

**Pentecost 4 (June 16th, 2024)
St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMS)
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Opening Hymn: 892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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

It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

**The righteous flourish like the | palm tree*
and grow like a cedar in | Lebanon.**

They are planted in the house | of the LORD,*
they flourish in the courts | of our God.

**They still bear fruit in | old age;*
they are ever full of | sap and green,**

to declare that the LORD is | upright;*
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness | in him.

**Glorify 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.
It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High.

Kyrie

LSB 186

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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high:
C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.
Blessed Lord, since 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 we may
embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 17:22–24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell

every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:1–10

¹We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 4:26–34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 586 Preach You the Word

Sermon

Stand

Farewell and Godspeed to Brandon Sullivan

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

Prayer of the Church

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy**
- P** In thanksgiving to the Most High, who has planted His Holy Word among us; and for the Church's healthy growth, that we may weather the storm-winds of this world steadfast in Christ, ever bearing the fruits of love and singing praises to His name, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the preaching and teaching of God's Holy Word, that by His Spirit it may sprout and grow when and where it pleases God, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this and every congregation, that God's kingdom may be extended and we may have thankful hearts to marvel at His work, let us pray to the Lord.:
- C** **Lord, have mercy**
- P** That God would send faithful laborers into His fields to scatter His seed here and abroad, so in due time a harvest may be reaped for His glory, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For our homes and families, that the Lord would make the efforts of parents to teach their children fruitful, preserving them in the saving faith of Christ according to His promises, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those in every need, 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 Deatrck for healing from a fall
 - Keith and Suzy Scherer

Dorothy DeLong (Mother of Dan DeLong)

and those we bring before you in our hearts let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy

P For all who commune, that the Lord who abounds in steadfast love would give them a holy fear of His wrath and faith in His promises to receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all God's servants who groan under the burdens of this earthly tent and long to be clothed with His eternal life, which will swallow up all mortal sorrow; and that He would give them good courage to walk by faith and not sight, to mourn the dead in the hope of the resurrection, and to make it their aim to please Him while here in the body, until at last we are all at home with Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood is named, we give You thanks for earthly fathers. Give them confidence in their station and zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully. Make them examples to their children of godly life and love of Your Word. Bless their work of bringing up children in the fear and instruction of the Lord, and give them the comfort of Your absolution over all their shortcomings. Gather us together with all our fathers to Your eternal household; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the 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.**

Distribution

577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

725 Children of the Heavenly Father

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.

Hymn to Depart: 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

In His Service Today:

Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Liturgist: The Sem. Adam Thiel

Organist: Mrs. Vickie Hammond

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERINGS: June 9th - Home Purpose: \$3,954.00, Vanco: \$95.28, SPI: \$500.00

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.

Reminder: July Newsletter Information is due Thursday June 20th. Thank you!

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for JUNE & JULY- "LUNCH BOX": During the months of June and July we will be collecting items for "Lunch Box" items as well as Snack items from May. Items will be delivered to the Seminary the first of August just in time for the start of school. Some suggestions are but not limited to: peanut butter, jelly, fruit/pudding cups. Applesauce, snack-sized snacks/cookies, granola bars, fruit snacks, raisins, zip lock bags (sandwich and snack), canned soups. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) and tomato products. All your donations are **greatly appreciated** by the Seminary 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.**

SPI Booster Club Rummage Sale Update: First I would like to thank the congregation for donating items, helping with set up, volunteering to work during the sale, shopping at the sale, and cleaning up afterwards. I truly did not expect to fill the gym with all those treasures! So far \$2,442 has been raised, but there are still a few sales pending, so hopefully we'll reach \$2,500. Tentative dates for next year 2025: Friday June 6th and Saturday June 7th. Thank you for your continued support of SPI!

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

Church Keys: The trustees are requesting that if you have a church key and do not currently have a church job, or on altar guild, an organist/ with choir, or a Ladies Aid member, to please return them to either a deacon or trustee. 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!

Ministry Support Specialist

Join an amazing ministry team at Worship Anew as the Ministry Support Specialist. Worship Anew is a ministry, headquartered in Fort Wayne, IN, that reaches thousands of people each week across the nation and around the world with its weekly television program. The ministry is currently growing and produces a daily devotional, Hope-Full Living, a care package ministry, and is striving to be the foremost provider of resources for aging adults. The ministry is seeking a part-time Ministry Support Specialist to provide administrative assistance to the Executive Director and Team Leaders. The position is also responsible for front office reception and administration duties, including answering phones; greeting guests, volunteers, and other visitors; handling ministry inquiries; data entry; assembling and sending packages; and sorting/distributing mail. This is a part-time, non-exempt position, with an average of 28 hours a week worked. The position will be enrolled in the Concordia Retirement Plan. The position also includes paid time off for major holidays including Easter and Christmas breaks, and a partial cell phone stipend. This person must have strong customer support orientation, calm and assuring phone and in-person presence, proficient with Microsoft Office 365 Suite of products, proven working administrative experience supporting multiple team leaders, and capable to multitask, organize, and prioritize. This person must be an active member of a Christian church and a willingness to support and answer basic questions on the Lutheran Church Missouri-Synod's (LCMS) mission and theology and how Worship Anew fits into that LCMS mission. To view the full job description, please visit worshipanew.org/jobs. To apply, please contact Worship Anew at (260) 471-5683 or Jon@worshipanew.org.

Cross Connections Counseling Ministries is currently hiring a Part Time Receptionist. Responsibilities will include maintaining confidentiality, answering phones, scheduling, greeting clients, supporting counselors, general hospitality, and miscellaneous clerical duties. 15-28 hours a week, work flexibility to include some evenings. Ministry serving hours are Monday - Friday 8AM- 7:00PM. Positive environment providing a place of hope and healing. Pay range: \$13-\$15/hr. Send resume to kirkreber@crossconnectionsounseling.com or call 260-260-373-0213.

Please contact Kirk Reber if you need further information or have any questions or comments

Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner: Help St. Peter restore the Picnic Grove to its former glory! Save the Date: Sunday July 14th, 2024, 10:30am-12:30pm. This will be a Drive-Thru only dinner. Meals can be picked up at Mike & Bonnie Crosby's- 10605 N 100 E Decatur, IN. PRESALE TICKETS ONLY, available after church in the vestibule. The meal is \$10.00 and includes Chicken Quarter, Cowboy Beans, Homemade Coleslaw, and a Brownie.

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF June 16th, 2024

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service

Concordia Lutheran High School is Hiring for Multiple Positions

Our high school has numerous open positions available for the upcoming school year! Please take a look at the open positions and share them with anyone you think might be interested. Positions include Admissions Counselor, Cafeteria Assistant, Full-Time Student Interventionist, Head Boys/Girls Swim Coach, Head Boys/Girls Tennis Coach, Head Girls Softball Coach, JROTC Army Instructor, Multi-Department Teacher, and School Counselor. You can find and apply to these positions at: <https://www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/employment>

Bethlehem Lutheran School Fundraiser: Garage Sale Thursday June 20th 8:00am-4:00pm, Friday June 21st 8:00am-4:00pm- \$5 bag sale, and Saturday June 22nd 8:00am-NOON- \$2 bag sale. 7545 N 650 E Ossian, IN 46777. Come shop with us during Ossian garage sale weekend. Rain or shine we will be open in the gym. No reasonable offers refused! Proceeds collected going to benefit students and teachers at Bethlehem Lutheran School