

Pentecost 13 (August 18th, 2024)
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Opening Hymn: 724 If God Himself Be for Me

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

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.*

His praise endures for- | ever!

**Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my | whole heart,*
in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.**

Great are the works | of the LORD,*
studied by all who de- | light in them.

**Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,*
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.**

He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;*
the LORD is gracious and | merciful.

**He provides food for those who | fear him;*
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.**

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for- | ever.*
Holy and awesome | is his name!

**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.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good under-
| standing.*

His praise endures for- | ever!

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.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 9:1–10

¹Wisdom has built her house;
she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her young women to call

from the highest places in the town,
4“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!”
To him who lacks sense she says,
5“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
6Leave your simple ways, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”
7Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse,
and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury.
8Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you;
reprove a wise man, and he will love you.
9Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser;
teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning.
10The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:6–21

6Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7Therefore do not associate with them; 8for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. 11Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. 12For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. 13But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, 14for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

15Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. 17Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, 19addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, 20giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand
Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 6:51–69

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

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

⁵¹[Jesus said:] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

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: 345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

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

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
P For the family of God; for every nation, tribe, people and language; and for all those who
hunger for the true bread of life, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
P For constancy to work for the food that endures to eternal life, that we would never
hunger or thirst for anything but Christ and His righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

P For the ministry of this congregation in our community, that many may embrace Jesus as the Christ and believe He is the true bread of God come from heaven, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all homes and schools, especially the schools, universities and seminaries of our church, that we may remember that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For President Biden; Governor Holcomb; and all those who hold offices of public trust in our land, that they would serve according to the will of God and for the good of all people; and for all in law enforcement and those who judge in our courts, that they would act not for selfish gain but for the benefit of the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick, 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

Keith and Suzy Scherer

Susan Gerke (Sister of Steve and Jim Fuelling)

Sandy Werling

Lynn Funk (Father of Mindy Reynolds)

The family of Dorothy DeLong as they mourn her death this past week that in accordance with His will they would give thanks to God; and for the depressed, the lonely and those who mourn the death of loved ones, that God would strengthen their faith and assure them of His presence in all circumstances, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who commune today, that the Lord would prepare our hearts to welcome Christ, who assures us that His flesh is true food and His blood true drink; and that feeding on Him, we may depart in His peace in the expectation of eternal life, 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

624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

629 What Is This Bread

642 O Living Bread from Heaven

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: 825 Rise, Shine, You People

In His Service Today:

Preacher: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Liturgist: The Sem. Nathan Kieser

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: August 4th: Home Purpose- \$2,724.00, Missions- \$250.00, Vanco- \$144.25.
August 11th: Home Purpose- \$9,749.00, Missions- \$250.00, Endowment- \$641.75, Vanco- \$174.76, SPI- \$220.00

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.

A Decatur Circuit Forum is Scheduled for Sunday, September 15 at 2:00 p.m. at St. John, Bingen. At this meeting, the church's delegates will elect the next Circuit Visitor. Also on the agenda are two presentations: Pastor Peter Brock will give an update on the work in Tanzania (with recent pictures) and Pastor Don Sauls will share information and updates about the work of Compassionate Ministries. All the members of our circuit congregations are invited to come and hear about the Lord's work supported by our circuit churches.

Reminder: Information for the September Newsletter is due by Tuesday August 20th. Thank You.

Open Position: St. Peter Fuelling Church is looking for an Assistant to the 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!

Please start saving your paper & plastic grocery bags for the church dinner. There is a collection box in the basement. Thank You!

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for AUGUST & SEPTEMBER - "BAKING": During the months of August and September we will be collecting BAKING items. These items will be delivered to the Seminary the first of October. Some suggestions are but not limited to: flour, sugar(white, brown, powdered), Oil(vegetable, canola), non-stick spray, spices, corn starch, baking powder, Brownie mix, cake mix, icing, foil, plastic wrap. 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!**

3 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at St. Peter Church on Saturday morning September 14th to help with serving Brunch for the LWML Devotion and Program about the Tanzania Mission by Pastor Brock. Please let Karen Franz (260-341-4787) know if you can help. Everything should be finished up before 12 noon.

