



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"

A detailed, realistic illustration of two hands clasped together in prayer, rendered in a dark, monochromatic style. The hands are positioned centrally in the upper half of the page, with the fingers interlaced and the palms facing each other. The background is a dark, textured grey, making the hands stand out.

He prayed

Mark 1:35

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 4, 2018

Officiate

Pastor Dennis Kneer

Lay Minister

8:00 am-George Feller

10:30 am-Ed Purtell

Acolytes

8:00 am-Adaline Nass

10:30 am-Lucy Groeler

Musician

Ricki Budewitz

AS WE GATHER

Today's Readings are a gracious reminder to us that, in His love for His people, God is willing to rescue and protect us; and as the almighty Lord over all, He is certainly able! The people in Isaiah's day were wondering about God's protection as they feared neighboring states, but the prophet reminds them that God is in control of all things, ready and able to help them. When Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law and many others who were suffering from both sickness and demons, He demonstrated His power to save from opponents on every level. And when Paul became "all things to all people," he was bringing them Gospel, God's ultimate rescue from sin, death, and the devil. And now, the blessings of the Gospel come to us today through Word and Sacrament from our strong and loving God.

For Our Guests:

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

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN LSB 807 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Please Stand

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In today's Introit, David speaks for us as we, God's people, waver between strong faith in Him and fear of other forces. Let us speak the Introit together as a guide for confession.

All: **"I will sing to the LORD, because He has dealt bountifully with me."**

Pastor: God has blessed us so often!

People: **Yet we confess, heavenly Father, that we have wondered about Your care in times of distress. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, O Lord, our God.**

All: **"Consider and answer me, O LORD my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
lest my enemy say, 'I have prevailed over him,'
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken."**

Pastor: God is greater than any foe!

People: Yet we confess, gracious Lord, that at times our faith has been shaky—when You have not answered our prayers immediately, and when pain, sadness, or fear have increased. In our distress, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, O Lord, our God.

All: “But I have trusted in Your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.”

Pastor: God has indeed worked salvation for us! Through Jesus’ death and resurrection, He has conquered sin, death, and the devil. He covers even our doubts and the weaknesses of our faith with Christ’s own righteousness. 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.

People: Amen!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. “I will sing to the LORD, because He has dealt bountifully with me.”

THE NICENE CREED

All: 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 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.

Please Be Seated

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

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

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...

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in Him we see not only Your almighty power to order creation, but also Your steadfast love to work our eternal salvation. Therefore 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 949 “Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship” 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 727 “On Eagles Wings”

LSB 551 “When To Our World the Savior Came”

COMMUNION DISMISSAL BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have graciously given us strength and showered us with love in this salutary gift,

People: And we ask You thereby to enable us to serve willingly and joyfully in Your name;

Pastor: Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:21–31 The Lord reminds His people that He is willing and able to defend them.

²¹ Do you not know? Do you not hear?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

²² It is He Who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;
²³ Who brings princes to nothing,
and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.
²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when He blows on them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.
²⁵ To whom then will you compare Me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.
²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?
He Who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name;
by the greatness of His might
and because He is strong in power,
not one is missing.
²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?
²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
His understanding is unsearchable.
²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and to Him Who has no might He increases strength.
³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 9:16–27 Paul changes his approach to win different people.

¹⁶ For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

¹⁹ For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law though not being myself under the law that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵ Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39 Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law and many others.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.

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

²⁹ And immediately He left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told Him about her. ³¹ And He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening at sundown they brought to Him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ And He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And He would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

³⁵ And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him, ³⁷ and they found Him and said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." ³⁸ And He said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out."

³⁹ And He went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG OF PRAISE

LSB 790 "Praise To The Lord"

SERMON

"The Magnificence of God"
Isaiah 40:21-31

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

OFFERING HYMN LSB 793 "Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven" vs. 4

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, Ben Junio, Joshua Knoll, Tanya Lange, Kyle Margelofsky, Derek Meyer, 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

