

# Born of water and the Spirit

John 3:5

**WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*A member congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*

*"Connecting Souls to Christ at the Crossroads of Our Community"*



**ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 12th, 2017**

Officiate  
Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Musician  
Kathy Fortlage

Lay Minister  
8:00 am am-Joel Zastrow  
10:30 am-Ted Fuller

Acolyte  
8:00 am-Nathan Kehl  
10:30 am- Brandon Yellstrom

**AS WE GATHER**

In hearing about Abraham from the early history of God's people, we receive more than a history lesson. Abraham is a strong example of faith at work. Faith takes God at His word and believes His promises. Through the invocation at the beginning of our worship, we set ourselves before the God who keeps His promises. One of those promises is to hear our prayers and praises. Such a great promise that is!

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For Our Guests:  
*Hymnal Key-LSB is the Maroon Hymnal, WOV is the smaller Blue Hymnal*

**+ PREPARATION +**

**OPENING HYMN**    LSB 819 "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good"

*Please Stand*

**INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES**

**Pastor:**    In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**    **Amen.**

**Pastor:**    The LORD is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

**People:**    **Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:**

**Pastor:**    "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

**People:**    **The right hand of the LORD exalts,**

**All:**        **The right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:**    O God our Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful and that we have turned away from Your commands.

**People:**    **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

**Pastor:**    Forgive us for all that we have thought and said and done that is contrary to Your will and Your ways, and forgive us for times we have trusted in our

own righteousness instead of relying on Your grace in Christ Jesus, our Redeemer.

**People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

Pastor: Forgive us for times we have not been good stewards of Your great creation and for times we have been unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

**People: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: May the God of peace sanctify you wholly. May your spirit, soul, and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He Who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

**People: Amen.**

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**All: 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.**

**+ LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT +**  
*We celebrate the Lord's Supper*

**OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE**

**Pastor:** *Celebrating the Lord's Supper is an expression of our unity in the true Christian faith. In the Sacrament we are joined in a very close, personal and intimate way with Christ and with one another. We believe that when a person partakes of the Sacrament they are also confessing their unreserved agreement with the doctrine and practice that is proclaimed from the altar and pulpit of which the Sacrament is administered. In his small Catechism, Martin Luther gives us guidelines for self-examination of our faith and our worthiness to receive Christ's atoning lifeblood. Therefore, we welcome all to the Lord's Table who first have been baptized in the name of the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are in agreement with this statement, and then with heartfelt conviction can boldly proclaim...*

**People:** **I believe that...**

- + Jesus is my only Lord and Savior from sin, death and the devil;**
- + I am a sinner in need of God's forgiveness;**
- + Jesus Christ is present in the Sacrament, and the bread and wine I receive are the true body and blood of Christ;**
- + God assures me that my sins have been forgiven and that I have life and salvation through faith in Him;**
- + And then as He enables me, I pledge to amend my sinful life, to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

*We ask that all visitors and guests who may wish to receive the Sacrament kindly speak to an Elder or the Pastor before or after the service.*

**PREFACE**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

**Pastor:** 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 You have brought to us the gift of Your salvation in our lives.

Above all, we bless You and give thanks for the limitless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son as the fulfillment of Your great promises. Through the working of Your Holy Spirit, bestow upon us Your peace and abiding joy, Lord, now and forever. Together with angels and archangels and with all who rejoice in the courts of heaven, we praise Your glorious name singing:

## **SANCTUS**

LSB pg. 208 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

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!

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*(For those with dietary restrictions, we offer non-alcoholic wine in the cups in the center of the individual trays.)*

## **AGNUS DEI**

LSB pg. 210 "Lamb of God"

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

LSB 571 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"  
LSB 722 "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"  
LSB 420 "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

## **COMMUNION DISMISSAL BLESSING**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Let us pray,  
Loving and giving God, You have again welcomed us at Your Table and have blessed us with a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal Kingdom. We thank You for the gift of Your body and blood which now strengthens us and keeps us assured of Your love for us. Bless us through this divine gift that we may live with boldness and confidence even in times of earthly sorrow and disappointment. May Your Holy Spirit enlighten us with His gifts that we may be people who rejoice in Your promises and live to Your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

**People:** Amen.

## WORD +

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Genesis 12:1–9** The promise of God is made to Abram

<sup>1</sup> The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you.

<sup>2</sup> “I will make you into a great nation,

and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,

and you will be a blessing.

<sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you,

and whoever curses you I will curse;

and all peoples on earth

will be blessed through you.”

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. <sup>5</sup> He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

<sup>6</sup> Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, Who had appeared to him.

