin des - troy; from sin's pow'r Lord set us free,
more the grave en - thrall; you have op - ened par - a - dise,



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
new - born souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!
and your saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!

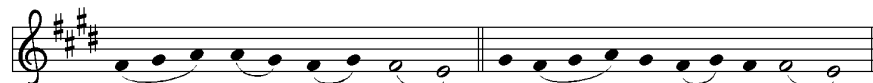
OFFERING PRAYER

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.



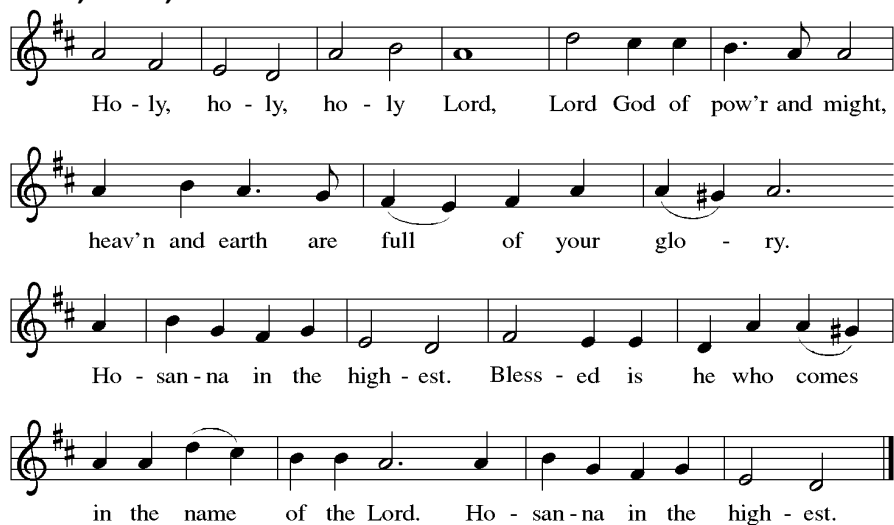
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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.

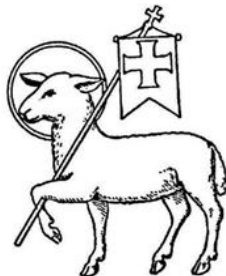
We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.
Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

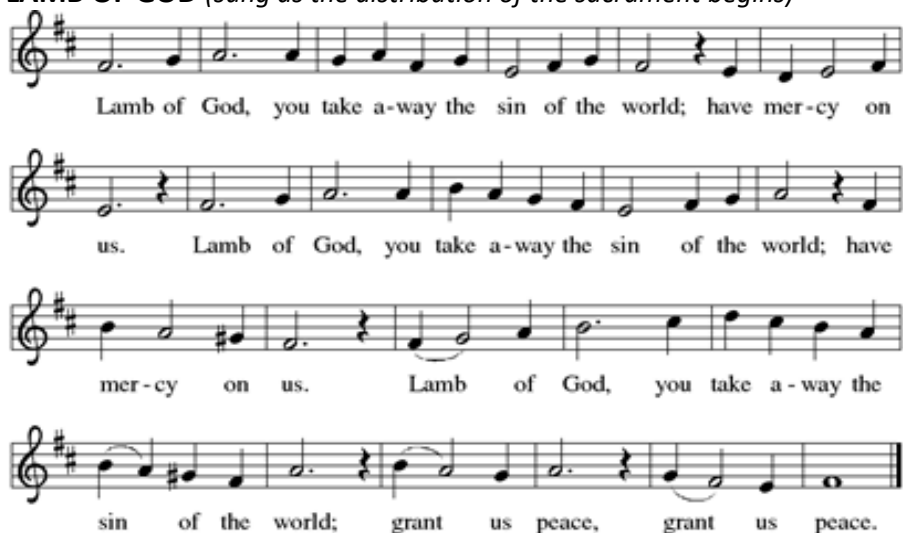
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and help us to pray:
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not 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: Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

SHARING FOR SERVING: Mission Notices and Birthdays

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Praise the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Jubilant March

Elizabeth T. VanWoert

Prayers Have Been Requested Recently for the Following:

Cole Barkley	Luke Clawson	Mary Fulghum
Berty McMillen	Rick Reifenstein	Stephanie Hogan
Donna Daugherty	Amy Grigorovich	Garrie Wearing
Annastyn Hogan	Arlene Cameron	Marshall White
Ricky Benson	Tammi Rossi	Alma Kincaid
Lori Burns	The families of Pat Sammons and Ray Snider	

*Today's Altar Flowers are given
to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
Bob Domhoff
by Marlene Domhoff*



*Today's Eternal Candle
is presented by Teresa O'Malley
in memory of Ruth & Clair Hoffman
and Ed Smith.
Happy Birthday to Chelsea, Steve,
Uncle John, Barb, & Joan.*



Our Monthly Benevolent Cause for April: EDCO Park

If you would like to support this cause, please mark the "Other" line on your contribution envelope EDCO.

