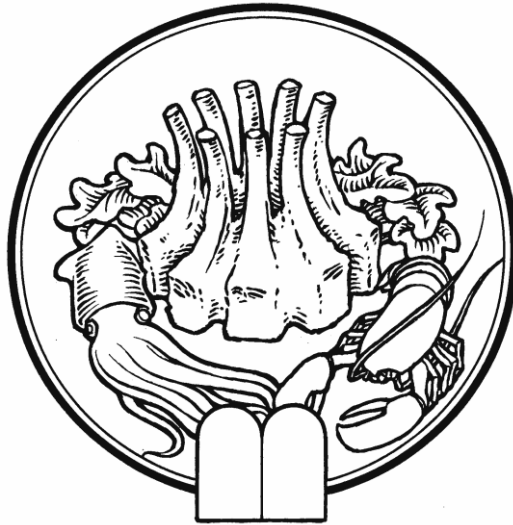


**Pentecost 15 (September 1st, 2024)
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Opening Hymn: 707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

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

Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!

Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;*
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.

Create in me a clean heart, | O God,*
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.

Cast me not away from your | presence,*
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.

Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,*
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.

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.

Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!

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

Gloria in Excelsis

- 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.
 O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; 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

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

¹“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 6:10–20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:14–23

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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 ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 566 By Grace I'm Saved

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 gift of the Holy Spirit at work in the Word of truth, that by His direction we would not stray from the way of God's commandments nor forget the wonderful blessings He has given to us, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For preachers of the Word, including me your unworthy servant, that the Lord would remember them in His kindness and strengthen them for faithful service; and that He would send new laborers into His harvest and prosper His Law and promises throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all pastors and teachers, parents and grandparents, and all teachers of the faith, that through them we may grow into wisdom and the knowledge of God's love in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who bear public office, that God would give them wisdom, courage and integrity; and for our nation, that God would destroy and hinder in our common lives whatever is not pleasing to Him and prosper all that accords with His will, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all in need of health, healing and mercy, 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

that the Lord of life would strengthen them with His Word of grace to look to Him for comfort in the midst of suffering and pain, and for those who mourn including the family of Lynn Funk, father of Mindy Reynolds, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who come to the Holy Sacrament today, that receiving Christ's true body and blood in this Supper, they may remember and proclaim with joy the salvation He accomplished for us by His death and resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer You our thanks and praise for Your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors, including Lynn. Bring us with them to the unspeakable joys of Your new heavens and new earth at the day of our Savior's glorious appearing. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

521 Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

594 God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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: 920 Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

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: 8/25- Home Purpose: \$2,786.00, Missions: \$290.00, Building Fund: \$150.00, Cemetery: \$300, 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.

As of end of August, we have received \$8,715 for missions out of budget of \$12,000.

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.

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 are collection boxes 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!**

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.

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.

Zion Lutheran Church: Annual Diaper Give-a-way is Saturday September 14th, from 12 NOON-3:00pm at 2313 S. Hanna Street Fort Wayne, IN 46803. All are welcome to pick up diapers, wet wipes & other giveaways. It’s first come first serve, while supplies last. Newborn-size 7 available, plus pull-ups. For more information call the church at (260) 744-1389.

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 September 1st, 2024

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service

September Newsletter Corrections: The SPI 5th-8th grade students will be singing at Immanuel Church on **Sunday September 29th**. Matt & Courtney Taylor's wedding anniversary, September 19th, 2020, was accidently missed. Be sure to wish them a "Happy Anniversary!"

Fish & Tenderloin Dinner Committee: Do you have a knack for coming up with catchy sayings or slogans? If you answered yes, then you should plan to attend the next meeting on Tuesday September 17th at 7:00pm at Mike & Bonnie Crosby's shop. The proceeds from this year's dinner will be going towards library renovations, and we need help coming up with a slogan or catchy saying.

Would you like to get behind-the-scenes of a production at Worship Anew? We are seeking camera operators for our pastor and choir productions. For pastor productions, volunteers would need to be available on Tuesday mornings. Choir productions are held as needed. If you are interested, please contact us at info@worshipanew.org or (888) 286-8002.

GO COUGARS!

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

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)

SPI Fry Pie Fundraiser

A Fry Pie Fundraiser for SPI Washington DC Trip for the 2026 7th and 8th Graders

Your support would be appreciated by purchasing these scrumptious half moon shaped, mouth watering, sweet-tooth satisfying handful of YUM.

If you have yet to experience these tantalizing treats, you may be wondering "what is a fry pie?" They are homemade pie dough cut into an 8 inch circle, folded in half over delicious filling (options are listed below), then flash fried and drizzled with a tasty donut glaze.

They also freeze well!

Order Forms and Payment due by Wednesday, September 18, 2024

The following are ways to submit your order:

1. Submit your order/payment to Jen Fuelling in the SPI Office by Wednesday, 9/18.
2. Submit your order/payment to Pastor Tanksley at St. Peter or Pastor Koeneman at Immanuel by Sunday, September 15th.

(Checks payable to SPI)

Pick up at SPI (Cafeteria Door)

Date: Wednesday, October 9th
from 5-6:30pm

Fry Pie Pick-Up Options

(Please Check One):

1. Pick up in car line at 2pm dismissal on Wednesday, 10/9: _____
2. Pick up at SPI cafeteria 5:00-6:30pm on Wednesday 10/9: _____

Order Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Pick-Up Person: _____

Flavors	Quantity
Apple	
Cherry	
Peach	
Black Raspberry	
Lemon	
Cheesecake	
Total # of Pies:	
Price:	@ \$3.00 each
Total Paid:	

Circle: Cash Check#