

Easter 6 (May 5th, 2024)
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Processional Hymn: 602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

Shout for joy to God, | all the earth;*
sing the glory of his name; give to him | glorious praise!

Bless our God, O | peoples;*
let the sound of his | praise be heard,
who has kept our soul among the | living*
and has not let our | feet slip.

Blessèd | be God,*
because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast | love from me!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.

Kyrie

LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis: 947 All Glory Be to God on High

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 10:34–48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 5:1–8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 15:9–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I 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. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed

you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Examination of the Catechumens

Hymn of the Day: 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

Sit

Offering

Stand

The Rite of Confirmation

Lillian Raye Howard

Parents: Nick and Lisa Howard

Baptized: November 17, 2013

Sponsors: Keith Howard, Eric and Kristen Momenee

Confirmation Verse: *Joshua 1.9*

Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Talley Grace Sullivan

Parents: Brandon and Leslie Sullivan

Baptized: September 22, 2012

Sponsors: Christian Talley, Nicole Talley, Peter and Emily Slayton

Confirmation Verse: *Isaiah 41.10*

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who come and hear God's Word, that they would rightly fear God and learn what He has done for their souls, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the work of our missionaries, that in every nation there would be people who fear God, do what is right and, believing in Jesus, receive forgiveness of sins through His name, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the people of God, that like our Lord Jesus who loved the world and laid down His life for all, they also may lay down their lives for others in love, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our nation's leaders, that God would cause them to serve wisely for our good in accord with His revealed order; and though we do not always know what the Master is doing by the authorities He gives, that we would make ample use of the freedom Jesus has given in His name to ask the Father for everything as friends and fellow sons, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, including:

Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews)

Lynn and Lori Matthews

Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)

Eldora Fuelling

Cheryl Caffee

Shelly Gerke (Wife of Troy Gerke)

Jim Thieme

Glen Deatruck for healing from a fall

Alton Thieme (Father of Erin and Amber Franz)

Laurie Blythe (sister of Dan DeLong)

Keith and Suzy Scherer

And those we name before you in our hearts, that they would receive from God all His good gifts of healing for the body, grace to bear the cross, and finally a blessed end and the gift of eternal life in His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who come to the Holy Supper, especially our confirmands, Lillian and Talley that having received the testimony of God in the water of Baptism, they may also receive it in the body and blood of Jesus and so overcome the world by faith in Him, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as

our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

LSB 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.
A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

Recessional Hymn: 895 Now Thank We All Our God

In His Service Today:

Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Liturgist: The Sem. Adam Thiel

Organist: Mrs. Jackie Sanderson

Deacons: Nathan Scherer (Head), Louie Fuelling, Dan DeLong, Joe Werling

Elders: John Fuelling (Head), Andy Wolf, Fred D. Fuelling, Steve Fuelling

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERINGS: Unavailable, will be included next Sunday

NOTE: Needed each week to meet the ministry needs of St. Peter: \$5,700.00.



You may also donate your offerings online by scanning the QR code with your phone.

Total Missions received for 1st quarter is \$1,450 of \$12,000 budgeted for the year.

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for MAY - "SNACK-TIME FOOD": During the month of May we will be collecting SNACK-TIME items. These items will be delivered to the Seminary the first of June. Some suggestions are but not limited to: Goldfish cracker, chips/pretzels, Doritos,

graham crackers, fruit snacks, Nila wafers, tortilla chips, salsa, and jarred/canned chip dip. All your donations are greatly appreciated and are a great benefit to the students and their families. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. Thank you for all your donations!!

LOST & FOUND: There are several items that have been left accidentally here at church. Please look through the Lost & Found box in the Narthex to see if anything may be yours. Thank you!

SAVE THESE LWML DATES:

Fall Rally is Saturday, September 14 at St Peter Fuelling

Fall Workshop is Saturday, October 5 at St Paul Preble

Daily Devotionals: There are daily devotionals available on the table in the Narthex.

Looking for another way to help support SPI school, try the PaperGator! What is that you ask? Why it is a simple way to not only help the school, but also the environment. There is a green dumpster at SPI school on the east side of the property. The items that can be collected are: school/office paper, newspaper, junk mail, hard & soft cover books, magazines, shredded paper(bagged in clear plastic), paperboard(cereal boxes, butter boxes, etc.), Cardboard(12x12 or smaller, & NOT Corrugated), & wrapping paper(no foil or sparkles). When you have a pile of the approved items, take them to the school and put them into the PaperGator dumpster. It is that easy. The proceeds are going towards the 7th & 8th grade class trip to Washington D.C.

Martini Lutheran- New Haven: Mission Rally on Wednesday May 8th, 2024, 7-8:15pm at Martini Lutheran Church, 333 Moeller Road, New Haven. The guest speaker will be The Rev. Gary Schulz, Assistant Director of Mission Central, a farmstead in Western Iowa that is the heart of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Missions. Come hear stories of our Synod's Missions & Missionaries & their work around the world. The Lord is using our missionaries as His tools to teach & preach the Gospel message for the salvation of souls in multiple languages in many countries & islands. A free will donation will be gathered to benefit Mission Central. Light refreshments will be served following the Rally. Come early & enjoy a mini organ concert presented by Vicar Matt Macheimer. Please join us!

Reminder: Hopefully everyone has had a chance to read through the April newsletter; I just want to remind you to complete the Update Contact Information form to the best of your ability. I would like to have them turned in by Friday May 17th, 2024. Thank you to those who have already turned theirs in! If you haven't received the newsletter, please contact me, so I can get one to you. ~ Amber Shaffer

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF May 5th, 2024

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w w/Holy Communion and Confirmation
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Church Choir meets in St. Peter balcony
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service

Save the Date: The SPI Booster Club is planning a Rummage Sale for Friday June 7th , 8:00am-4:00pm, and Saturday June 8th , 8:00am-NOON, to be held in the SPI gymnasium. Spring cleaning is/will be starting; as you bag up items not needed around your house, instead of taking them to Goodwill, please consider donating to the Booster Clubs's Rummage Sale. There is a box located in the basement of church for donations. Items that will be accepted: Gently Used Clothing, Shoes, Books, Toys, Household Goods, Decorator Items, Vintage/Antique items, and Crafts. Items **NOT** accepted: Mattresses, T.V.'s, VHS tapes, VHS/DVD Player, Clothing with stains/ holes in it, and Computers and other similar Electronics. Any questions can be directed to Amber Shaffer. Thank you!

Open Position: St. Peter Fuelling Church is looking for a Cemetery Trustee. This is a voluntary position and is open to all members. Duties include but not limited to: measuring and plotting burial spots and keeping a log of whose buried where. Please contact Dave Bischoff or Duane Franz with questions, or if interested. Thank you!

The telephone poles that are currently laying in the picnic grove are available to anyone who would like them. Please contact either Sam Braun or Vern Witte.

Who's ready to enjoy some fresh air, do a little exercise and have some fellowship all at the same time? I am looking for a few volunteers to help with the upkeep of the flower beds around the church.. Upkeep will entail pulling weeds, deadheading flowers, pruning, laying mulch, etc. There are three main areas: the front of church, the rear of church and under the bell. Please talk to Amber Shaffer if interested. Thank you!