Featured April Food Cupboard Donation – Hamburger Helper Meals

Food Cupboard Pack-up – Join us TODAY after worship to pack food for folks in our community in need of a little extra help each month.

Fasting for Change – Please remember to return your coin boxes or make your fasting donation via your contribution envelope with LSS on the "Other" line in the coming weeks so that gift can be totaled and shared with Lutheran Service Society, a collective local ministry of ours that helps with adoption and foster care among other things.

Pirates Game – LAST CALL – Come join us at the Pirates game, Saturday, May 30th. Tickets are \$39 (\$5 loaded value), and on a first-come, first-serve basis. We currently have 4 seats in the handicapped section with the rest just below them in Section 131. All tickets must be reserved by April 12. Please sign up in Luther Hall if you are planning to attend.

Mother-Daughter Banquet – Join us Monday, April 27th at 6:30pm. This event is for ALL women and girls because, in our church family, we are all mothers and daughters to each other. Please bring a dish to share and your table setting, and enjoy fellowship time together. There will be a speaker, Chip Sargent, who will speak about climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. We hope to see you there. We also invite you to bring a donation for our 2026 Outreach, Reagan’s Journey. They are in most need of gift cards to Amazon, Walmart & Sheetz, baby wipes and disposable adult wipes.

Rummage Sale – is set for May 1-2. Limited space for storing donations is available upstairs, which can be arranged with Pastor. However, most donations, especially large items will need to wait until April 26, to keep the space nice for the wedding on 4/25. Large furniture items & electronics are acceptable as long as those who bring them are willing to take them back if they don’t sell.

Vacation Bible School – is hosted by St. Peter’s this year on June 15-19 from 9am to noon. Please register your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and even invite strangers, to be a part of this week of adventures. Speak with Heidi Beahm or Pastor Johns if you are interested in volunteering for VBS this year.



Kid Camp – will be offered again this year for 2 weeks! Full Day 7:30am – 5:30pm, June 8-12 and June 15-19. Please see Heidi for more information.

Spring Work Day – Save the date for our annual spring spruce up at our home base of missions. **It will be May 16th starting at 8:30 am.**



ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ELCA Presiding Bishop	The Rev. Yehiel Curry
SWPA Synod Bishop	The Rev. Melissa Stohler
Pastor	The Rev. Brandon Johns
Organist & Music Director	Marlene Domhoff
Sexton	Joe Ludwik
Acolytes	Anna Johns
Asst. Minister	Deb Mort
Bell Ringer	Davin Beahm
Greeters	Jenn & Dan Erin
Lector	Larry Mort
Ushers	Heidi Beahm & Linda Schmidt
Nursery	Marge Lindgren
Tech Support	Heidi Beahm

St. Peter's Upcoming Events:

Mon. – Fri.	4:00 – 6:00 pm	After School
Mon. April 13	10:00 am	Helen's Helpers
Tues. April 14	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
Wed. April 15	10:00 am	Community Quilters
	5:30 pm	Manna Night
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Thur. April 16	10:00 am	Quilters Group
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
Sat. April 18	5:00 pm	SPY
	6:30 pm	Game Night

Thrivent Action Team Cards – Are you a member of Thrivent and would like to sponsor projects at St. Peter's with an action team card? If so, we have several summer activities on the horizon that could use your support. Please check the list on the bulletin board. If you need any help applying, either for your own project or identifying a project, please see Pastor or Christine Johns.

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. You are welcome to commune with us if that is your practice. 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).

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.

Offering – Thank you for supporting our ministries! Plates are available at the front and rear of the nave to receive offering, or you if you prefer, we have Venmo as an option. If you choose to use Venmo, please note how you would like the funds to be designated, like for Current Fund, etc.

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Staying in Touch:

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