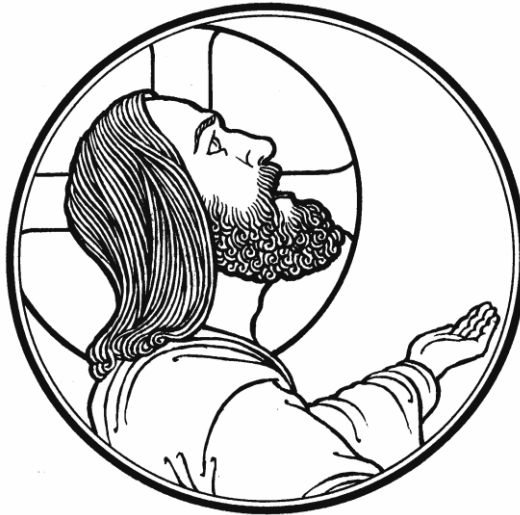


**Easter 7 (May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024)**  
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## Opening Hymn: 529 Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus

*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

Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;\*

be gracious to me and | answer me!

**The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation;\***  
**whom | shall I fear?**

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek | after:\*

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his | temple.

**For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of | trouble;\***

**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high up- | on a rock.**

For my father and my mother have for- | saken me,\*

but the LORD will | take me in.

**Wait | for the LORD;\***

**be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait | for the LORD!**

**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.  
Hear, O LORD, when I | cry aloud;\*  
be gracious to me and | answer me!

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 King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

First Reading

*Acts 1:12–26*

<sup>12</sup>Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup>For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

<sup>18</sup>(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. <sup>19</sup>And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) <sup>20</sup>“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

““May his camp become desolate,  
and let there be no one to dwell in it”;

and

““Let another take his office.”

<sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 John 5:9–15*

<sup>9</sup>If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. <sup>10</sup>Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 17:11b–19*

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

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup>I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

Hymn of the Day: 539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer

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*

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 241

**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.**

## Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all the faithful gathered again in the presence of the King, that they may dwell in His house all the days of their lives and gaze upon His beauty manifested here in the Word and the Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the ministers of the Church, that they would be sent to proclaim God's name, just as the Father sent His Son and the Son sent His apostles, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all God's children who are hated by the world because they are not of the world, that holding fast to His sure Word, not one of them would be lost, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our president, governor, Congress, legislature and judges, that the Lord would teach them the testimony of the truth and make them wise and effective in their offices, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all those who are sick and in distress, 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

Laurie Blythe (sister of Dan DeLong)

Keith and Suzy Scherer

that holding the Son of God in faithful hearts, they may have eternal life and an answer for all their prayers, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who offer these petitions, that they would be one, just as the Father and Son are one; and that they would be sanctified in the truth of God's Word, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Heavenly Father, Your Son in His incarnation took on our human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. He submitted to His mother, honoring and obeying her, so fulfilling the commandment where we have not. On this Mother's Day, graciously accept our thanksgiving for our mothers, whom You have given to us. Teach us to honor them aright — loving, obeying and giving thanks for them, as is fitting in Your sight. Strengthen all women with child, and give them safe delivery. Comfort all women who long to have children but cannot, that they may find their consolation in You and Your unfailing love; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

### Collect for the Word

**P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

### 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.**

### Hymn to Depart: 644 The Church's One Foundation

*sts. 1-5*

#### In His Service Today:

**Preacher and Celebrant:** The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

**Liturgist:** The Sem. Brandon Sullivan

**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:** : 4-28 Home Purpose: \$4,909.00, Building Fund: \$150.00, Missions: \$140.00, Vanco: \$44.78, SPI: \$75.00. 5-5 Home Purpose: \$6,400.00, Missions: \$150.00, Vanco: \$44.78.

**\*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 1<sup>st</sup> 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!!

**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.

**Save the Date:** The SPI Booster Club is planning a Rummage Sale for Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> , 8:00am-4:00pm, and Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> , 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.

**CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service
TUESDAY	7:00pm	Elder’s Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Church Choir meets in St. Peter balcony
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
	7:00 pm	SPI School Board Meeting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion