

**Maundy Thursday (April 17th, 2025)
St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMS)
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Opening Hymn: 435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

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** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Introit

Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;*
our God is | merciful.

**I love the LORD, because | he has heard*
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.**

Because he inclined his | ear to me,*
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

**The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;*
I suffered distress and | anguish.**

Then I called on the name | of the LORD:*
"O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!"

**Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;*
our God is | merciful.**

- C** Lord, have mercy;
 Christ, have mercy;
 Lord, have mercy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, in this wondrous Sacrament You have left us a remembrance of Your passion. Grant that we may so receive the sacred mystery of Your body and blood that the fruits of Your redemption may continually be manifest in us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

¹²What shall I render | to the LORD*
 for all his bene- | fits to me?

¹³**I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation***
and call on the name | of the LORD,

¹⁴I will pay my vows | to the LORD*
 in the presence of all his | people.

¹⁵**Precious in the sight | of the LORD***
is the death | of his saints.

¹⁶O LORD, I am your | servant;*
 I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
 You have | loosed my bonds.

¹⁷**I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving***
and call on the name | of the LORD.

¹⁸I will pay my vows | to the LORD*
in the presence of all his | people,
¹⁹**in the courts of the house | of the LORD,***
in your midst, O Jerusalem. | Praise the LORD!

Epistle

Hebrews 10:15–25

¹⁵The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,”

¹⁷then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 22:7–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁷Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. ⁸So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it.” ⁹They said to him, “Where will you have us prepare it?” ¹⁰He said to them, “Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters ¹¹and tell the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ ¹²And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there.” ¹³And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover.

¹⁴And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is

my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, 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.

Hymn of the Day: 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For confidence to enter the sanctuary of God, that as those washed at His font and cleansed by His blood, we would follow this new and living way into His heavenly kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Church, that the Lord would provide for her faithful pastors and church workers; and that we may keep the faith and not be led astray by every wind of change, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our leaders, that God would give them wisdom and courage to serve His Word in the punishment of wrong, the promotion of good and the protection of the weak, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For mothers with child and the children in their wombs, that none would dishonor the Lord's sacred gift of life, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For a place at the table of the Lord and a share in the feast of the New Testament, that renewed by the forgiveness of sins, our hearts would show forth His mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For cleansed hearts to love one another as Christ has loved us, that we who have made the good confession of Christ would be gathered together with the whole Church on earth and in heaven, 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.

Sit

Offering

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Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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

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

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

Agnus Dei

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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Distribution

627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

**☩ 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name
resounding
Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

☩ 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.

☩ Amen.

The Stripping of the Altar

Hymn to Depart: 436 Go to Dark Gethsemane

In His Service Today:

Preacher: The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

Organist: Mrs. Vickie Hammond

Deacons: Joe Werling (Head), Dan DeLong, Mitch Billington, Nathan Scherer

Elders: Fred D. Fuelling (Head), Steve Fuelling, Matt Braun, Rodney Busick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May Newsletter Information: due by Monday April 21st to Amber Shaffer. You can either call/text to 260-223-9897 , or email to splchurchsec@gmail.com. Thank you!

SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for APRIL and MAY - “SAUCES”: During the months of April & May, we will be collecting “Sauces” for the Seminary Food Co-op. Items will be delivered the first of May just in time for grilling season. Suggestions are but not limited to: ketchup, mustard, mayo, BBQ sauce, soy sauce, marinades, salad dressing, buffalo/wing sauce & bottled marinades. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) and tomato products. The Food Coop is also stocked with freezers and refrigerators. Freezers are stocked with frozen beef, pork, and chicken donated by some of our local farmers, processed and packaged for the Seminary by Manley Meats. However, at this time the beef freezer has been very low of product. If anyone would be interested in donating toward the purchase of a steer/cow please notify Bruce or Brenda Scherer. We are not saying this is what we are going to do, but only inquiring as to any interest in helping in this way. Every time we deliver, no matter how much we have, the Co-Op is extremely grateful. All donations are a great benefit to the students and their families. **Thank you for all your donations.**

Voter’s Assembly Meeting: Due to Sunday April 27th being Examination Sunday and after the church service, there will be a cake & punch reception to honor this year’s confirmation class, there has been a time change for the meeting. It is now at 2:00pm on Sunday April 27th at church. Church officers and school board members, if you have any reports/notes, for the Voter’s Assembly Meeting please give them to Amber Shaffer by **Friday April 25th**. You can email them to splchurchsec@gmail.com, leave in the mail slot on deacons’ desk, or leave on desk in the church office in the basement. Thank you!

Thank you to those who provided the soup suppers prior to the midweek Lenten services. It was greatly appreciated!

Save the Date: SPI will be having another Rummage Sale this year, Friday June 6th & Saturday June 7th with proceeds going towards redoing the gym floor . As spring cleaning begins please keep the SPI Rummage Sale in mind to donate your gently used clothing, shoes, household, toys, and books to. Donations can be dropped off at either church (at St. Peter there’s a box in the basement) or school.

Mark Your Calendars: The Spring SPI Musical will be Friday April 25th, at 6:30pm in the SPI gymnasium.

SPI Rummage Sale Donation Drop-Off: If you would like to drop your donations off at school, please come on Monday April 21st from 5:30-7:00pm and please use the cafeteria door. Thank you!

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.

Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church- Soest: Spring Rummage Sale & Bake sale is Thursday April 24th 10:00am-6:00pm and Friday April 25th 9:00am-NOON. Bag sale on Friday. Always a huge selection at great prices!

Concordia JROTC Tournament and Awards Ceremony - May 2

In 1914 a tradition was started in the Concordia Military department. This year will mark the 111th Military Tournament. If you aren't familiar with the Tournament, it is an event where CLHS JROTC Cadets will perform, get to act a little goofy, and you will also get to see Cadets receive their promotions and positions for the 2025-2026 school year. The Tournament is a celebration of student excellence. There will also be a slideshow with memories of the past year. It is a great way to celebrate the fantastic year our Cadets have had! Hope you can join us on May 2, 2025 in the high school's main gym. The Tournament will start at 6:00 p.m. The event is open to the public and free to attend.

Concordia Lutheran High School Spring Instrumental Concert - May 9

Concordia's bands and orchestra will be performing their Spring concert at St. Michael Lutheran Church on Friday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. The concert is open to the public and free to attend

Concordia Lutheran High School Spring Choral Concert - May 16

The CLHS Choral Department will have their "Spring Sing" concert at Emanuel Lutheran Church in New Haven, Indiana on Friday, May 16th. The 7:00 p.m. concert is free, open to the public and features all three choral ensembles of the school. Join 60+ choral members as we use our God given gifts to praise Him and have fun celebrating the end of another great academic year!

Job Opening: Ascension Lutheran in Huntsville, Alabama is looking for a Director of Children's Ministry. This is a *called* position so all persons considered for this position must either be a commissioned worker on the LCMS roster or willing to undergo the colloquy program for such a position. There is a letter and job description posted downstairs and upstairs bulletin boards for those who are interested or maybe you know of someone who might be. If you would like additional copies of either, please see Amber Shaffer.

Dying Well In Christ: A Forum on the Church's Care at Life's End. July 7th-9th, 2025 on the campus of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Registration is now Open. Please visit: <http://www.csl.edu/dying-well-forum>.

Please Join Us for these Upcoming Worship Services

Friday April 18th, 2025

Good Friday Service with Holy Communion at 12:00pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Vespers Service at 7:00pm

Sunday April 20th, 2025 Easter Sunday

Sunrise Matins Service at 7:00am

Festival Divine Service of Holy Communion at 9:00am