<sup>8</sup> From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE

**Romans 4:1–8, 13–17** The faith of Abraham, who believed God

<sup>1</sup> What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? <sup>2</sup> If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. <sup>3</sup> What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

<sup>4</sup> Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. <sup>5</sup> However, to the one who does not work but trusts God Who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. <sup>6</sup> David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the one to whom God credits righteousness apart from works:

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed are those

whose transgressions are forgiven,

whose sins are covered.

<sup>8</sup> Blessed is the one

whose sin the Lord will never count against them.”

<sup>13</sup> It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>14</sup> For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, <sup>15</sup> because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup> As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in Whom he believed—the God Who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 3:1–17** Jesus teaches Nicodemus by night on being born again

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Matthew the 4th chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher Who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs You are doing if God were not with Him.”

<sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

<sup>4</sup> “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at My saying, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

<sup>10</sup> “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup> I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone into heaven except the One Who came from heaven—the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him.”

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please Be Seated*

## **LLS K-8 GRADE SING**

### “Intimo y Eterno”

Íntimo y eterno  
Cerca y en el cielo  
Mi profundo anhelo  
Mi dios  
Mi rey  
Mi dueño  
Creador y siervo  
Grande y pequeño  
Señor fuerte y tierno  
Tu habitas las alturas y mis sueños  
Te doy la gloria  
Te doy mi tiempo  
Mis dudas mis heridas y defectos  
Tu eres santo  
Eres perfecto  
Te dejas conocer en el secreto  
Íntimo y eterno.

### “Personal and Eternal”

Personal and eternal  
With us and in heaven  
My deepest desire  
My God  
My King  
My Lord  
Creator and servant  
In the greatest and the smallest  
Mighty God yet gentle  
You live in the heavens and in my heart  
I give you glory  
I surrender  
My doubts, my hurts, and my failings  
You are holy  
You are perfect  
And you reveal yourself to us  
Personal and eternal.

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SONG OF PRAISE** LSB 694 “Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower” vss. 1-3, 5

## **SERMON**

*“LOVED”*  
*John 3:14-17*

## **GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS & GREET THOSE AROUND YOU**

*As the gifts are gathered, we ask that all worshipers sign the Record of Fellowship, indicating Communion attendance if offered and then pass the booklet to the person next to you in the pew. When all have signed the book, pass it back to the end of the pew.*

*To our visitors: This is a time in our service when congregation members give of the gifts God has given them to support the work of their congregation. You are welcome but not obligated to participate in supporting our ministries. We are blessed to have you worship with us. Please come again.*

## **OFFERING HYMN**

“God Is So Good”

God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He’s so good to me.

He cares for me, He cares for me, He cares for me, He’s so good to me.

I’ll do His will, I’ll do His will, I’ll do His will, He’s so good to me.

He loves me so, He loves me so, He loves me so, He’s so good to me.

He answers prayer, He answers prayer, He answers prayer, He’s so good to me.

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **Nation – Leaders -Military**

The military personnel included on our prayer board in the narthex and for those military personnel who have been wounded, and the families of those killed in action.

#### **Military List:**

Jacob Christian, Kyle Duke, Kearen Feller, John Gabrysiak, Tyler Hunt, Chad Kelling, Joshua Knoll, Tanya Lange, Kyle Margelofsky, Derek Meyer, Ryan Pillsbury, Adam Saeger, Matt Schloesser, David Schloesser, Raymond Stopinski, Aaron Tessmann, Kelley Tessmann, Tom Walsh, Heather Zarling, Josiah White

### **Recovering, Sick & Suffering**

#### Requested prayers for family and friends

Barbara Arnoux (friend of Carol Riddell); Rosanne Berry (friend of Pat Braasch & Paul Barry); Robert Butler (father of Cindy Pillsbury); Jane Ebert (mother to Mark Ebert); Marvin Feller (father to George Feller); Kari Hanssen (former LLS teacher and friend of Kathy Fortlage); Pat Lambrecht (neighbor of Donald & Lilues Maas); Judy Graff (sister to Katy Maas); Kathy Lehman; David May (father to Mark May); Jean Meyer (aunt to Kathy Beyer); Dennis Messman (LLS Gym Teacher); Dan Moritz (nephew of Millie Hildebrandt); Jeff Raether (brother of Judy Pieper); Sonny Riddell (step-mother of Kelly Groeler); Sandy Smith (step-mother to Kiki Damrow); Heidi Strauss; Gertrude Tillema (sister to Caroline Maas); Arnold Weisensel (husband & father to Yvonne Weisensel, Kim Budewitz & Pennie May); Rose Werth (sister-in-law of Doris Nass); Nicole Zwieg (niece of Bob & Darlene Klecker)

