



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
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
March 26th, 2017**

Officiate

Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Musician

Kathy Fortlage

Lay Minister

8:00 am am-George Feller
10:30 am-Ed Purtell

Acolyte

8:00 am-Ethan Maas
10:30 am- Ethan Gorniak

AS WE GATHER

God has a plan for each of us. He has an amazing and surprising plan individually crafted. It may not follow the pattern that we or those around feel it should be. But it is God's plan, shaped by His grace. We joyfully put our trust in the graciousness of the God who created, redeemed, and sanctifies us.

For Our Guests:

Hymnal Key-LSB is the Maroon Hymnal, WOV is the smaller Blue Hymnal

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

"To Your Temple, Lord, I Come"
sung to LSB 830

¹To Your temple, Lord, I come,
For it is my worship home.
This earth has no better place,
Here I see my Savior's face.

²I through Him am reconciled,
I through Him become Your child.
Abba, Father, give me grace
In Your courts Your love to trace.

³While Your glorious praise is sung,
Touch my lips, unloose my tongue
That my joyful soul may bless
Christ the Lord, my righteousness.

⁴While the prayers of saints ascend,
God of love, to mine attend.
Hear me, for Your Spirit pleads;
Hear, for Jesus intercedes.

⁵While I listen to Your Law,
Fill my soul with humble awe
Till Your Gospel bring to me
Life and immortality.

⁶While Your ministers proclaim
Peace and pardon in Your name,
Through their voice, by faith, may I
Hear You speaking from the sky.

⁷From Your house when I return,
May my heart within me burn,
And at evening let me say,
"I have walked with God today."

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt. Public domain

Please Stand

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Women: *Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!*

Men: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!*

People: **We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us make confession of our sins to God, our gracious heavenly Father.

People: **Eternal God, we confess that we are sinners in need of forgiveness. By nature we are sinful from the very beginning of our life. Through our thoughts, words, and deeds, we continually sin against You. We have lived for ourselves in many ways, breaking Your commands that direct us not to lie, steal, or transgress Your holy will. We have walked in the darkness of bad choices and have left unfulfilled opportunities to do good and be blessings to others. O God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin and free us from selfishness and indifference, that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. Graciously forgive our sins and direct us in ways of compassion and love.**

Pastor: God promises to hear those who turn to Him with repentant hearts. Upon this your confession, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. He Who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.

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.**

Please Be Seated

**+ 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, Lord, our God. You call us to be Your people who acknowledge our sin and find our hope of salvation in You alone. Direct our lives in ways of faithfulness, and keep us grounded in Your grace, rejoicing in Your undeserved love for us. Grant that we may receive the body and blood of our Lord here given as the guarantee of our salvation and as a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and praise together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People: Amen.

SANCTUS

LSB pg. 161 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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 744 "Amazing Grace"

LSB 849 "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

LSB 618 "I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table"

COMMUNION DISMISSAL BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed are You, almighty God, for by You we have been fed and nourished with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen us through this Holy Meal in faith toward You and in caring love toward one

another. By Your limitless grace, hear our prayers and grant all that is best for us according to Your loving will. Grant us Your abiding peace as we await Your eternal kingdom. In the name of Jesus, our Advent hope, we pray.

People: Amen.

WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 42:14–21 The Lord will turn darkness into light

¹⁴ “For a long time I have kept silent, I have been quiet and held myself back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant.

¹⁵ I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn rivers into islands and dry up the pools.

¹⁶ I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.

¹⁷ But those who trust in idols, who say to images, ‘You are our gods,’ will be turned back in utter shame.

¹⁸ “Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see!

¹⁹ Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Who is blind like the one in covenant with me, blind like the servant of the LORD?

²⁰ You have seen many things, but you pay no attention; your ears are open, but you do not listen.”

²¹ It pleased the LORD for the sake of his righteousness to make His law great and glorious.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:8–14 Walking as children of the light

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ⁹ for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth ¹⁰ and find out what pleases the Lord. ¹¹ Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. ¹⁴ This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1–41 Jesus heals a man who was born blind

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John the 9th chapter.

