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**9:00 A.M. Sundays: Alternating with Traditional &  
Contemporary Services (Communion - all Services)  
10:15-11:00 A.M. Sunday School; 10:30-11:00 A.M. Adult Bible Class  
6:30 P.M. Wednesdays: Devotional Service with Communion  
(Beginning April 4, 2018)**

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**March 25, 2018**

**PALM SUNDAY**

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**TODAY:** 10:15-11:00 Sunday School  
10:30-11:00 Bible Class  
11:00 Easter Egg Hunt for Youth

**TUESDAY:** 6:30-8:00 Adult Choir

**THURSDAY:** 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service with Communion

**FRIDAY:** 7:00 Good Friday Tenebrae Traditional Service

**SATURDAY:** 9:00-12:00 Decorating for Easter  
3:00 Work @ House of Charity, Minneapolis  
(5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>Graders)

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 6:30 Easter Traditional Service with Communion  
7:45-8:45 Easter Breakfast  
9:00 Easter Contemporary Service with Communion

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**ACOLYTE:** Lucas Oberdeck **READER:** Peggy Oehlke

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**BIRTHDAYS:** TODAY: Dawn Tobin WED: Alicia Walton SAT: Edward Simkins

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**BAPTISMAL DATES:** MON: Jack Frahm THURS: James McConnell  
FRI: Donna Kosen, Cheryl Richert, Lauren Simkins SAT: Destiny Boles,  
Harmony Boles, Yvonne Boles

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**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY:** 9:00 A.M.: 96.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE RADIOS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.**  
Please see an usher. Turn to 97.8 or 98.0 for the best reception.

**CUSHIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX.** You may leave them in  
the pews after the worship service.

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**BLESSING** (*See screen.*)

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(*Be seated.*)

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(*Stand.*)

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Mark 14:1-15:47 (ESV)

(*Be seated.*)

**SONG OF THE DAY:** "Cornerstone" (*See screen.*)

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**NICENE CREED** (*Stand.*)

**THE OFFERING** (*Be seated.*)

*(Note to our visitors: You are our guests this morning! Please do not feel the need to make a contribution to our Offering. We would ask all visitors and members to sign the Register Pad as the Offering is being collected. Also, Prayer Cards are available in the pew racks for special intercessions during the time of congregational prayer.)*

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*For those who can answer these questions in the affirmative, we welcome you to join us at the Lord’s Table. For those who have a different religious understanding, or are unclear as to the points listed above, we ask that you talk to the pastor before receiving the Sacrament.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (See screen.) (Stand.)**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (See screen.)**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST (See screen.)**

### **THE DISTRIBUTION (Be seated.)**

### **DISTRIBUTION SONGS**

“Here Is Bread” (See screen.)

“There Is a Redeemer”

PW 111

“10,000 Reasons” (See screen.)

*(Stand.)*

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING (See screen.)**

### **THE BENEDICTION (See screen.)**

### **CLOSING SONG: “Christ Is Risen” (See screen.)**

*(Be seated.)*

*(Dismissal of Children for Sunday School)*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **PRAYER PAGE – OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

**March 25, 2018** (\*Added this week)

Patrick Love, grandson of Kathy Bauer, for strength & spiritual guidance

Angie Graves, family friend of Jay & Autumn Zahn, recovering from open heart surgery (She needs a heart transplant to survive long term and is on the waiting list. Pray for complete recovery and long life.)

Derek Nelson, recovering at home after being struck by a car

Madeline Nelson, prayers for emotional and spiritual strength for her

Loren Richert, recovering from a stroke

Deb Zwickey, friend of Gayle Schneider, for relief of pain & healing after surgery

Kathy Hatanpaa, cousin of Lois Fritsche, A.L.S.

Cole Wegner, son of Jenny Veith's cousin, Cystic Fibrosis

Jeff Riemenschneider, brother of Autumn Zahn, Parkinson's

Kellen Giddings, friend of Maverick Schiltgen, recovery from a brain tumor

Grace Hedtke, Melissa Oberdeck's Godchild, bone tumor

Hubert Schiell, for healing from knee surgery

Breck Fewer, son of Joe & Lindsey Fewer, recovering from heart surgery

LaDonna Freitag, daughter of Faye Freitag-Schiell, for health & healing

Laurel Bonine, for health and healing

Holly Bonine, for health and healing

Melissa Oberdeck, for health & healing

Jessica Polinske, for health and healing

Beth Larson, daughter-in-law of Ron & Joanne Larson, health & healing (brain tumor)

Alicia Cleveland, daughter of Betty Richert, Muscular Dystrophy & Leukemia

Karen Carter, niece of Cheryl Richert, kidney cancer

John Schmidt, treatment for cancer

Greg Rubenstein, husband of Marlys Albrecht, good health & healing (cancer free)

Carl Benning (requested by Alicia Benning), cancer

Nancy Wesley, friend of Gayle Schneider, treatment for recurrence of cancer

Mike Morley, friend of Bruce Albrecht, continued good health after cancer treatment

Anita Bruch, lymphoma cancer

Darlene O'Malley, grandmother of Angie Engen, Cancer

Richard Miller, Viola Miller's grandson, treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma

Maureen Busacker, sister-in-law of Dale & Janel Busacker, cancer

Teresa Kopps, spiritual blessings and successful treatment of Stage 4 cancer

Tim Sachi, friend of Steve & Sharon Wellner, cancer

Don Goodwin, son-in-law of Stan Simkins, cancer

Jerry Mueller, son of Evie Mueller, health & healing (cancer free at this time)

Jason Bauer, nephew of Kathy Bauer, cancer

Sue Dickey, friend of Kathy Bauer, cancer

Marilyn Stalhiem, aunt of Linda Veith, cancer

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If you would like to include the needs of a sick relative or friend in our weekly Prayer Page, call the church office at (651) 436-3357, or submit the request via E-mail: [stpeter@stpeterafton.org](mailto:stpeter@stpeterafton.org) by Wednesday afternoon. Prayer requests will be kept on our list for two months unless otherwise directed. To request a prayer for our "Prayer Chain" that you would like us to send out via E-mail, call the church office. If anyone would like to be added to this list, call the church office with your E-mail.

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**VOLUNTEERS FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE MARCH 29TH, 7:00 P.M:** USHERS: Jay Zahn, Elder; George Riemer; Jim Jordan; Clyde Erickson; Bruce Albrecht; ACOLYTE: Charlie Veith; GREETERS: (Open).

**VOLUNTEERS FOR GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE MARCH 30TH, 7:00 P.M:** USHERS: Jay Zahn, Elder; George Riemer; Jim Jordan; Clyde Erickson; Bruce Albrecht; ACOLYTE: (Open); GREETER: Donna Kosen.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES: 6:30 A.M:** USHERS: Jay Zahn, Elder; George Riemer; Jim Jordan; Clyde Erickson; Bruce Albrecht; ACOLYTE: Malachi Oberdeck; READER: Joan Riemer; GREETER: Donna Kosen; **9:00 A.M.:** USHERS: Jay Zahn, Elder; George Riemer; Jim Jordan; Clyde Erickson; Bruce Albrecht; ACOLYTE: Logan Knight; READER: Dale Busacker; GREETERS: (Open).

**EASTER ACTIVITIES! TODAY** we will have an **EASTER EGG HUNT** for all St. Peter Youth immediately following Sunday School (11:00 a.m.)

**EASTER BREAKFAST:** On April 1<sup>st</sup>, we will have our annual Easter Breakfast youth fundraiser. Invite family and friends to join us for the Easter Breakfast (7:45-8:45 a.m.), after the 6:30 a.m. Traditional Service or before the 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service.

**CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF KOREA IS THE MISSION-OF-THE-MONTH FOR MARCH & APRIL.** See the mission board in the narthex. Please pray for salvation for the leadership and people of North Korea; for wisdom and integrity for officials in key positions within the Ministry of Public Health and across the government. If you would like to support this Mission-of-the-Month, there are special Mission envelopes in your offering envelope box, in the pews, or on the Mission Board.

**DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER CONCERN?** Please contact Pastor Drews, Cheryl Richert, Gayle Schneider or any of the Elders with your request. We will send an e-mail for you so that we can pray for that individual's needs. There is power in prayer! If you would like to be a part of this Prayer Chain, provide Cheryl with your e-mail address.

**THE SPRING CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS' MEETING** will be held on Sunday, April 22nd, at 10:30 a.m. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. (No Bible Class that day.)

**SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND** – We will work a shift on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sign up on the sheet on the kiosk. If you have questions, call Cheryl Schmidt

Please mark your calendar for **EASTER DECORATING** of our sanctuary for the resurrection of our Lord on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Many hands and fellowship of others will make the task enjoyable. Hope to see you then. Any questions, contact Judy Hansen.

**5TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT:** On Saturday, March 31, we will be helping prepare & serve dinner for those less fortunate at House of Charity in Minneapolis. We will meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. and drive out as a group. Let Tony Engen know if you are coming so he can arrange transportation.

**SPRING NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL:** **Thursday, April 26, at Noon!** Bring a friend for lunch and music! We hope to see a lot of friends and neighbors and YOU! We have postcard invitations for you to send. Please RSVP by April 20 to (651) 436-3357 or [stpeter@stpeterafton.org](mailto:stpeter@stpeterafton.org). If you need a ride, let us know. We will need help that day and there will be sign-up sheets for food donations. Questions? Call Linda Craig

**THRIVENT MEMBERS:** March 29<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to designate Choice Dollars. For assistance, call 1-800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” at the prompt. Press **1** to direct Choice Dollars or **2** to hear Thrivent Choice program terms and conditions or visit [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice). **THANK YOU** to those who designate Choice Dollars to St. Peter!

**ST. PETER WILL HOST THE RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE** on Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00-7:00 p.m. Please say “Yes!” when you are called to help with making this day run smoothly. Any questions, call Peggy Oehlke

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**People: Amen.**

**BLESSING** (*See screen.*)

Pastor: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People: Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ: In the five weeks of Lent, we have been preparing for this week, for the events of our Lord's death and resurrection. The great and wondrous paschal mystery now lies before us as we enter with Christ with palms and hosannas before He confronts the cross. Everything in Lent points to this week. As we commemorate how our Lord entered to the welcome of palms and hosannas, we also remember His death, which gives us life, and His resurrection, through which we dwell with Him for all eternity.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY** *(See screen.)*

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, as once Your Son was welcomed with palms and hosannas as He made His way to the cross, so lead us to welcome Him by faith today. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we may believe in Him above all things, proclaim His saving death to the whole world, and rejoice in what He accomplished for us by the offering of Himself upon the cross; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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“Same Power” – Praise Team

Jeremy Camp

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**Pastor:** Let us pray to the Lord that He may hear us on behalf of the people of God and all people as they have need. That the humility of our Lord's suffering and death bring forth in us the fruits of faith and renewed faithfulness, for us and for all who hear His Passion today, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That the sufferings of Christ in our place not only strengthen us in faith but give us courage to proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That the wounds of the sick, the suffering, the grieving, and the dying find healing in the wounds of Christ our Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That His gracious humility in giving us His righteousness as our baptismal clothing and His flesh and blood as our true and everlasting food equip us with all that we need to do the good works of faith, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** That by His gracious example of humility unto death we learn humility of faith, repent of our sin and unrighteousness, and learn to delight in His will and walk in His ways all the days of our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

(Continued)

Pastor: That the Lord receive the tithes and offerings we bring, with the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving in our worship, as testament of our faith and as sign of our gratitude, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That the Lord bless His Church, those who minister in His name, and all the baptized people of God in their vocations of worship, witness, intercession, and service, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That God visit His grace to us and to all nations, that we have good leaders and that we be good citizens, until the day when we join the saints before the Lord in His eternal city, where He has prepared for us an everlasting place, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (*See screen.*)

Pastor: Blessed Lord, You caused all things to come into being and sent forth the promise of Your Word when sin and death held us captive. In the fullness of time, You sent forth Your one and only Son to fulfill the promise made to Adam and Eve and become the Savior of Your people. We rejoice in what He accomplished by His saving death upon the cross and His glorious resurrection. As He has made peace with His death, so bestow upon us the fruits of His atonement in this blessed Communion of His body and blood, that what we receive here now with our lips, we keep to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** (*See screen.*)

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

*(Be seated.)*

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Assistant: Let us pray. Mighty Lord, in Your Son we have witnessed the flower of Your eternal love and the power of His saving will. Give us Your Holy Spirit that, having been made one with Him in our Baptism, we show forth the fruits of His redeeming work in holy lives and in faithful voices raised in witness to Him who died for us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **THE BENEDICTION** (*See screen.*)

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 SONG:** “Christ Is Risen” (*See screen.*)

*(Be seated.)*

*(Dismissal of Children for Sunday School)*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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