

SAINT PETER EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024



Our mission is to inspire a community of vibrant disciples who gather in fellowship to worship, learn, serve and witness to others.

Saint Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church-ELCA

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PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

We welcome you to worship. We are blessed by your presence with us. Everything you need is printed in this worship folder. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please accept our Welcome Packet and kindly fill out a visitor card. Cards may be found in the pews and returned in the offering plate.

We invite ALL people to receive Holy Communion and share in the gifts of our Lord's body and blood. As you come forward for communion, a pastor will give you bread from the loaf. Gluten free bread is available upon request. You may take an empty cup to be filled by an assistant with communion wine at the pouring chalice station, or a purple cup prefilled with grape juice. The cups can be disposed of in the receptacles on either side of the sanctuary.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Jesus Loves Me"

arr David Paxton

Please stand

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✝ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.



GATHERING SONG (VS 1, 2, 3)

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

HYMN 386



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
3 An an - gel clad in white they see,
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;

Insert stanzas 5-8 if desired.

9 On this most ho - ly day of days,



with heav' n - ly hosts to Christ our king:
the faith - ful wom - en went their way
who sits and speaks un - to the three,
a - mong them came their mas - ter dear,

be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:



to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
"Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
and said, "My peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!

to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

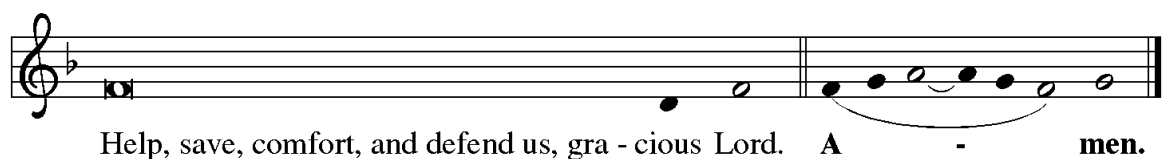
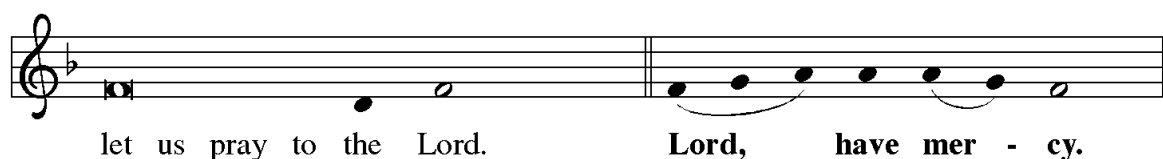
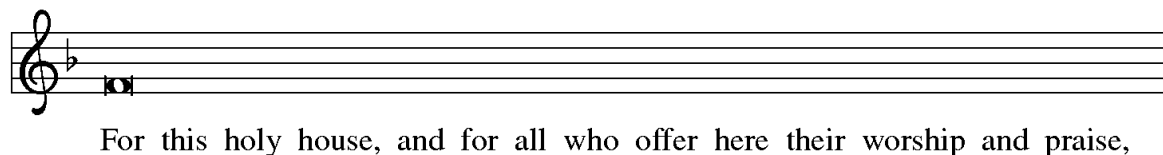
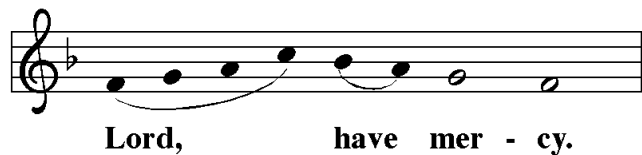
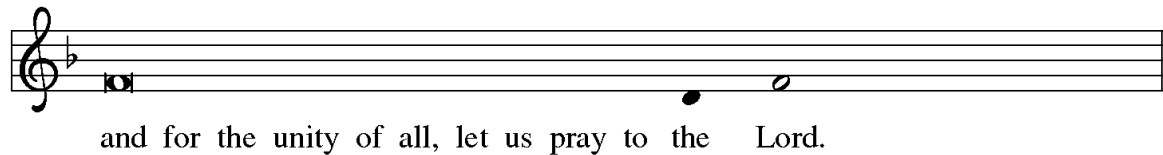
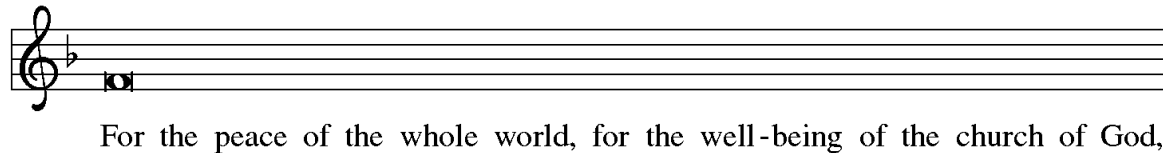
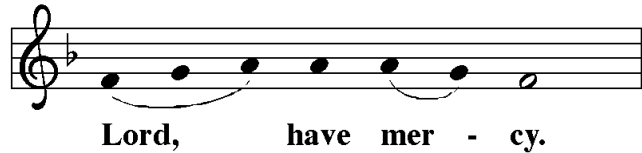
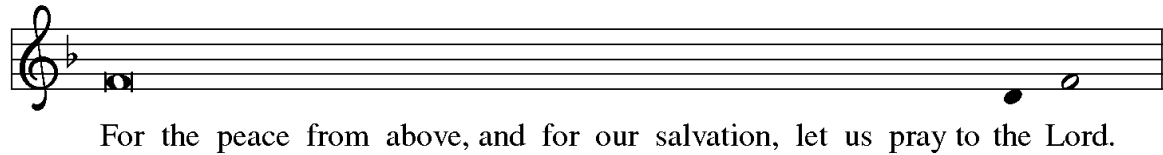
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| 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
that they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia! | 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia! |
| 6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
and look upon my hands, my feet;
not faithless, but believing be."
Alleluia! | 8 How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia! |