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

¹ As He went along, He saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

³ “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ As long as it is day, we must do the works of Him Who sent Me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.”

⁶ After saying this, He spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. ⁷ “Go,” He told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” this word means “Sent”. So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

⁸ His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹ Some claimed that he was.

Others said, “No, he only looks like him.”

But he himself insisted, “I am the man.”

¹⁰ “How then were your eyes opened?” they asked.

¹¹ He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.”

¹² “Where is this man?” they asked him.

“I don’t know,” he said.

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴ Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man’s eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵ Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. “He put mud on my eyes,” the man replied, “and I washed, and now I see.”

¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath.”

But others asked, “How can a sinner perform such signs?” So they were divided.

¹⁷ Then they turned again to the blind man, “What have you to say about Him? It was your eyes He opened.”

The man replied, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸ They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man’s parents. ¹⁹ “Is this your son?” they asked. “Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?”

²⁰ “We know he is our son,” the parents answered, “and we know he was born blind. ²¹ But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don’t know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself.” ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders, who already had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Messiah would

be put out of the synagogue. ²³ That was why his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴ A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. “Give glory to God by telling the truth,” they said. “We know this man is a sinner.”

²⁵ He replied, “Whether he is a sinner or not, I don’t know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!”

²⁶ Then they asked him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?”

²⁷ He answered, “I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become His disciples too?”

²⁸ Then they hurled insults at him and said, “You are this fellow’s disciple! We are disciples of Moses! ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don’t even know where He comes from.”

³⁰ The man answered, “Now that is remarkable! You don’t know where He comes from, yet He opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does His will. ³² Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

³⁴ To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when He found him, He said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

³⁶ “Who is He, Sir?” the man asked. “Tell me so that I may believe in Him.”

³⁷ Jesus said, “You have now seen Him; in fact, He is the One speaking with you.”

³⁸ Then the man said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped Him.

³⁹ Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind.”

⁴⁰ Some Pharisees who were with Him heard Him say this and asked, “What? Are we blind too?”

⁴¹ Jesus said, “If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please Be Seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG OF PRAISE

LSB 841 “O Son of God, in Galilee”

SERMON

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 LSB 687 "Thine Forever, God Of Love" vss. 4 & 5

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); Gary Geer (friend of Behl families); 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); Erma Schoenike (aunt of Jon & Tom Schoenike); 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: Mike Bauknecht, Jill Anagnostopoulos, Randy Lauersdorf, Dustin Maas, Savannah Ellis

Wedding:

Anniversaries: Tim & Kim Zindl- 27 Year
Tom & Katy Maas-21 years

Hospitalized & Recovering: Ronald Maas

Deaths:

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 WOV 649 "I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light"

POSTLUDE



*For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
Walk as children of light. Ephesians 5:8*

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Serving March 29 & April 2, 2017

Officiate

Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister

3/29-7:00 pm-Todd Kuehl

8:00 pm am-Tim Zindl

10:30 am-Ted Frank

Acolyte

3/29-7:00 pm-Blake Riedl

8:00 am-Gabby Sippel

10:30 am- Madyson Yellstrom

Snack for next Sunday

Youth Families-

H. Kuehl, G. Kuehl & K. Kuehl

Altar Guild for March

Cindy Maas & Cheryl Maas

Children's Bulletin & Basket

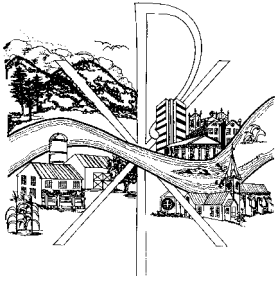
There are special bulletins for children. If your child did not receive one, ask the usher. There is also a Children's Basket in the narthex that contains crayon and pencil packets along with children's books and Christian coloring books. We love having children in worship and sometimes they need additional 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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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).