Upcoming Decatur LWML events are:

Saturday, September 14 is the Fall Gathering at St. Peter Fuelling. Our speaker will be Rev. Peter Brock who will give us an update on the Tanzania Children's Home. A free-will offering will go towards the Tanzanian Mission. Registration will be at 8:45 with opening devotions at 9:00 AM. There will also be a 20-30 minute business meeting. Brunch will be served after the meeting.

Saturday, October 5 is the SRD (Spiritual Resource Department) Workshop at St. Paul - Preble. We will be marking Bibles for prisons and local missions.

Get tickets now for Getty Music concert at CLHS

Listen and sing with the uplifting hymns from Getty Music during a special concert at 7 PM October 28 at Concordia Lutheran High School, 1601 St. Joe River Drive, Fort Wayne, Ind. Hymn-writers, Keith and Kristyn Getty, and special guests, Matt Boswell and Matt Papa, are bringing their Fall Tour to Fort Wayne for one unique night. The concert is locally hosted by Concordia Lutheran High School, Foundations of Truth, Holy Cross Lutheran Church & School, and Worship Anew. All proceeds will be used to support the identification and the nurture of current and future leaders of congregational singing.

Tickets are now on sale at gettymusic.com/tour. Tickets range from \$20-\$45 with floor and bleacher seating available.

Fish & Tenderloin Dinner Committee Meeting: will be Tuesday August 27th at 7:00pm at Mike & Bonnie Crosby's shop. We would like to welcome anyone who is interested to attend. Questions can be directed to either Erin Franz-(260) 341-2932 or Amber Shaffer-(260) 223-9897. Thank you!

Church Directories: The 2024 address/phone number directories are available on the table in the narthex. Thank you St. Peter congregation for your contributions and patience.

CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF August 18th, 2024

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
MONDAY	7:00 pm	School Board Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service

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.

Ice Cream Social: SPI PTL Presents Back To School Ice Cream Social, August 25th 2:00pm-4:00pm. Let's kick off the school year with a sweet treat! Please join us for our first PTL Event/Meeting. There will also be games in the gym. The PTL meeting will begin at 3:00pm. A booster club meeting will follow.

Concordia Lutheran High School is Hiring a Human Resources Specialist

Our high school is looking for a human resources specialist! If you or someone you know might be a good fit for the position, you can find more information and apply at the schools employment webpage: <https://www.clhscadets.com/apps/pages/employment>

Come on out and cheer on the SPI volleyball teams. Here is the 2024 Volleyball Schedule

- Wednesday 8/21: vs Concordia 4:30pm(JV), 5:30pm(V)
- Thursday 8/22: vs. Wyneken 4:30pm(JV), 5:30pm(V)
- Monday 8/26: vs. Emmaus 4:30pm(JV ONLY)
- Wednesday 8/28: AT St. Paul 4:30pm(JV); 5:30pm(V)
- Thursday 8/29: AT WOODBURN 4:30pm(JV), 5:30pm(V)
- Wednesday 9/4: AT SJE 4:30pm(JV), 5:30pm(V)
- Thursday 9/5: vs. Sub. Bethlehem 4:30pm(JV), 5:30pm(V)
- Saturday 9/7: AT CENTRAL (V ONLY) 10:00am vs. LSU,11:00am vs. Central, 1:00pm vs Ascension
- Monday 9/9: vs. Zion 4:30pm(JV ONLY)
- Wednesday 9/11: AT ESM 4:30pm(JV), 5:30pm(V)
- Wednesday 9/18: vs. St. Peter 4:30pm(JV), 5:30pm(V)
- Thursday 9/19: AT HOLY CROSS 4:30pm(JV), 5:30pm(V)
- Saturday 9/21: SPI JV Volleyball Tournament (ALL DAY)