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



HYMN OF PRAISE (WOMEN V2, MEN V3)

ELW pg. 139

Refrain

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

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹ marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have ¹ won the victory.

²O LORD, you have made ¹ known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹ of the nations.

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹ house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹ of our God.

⁴Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹ all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- ¹ joice, and sing.

⁵Sing to the LORD ¹ with the harp,
with the harp and the ¹ voice of song.

⁶With trumpets and the sound ¹ of the horn
shout with joy before the ¹ king, the LORD.

⁷Let the sea roar, and ¹ all that fills it,
the world and those who ¹ dwell therein.

⁸Let the rivers ¹ clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to ¹ judge the earth.

⁹The LORD will judge the ¹ world with righteousness and the peo- ¹ ples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to

go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

PASTOR JASON HUEBNER

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul) HYMN 785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888

Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

APOSTLES 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.**

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...God of grace
Hear our prayer.

... the prayers conclude with
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 Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING



SPECIAL MUSIC AT 8:30 AM *Sweet Hour of Prayer* William Wolford
Janet Porterfield, flute; Rod Mitten, piano

Written in the mid-19th century by William Wolford, a blind, lay preacher in Warwickshire, England who was said to know the Bible by heart.

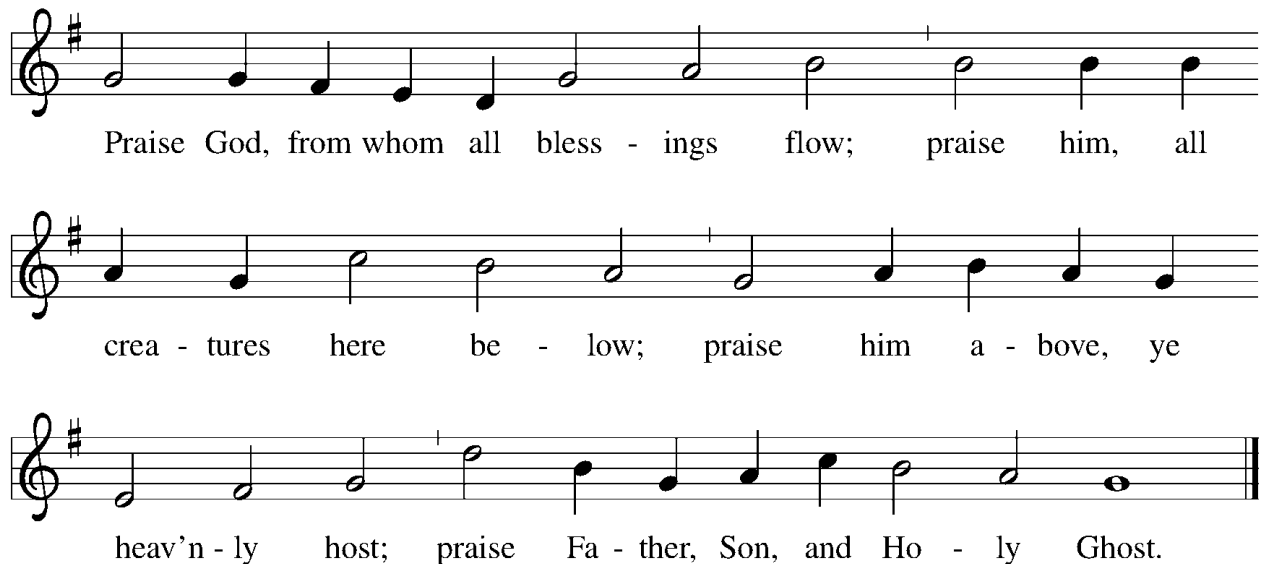
CHOIR ANTHEM AT 11:00 AM

What a Friend We Have in Jesus arr. David Aaron Miller

What a friend we have in Jesus. All our sin and grief to bear. What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble everywhere? We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In His arms He'll take and shield you: you will find a solace there.

