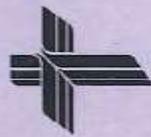


WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

A member congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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



*Peace
be with you*

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2017

Officiate

Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Musician

Ricki Budewitz

Lay Minister Lay Minister

8:00 am-Bob Nass

10:30 am-Todd Kuehl

Acolyte

8:00 am-Nathan Kehl

10:30 am- Klayton Bischoff

AS WE GATHER

On Easter evening and again the following Sunday, because the disciples saw Jesus alive, they knew the resurrection was real, and they believed in Him. They were then able to witness to their faith in spite of opposition and persecution from the Jewish council. Though grieved by various traits, it was the “living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” 1 Peter 1:3; that enabled the Early Church to rejoice. The reality of the resurrection becomes evident to people around us as we live out our faith, confessing Jesus as Lord and offering peace and forgiveness in His name. As they come to faith, they join us and “have life in His name” John 20:31.

For Our Guests:

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

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

WOV 674 “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

Please Stand

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

People: **Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him in the heights!**

Pastor: Praise Him, all His angels;

People: **Praise Him, all His hosts!**

Pastor: Kings of the earth and all peoples,

People: **Princes and all rulers of the earth!**

Pastor: Young men and maidens together,

People: **Old men and children!**

Pastor: Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for His name alone is exalted;

People: **His majesty is above earth and heaven.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, we give thanks that You have given us faith by which we are able to witness to Your Easter victory.

People: We confess that too often we have remained silent when confronted with the possibility of physical harm, social shunning, and even unkind remarks from our neighbors. Forgive us and strengthen us for witness.

Pastor: Likewise we give thanks for the joy and hope Your resurrection provides.

People: We confess that too often in our daily living we have let the conflict, turmoil, and immorality of the world cloud that joy with sorrow and gloom. Forgive us and strengthen us for witness.

Pastor: And we give thanks for the fellowship of believers we enjoy here in this place and wherever we gather around Your Word.

People: We confess that we have not always demonstrated the peace and forgiveness You brought to the disciples on Easter evening. Forgive us and strengthen us for witness.

Pastor: Almighty God has given His Son to die for You and by raising Him to life again has declared that the payment for your sins has been accepted. He has given you His Holy Spirit that You may trust Him for all things and serve Him in joy. As a called and ordained servant of the our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who showed Himself alive to the disciples and sent them with peace and forgiveness as witnesses of the resurrection. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

LSB 477 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts To Heaven" vs. 1

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 720 "We Walk By Faith And Not By Sight"

LSB 467 "Awake, My Heart With Gladness"

COMMUNION DISMISSAL BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this Holy Sacrament. Keep us in faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

FIRST READING

Acts 5:29–42 The apostles preach boldly in the face of opposition.

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—Whom you killed by hanging Him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted Him to His own right hand as Prince and Savior that He might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, Whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

³³ When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death.

³⁴ But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. ³⁵ Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: “Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men. ³⁶ Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. ³⁷ After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered. ³⁸ Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. ³⁹ But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

⁴⁰ His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

⁴¹ The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. ⁴² Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE **1 Peter 1:3–9** Rejoice in your faith as it is tested

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though

you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31 Thomas needed to see Jesus to *believe*

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

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

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After He said this, He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." ²² And with that He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ Now Thomas, also known as Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later His disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please Be Seated

HYMN OF PRAISE LSB 470 “O Sons And Daughters Of The King” vs. 5-9

SERMON

“Perfect Peace”
1 Peter 1:3-9

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 476 “Who Are You Who Walk In Sorrow”

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”
Is the Easter hymn we sing!
Take our life, our joy, our worship
As the gift of love we bring.
You have formed us all one people
Called from ev’ry land and race.
Make the Church Your servant body,
Sent to share Your healing grace!

Please stand

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:

Emaleigh Berg, 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, 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); Diane Kleinsteiber (friend of Larry & Kathy Beyer); 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); Irma 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: Emily Butler, George Feller, Marisa Nass, Daniel Hackbarth, Hannah Kuehl, Paige Buedler, Richard Kurtz, Crystal Maas, Michael Stark

Wedding:

Anniversaries: Jerry & Cindy Pillsbury-33 Years

Hospitalized & Recovering: Ronald Maas

Deaths:

Travelers: All Travelers

Special Requests: 2017 St. Peter's Confirmation Class
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.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Please be seated

CLOSING PRAISE LSB 465 “Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds”

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

Serving 4/30/17

Officiate

Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister

8:00 am-George Feller

10:30 am-Ed Purtell

Acolytes

8:00 am-Ethan Maas

10:30 am-Sean Ellis

Snack for next Sunday

Confirmation Day

Altar Guild for April

Kiara Kuehl & Sherry Hackbarth

Children's Bulletin & Basket

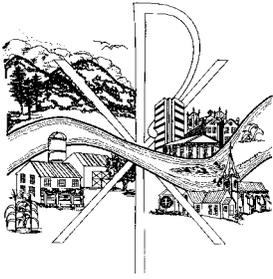
There are special bulletins for children. If your child did not receive one, ask the usher. There is also a Children's Basket in the narthex that contains crayon and pencil packets along with children's books and Christian coloring books. We love having children in worship and sometimes they need additional 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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to share the love and hope of Jesus Christ
through teaching, preaching,
and promoting spiritual growth.*

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 Heidi Field – Grade PreK-4

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).

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