*We also include in our prayers:*

### **Homebound Members and Members of St. Peter’s who are unable to be with us:**

Larry Kehl, Leona Kurtz, Melvin Lauersdorf, Elizabeth Maas, Marvin Muche, Trisha Pieper, Duane Paswaters, William & Diane Pophal, Nadine Raether, Leonard & Erika Staerk, Shirley & Armin Tessmann, Nancy Turnipseed, Delores Uttech, Violette Vandermeerssche

**Births:**

**Baptisms:**

**Birthdays:** Dave Reals, Lynn Zindl, Rachel Braasch, Sandy Paswaters, Wanda Altreuter, Nancy Turnipseed, Jerry Pillsbury, Tim Zindl, Brady Fincutter

**Wedding:**

**Anniversaries:** Tim & Kelly Buss-17 Years

**Hospitalized & Recovering:** Nancy Turnipseed, Ronald Maas

**Deaths:** Ricky Maas

**Travelers:** All Travelers

**Special Requests:** Lebanon Lutheran School & Early Childhood Center

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: We join together in the prayer that He has taught us to pray...

**All: 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 BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**CLOSING PRAISE** LSB 918 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

**POSTLUDE**

**WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES**  
**Serving March 15 & 19, 2017**

Officiate

Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister

3/15-7:00 pm-Joel Zastrow

8:00 pm am-Todd Kuehl

10:30 am-Larry Beyer

Acolyte

3/15-7:00 pm-Lucy Groeler

8:00 am-Dylan Sippel

10:30 am- Sean Ellis

Snack for next Sunday

Ruby's Pantry

Altar Guild for March

Cindy Maas & Cheryl Maas

**Children's Bulletin & Basket**

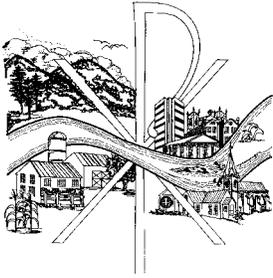
*There are special bulletins for children. If your child did not receive one, ask the usher. There is also a Children's Basket in the narthex that contains crayon and pencil packets along with children's books and Christian coloring books. We love having children in worship and sometimes they need additional stimulation to keep them interested. These items are there for your children to enjoy. Please return items to the basket at the end of the service.*

**Members**

*In the event that you or your family may need Pastoral care or comfort, please don't assume that the Pastor or church office has been contacted by the facility you have been admitted to. Due to certain policies, some places cannot share that you or a loved one has been admitted and are in need of comfort or counseling and many times the church is notified days after an admittance to a facility has happened. In your time of need, please don't hesitate to contact the Pastor by calling his cell number or the church office, which are listed on the back of the bulletin or Grapevine.*

**Visitors**

*Visitors are asked to stop at the welcome center in the narthex where you will find information about our church, newsletters, devotional materials and other items we hope you will find helpful. Please be sure to sign the attendance book that you find in the pew and is passed around during the offering.*



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*Reaching out . . .  
to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ  
through teaching, preaching,  
and promoting spiritual growth.*

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Vacancy	Christian Ed – Parish	
John Christian	Church Properties	920-925-3482

Church Office	925-3547
School Office	925-3791 (Immanuel Campus)
School Building	925-3525 (St. Peter's Campus)
Early Childhood Center	925-3040

### **LLS Program Staff**

Julia Wackt—Principal  
Kiki Damrow—Kindergarten, Art  
Kathy Fortlage—1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Music  
Jennie Berken—3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Pam Bartee—5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Julia Wackt—7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Jenny Meyers—7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Dennis Messman—K-8<sup>th</sup> Phy. Ed.  
Tori Long--K-2 Aide  
Anna Witan—K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spanish  
Karen Braun - Administrative Assistant  
Jackie Unke—Early Childhood Center Director  
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### **Support Staff**

Pennie May Church Secretary  
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**St. Peter's** – A congregation of over 400 souls – is a member congregation in the South Wisconsin District of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod. We have been a vital part of the Lebanon community for nearly 130 years.

### **Worship Services-Labor Day-Memorial Day**

Communion at both services every Sunday and all Festival Days  
8:00 & 10:30 am

- Sunday School and Bible Study for all ages 9:15 am
- *Summer Worship Times Memorial Day-Labor Day*

### **We Celebrate Two Sacraments**

In **Baptism**, God freely offers His grace and lovingly establishes a new community. In **Holy Communion** those who come to the table receive in bread and wine the body and blood of their Lord. This gift is itself the real presence of God's forgiveness and mercy, nourishing believers in union with their Lord and with each other.

### **Lebanon Lutheran School (LLS) &**

#### **LLS - Early Childhood Center (State Licensed Facility)**

Lebanon Lutheran School is an association serving children with Childcare, Preschool, and Kindergarten through Grade 8. It is a joint ministry of St. Peter's and Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lebanon (NALC).