Please stand

OFFERTORY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* HYMN 884



The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line, ending with a double bar line.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

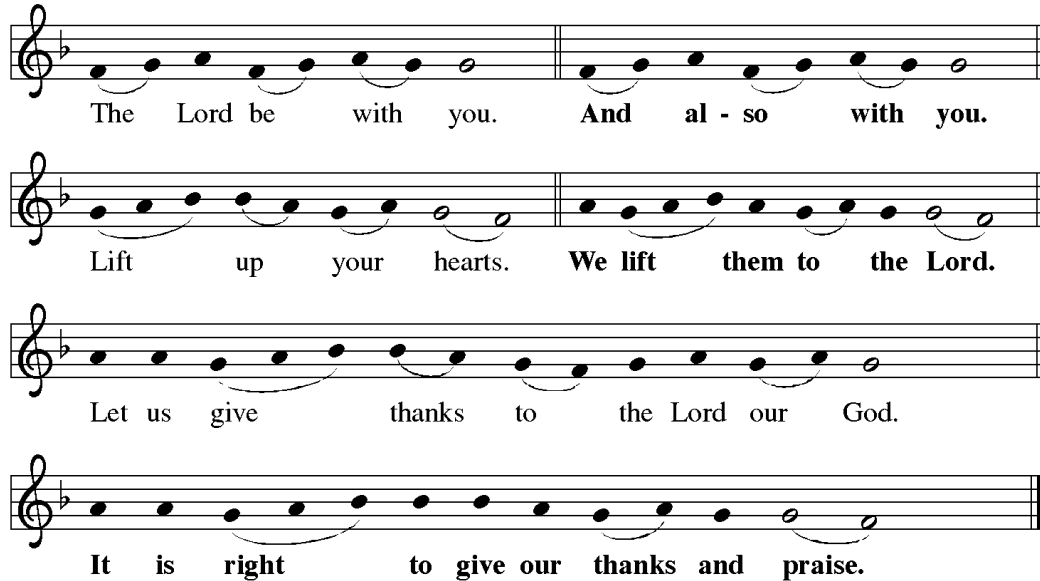


OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

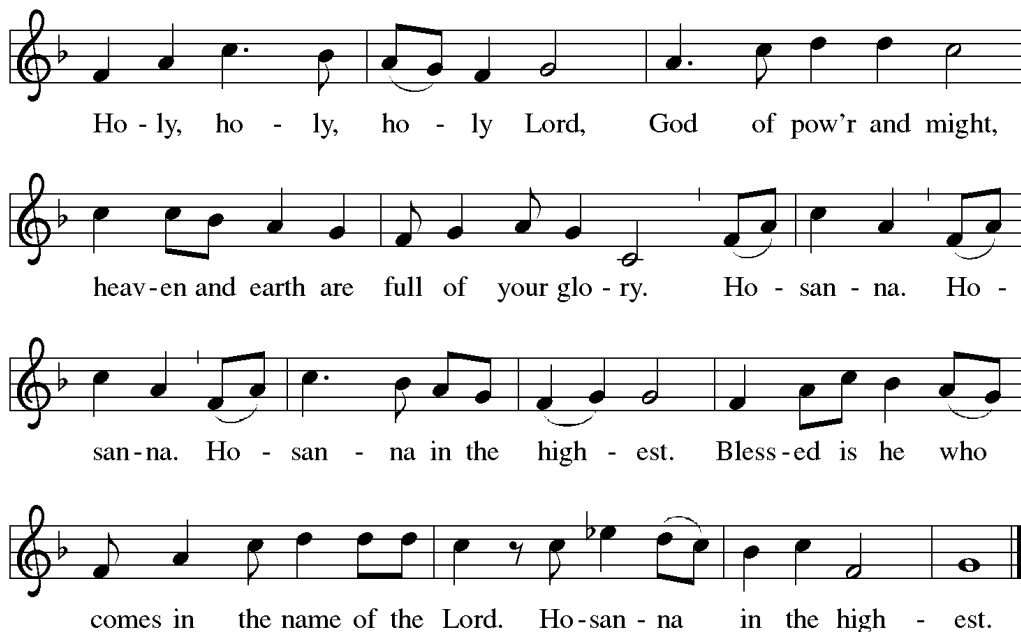
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

COMMUNION SONG HYMN p. 146

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.