Dorothy Beyer(mother to Larry Beyer);Marvin Feller (father to George Feller); Gary Geer(friend of Behl families); Paul Hinrichs(husband to Sandra Hinrichs-former LLS teacher), Hilbert Hodgson(father of Betty Hildebrandt); Ryan Kohlhoff (friend of Bob & Darlene Klecker); Pat Lambrecht (neighbor of Donald & Lilues Maas); Paul Lemke (husband of Erica Lemke); Judy Graff (sister to Katy Maas);Diane Kleinsteiber (friend of Larry & Kathy Beyer); Evie Mack (friend of Sandy Paswaters); David May(father of Mark May); Jean Meyer (aunt to Kathy Beyer); Jeff Raether (brother of Judy Pieper); Sonny Riddell (step-mother of Kelly Groeler); Fred Strassburg(stepfather of Allen & Debbie, David & Dianne Behl); Heidi Strauss; Hank Suttle (father of Kim Zindl); 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); Jeff Zagrodnik(friends of Carol Riddell)

We also include in our prayers:

Homebound Members of St. Peter's and those who are unable to be with us:

Aretta Lauersdorf, Melvin Lauersdorf, Elizabeth Maas, Marvin Muche, Trisha Pieper, William & Diane Pophal, Nadine Raether, Erika Staerk, Shirley & Armin Tessmann, Nancy Turnipseed, Delores Uttech

College Students: Courtney Ewert, Jonathan Frank, Gabby Kuehl, Kordel Kuehl, Sierra Kuehl, McKayla Maas, Peter Maas, Samantha Maas, Jacob May, Rylee Nass

Births:

Baptisms:

Birthdays: Mary Ann Ewert, Owen Pieper, Donna Fuller, Nikki Zindl, Treyton Hildebrandt,

Wedding:

Anniversaries:

Hospitalized & Recovering: Trisha Pieper

Missions: Cindy Zirbel Wrucke

Deaths:

Travelers: All travelers & families waiting for their safe return

Special Requests:

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.**

CLOSING LSB 816 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

POSTLUDE



*Jesus healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons.
Mark 1:34a*

About the Cover: We respect those who lead by example. Jesus teaches and even commands us to pray to our heavenly Father. He taught His own disciples how and what to pray. We are given many examples of Jesus praying in Scripture. We are to pray to our heavenly Father to praise Him, thank Him, confess our sins, and seek His help for us and for others. Prayer is truly a wonderful gift from God.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

FOR NEXT WEEK-

Officiate

Pastor Douglas Bergelin

Lay Minister

8:00 am-Bob Nass

10:30 am-Ted Fuller

Acolytes

8:00 am-Chellie Hildebrandt

10:30 am-Ariona Hildebrandt

Bible Study Snack

St. Peter's Ladies Aid Chili Lunch

Altar Guild for February

Caroline Maas-Charlene Feller

Children's Bulletin & Basket

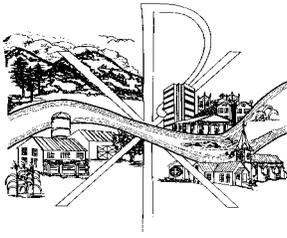
There are special bulletins for children. If your child did not receive one, ask the usher. There is also a Children's Basket in the narthex that contains crayon and pencil packets along with children's books and Christian coloring books. We love having children in worship and sometimes they need additional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



ST. PETER'S

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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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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Church Office	920-925-3547
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School Building	920-925-3525 (St. Peter's Campus)
Early Childhood Center	920-925-3040

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 over 135 years.

LLS Program Staff

Julia Wackt–Principal
Kiki Damrow—Kindergarten, K-2nd Grade Art
Kathy Fortlage –1st & 2nd Grade, Music
Jennie Berken – 3rd & 4th Grade
Pam Bartee – 5th & 6th Grade
Julia Wackt– 7th & 8th Grade
Jenny Meyers— 7th & 8th Grade
Dennis Messman – K-8th Grade Phy. Ed.
Tori Long--K-2nd Grade Aide & Art, PreK-4
Anna Witan—K-8th Grade Spanish, 3rd-8th Art
Administrative Assistant-Lynn Block
Vacancy – Early Childhood Center Director
Jessica Peters & Kayla Zimmerman– Grade PreK-3
Vacancy – Grade PreK-4

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*
-Thursday 7:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am & 9:30 am

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(LCMS) and Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lebanon (NALC).

Support Staff

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Jody Nass	LLS Custodian
Cindy Pillsbury	LLS-ECC Custodian