COMMUNION MEDITATION

"O Perfect Love" Joseph Barnby arr Lani Smith

Please stand

POST COMMUNION 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.

BLESSING

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 (VS 1, 3, 5) *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!* HYMN 393



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por-tals of the
5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend-ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers
sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they
sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.
say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

March of the Victorious

John Johnson

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PRAYERS FOR OUR SAINT PETER FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Eddie Lawrence, Katie Miller, Ingrid Recksiek, Sharon Jordon, Bill Craig, Joanne Commins, James Barr, Bill Rivero, John McDonald, Judy Reynolds, Paul Hillsinger, Jacqui Ellis, Gordo DuPont, Susan Epstein, Lori Collins, Janice Fox, Linda Ingher, Orrin and Larry Foss, Dennis Dietrich, Steven Dungan, Ray DeChristopher, Sophia Diaz, Pat Whiting, Paul Stream, Twylla Ford

SANCTUARY BANNER FOR SUNDAY

The joy of this season is represented by **White** banners spring colors indicating the new life of Christ's resurrection. The **Empty Cross at Sunrise, the Lilies,** and the **"Alleluia"** complete the Passion of our Lord.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary were placed to the glory of God and by Lois Moore in memory of her sister Mary Margaret Ruffes' birthday.

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

8:30 am Worship – 101
11:00 am Worship – 94

CHURCH OFFERING

To provide an online offering please scan the following QR Code to be taken to the link on the parish website for the online giving:



DAILY SPIRITUAL READINGS

May 6 – May 12

Scripture citations taken from the Three year Daily Lectionary
in the HYMNAL, pg. 1121 (Year B)

Monday	Timothy 6:11-12
Tuesday	Timothy 6:13-16
Wednesday	Mark 16:19-20
Thursday	Luke 24:44-53
Friday	Revelation 1:9-18
Saturday	John 16:4-11
Sunday	John 17:6-19

WORSHIP SERVERS

8:30 AM

LA— PETER GUSS
CA— CHRIS BRINKOPF
LECTOR— BARRY KELCHNER
USHERS— BILL BOARTS & TOM ECHTER
GREETERS— KIRK DAVIS & GARY TAGTMAYER
COUNTERS— DON BRENNER & ELAINE VAN BRUNT
ALTAR GUILD— JUDY RUBIN
ASL – DOTTIE CAPRIOTTI
SECURITY TEAM— JOHN MEINCKE

11:00 AM

LA— LARRY CAPRIOTTI
CA— DOTTIE CAPRIOTTI
LECTOR— RICK COLLINS
USHERS— DOUG ELZNIC & KARL FARRIS
GREETERS— STEPHANIE ELZNIC & ROB SCHUTT
COUNTERS— DON BRENNER & KARL FARRIS
ALTAR GUILD— NOEL DUSANENKO
ASL – DOTTIE CAPRIOTTI
ACOLYTE – PRISM SCHULTZ
SECURITY TEAM— KATE MATHIESEN

IMPORTANT DATES

Sun 05/05	<p>8:30 am Worship Service (S) 9:45 am Youth Group (CR) 9:45 am Adult Sunday School (Pastor's Office) 11:00 am Worship Service (S)</p>
Mon 05/06	<p>9:00 am Giving Garden Work (GG) 1:00 pm (S/MPR/K/FH) Fire System Testing 3:00 pm Every Man A Warrior (CR) 5:00 pm Sea Notes Practice (S/MPR)</p>
Tues 05/07	<p>9:00 am Communications Team Meeting (Pastor's Office) 10:00 am Admin Meeting (Pastor's Office) 11:00 am Sisters of Prayer (S) 3:30 pm Outreach Committee (CR) 4:00 pm Hand Bell Choir</p>
Wed 05/08	<p>3:00 pm Worship & Music Committee (CR) 5:15 pm Wonderful Wednesday (FH) 6:30 pm Choir Practice (S/MPR)</p>
Thurs 05/09	<p>8:00 am Meals On Wheels (FH/K) 9:30 am Christian Education (CR) 11:45 am Communications Advisory Committee (CR) 1:00 pm Fellowship Committee (MPR) 2:00 pm Woman's Small Group Meeting (CR)</p>
Fri 05/10	<p>8:00 am Meals on Wheels (FH/K) 9:00 am Woman's Bible Study (CR) 9:00 am Giving Garden Work (GG) 1:00 pm Organ Practice (S) 7:00 pm VDC Group Meeting (FH)</p>
Sat 05/11	<p>7:00 am Meals on Wheels (FH/K)</p>