

**SAINT PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)
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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**

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April 29, 2018 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Vol. 58, No. 22

TODAY: 10:15-11:00 Sunday School
10:30 Special Congregational Voters' Meeting

MONDAY: 1:00-7:00 Red Cross Bloodmobile here

TUESDAY: 7:00-8:00 Adult Bible Class @ Machine Shed, Lake Elmo
10:00-11:00 Adult Bible Class
7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry

WEDNESDAY: 6:30-7:00 Devotional Service with Communion
7:00-8:00 Weekday/Confirmation Classes

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 Traditional Service with Confirmation & Communion
10:00 Confirmation Reception
10:15-11:00 Sunday School

ORGANIST: Alicia Walton **ACOLYTE:** Ryan Bernath **READER:** Betsy Hundertmark

BIRTHDAYS:

BAPTISMAL DATES:

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.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 121.

Special Service with Communion
April 29, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.

SALUTATION AND WELCOME

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you. *(Stand.) (Worshipers greet one another.)*

OPENING HYMN: “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” LSB 633

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION LSB, P. 151

SERVICE OF THE WORD LSB P. 152

KYRIE LSB, P 152

HYMN OF PRAISE: “This Is the Feast” LSB, P. 155

SALUTATION AND COLLECT LSB, P. 156

(Be seated.)

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40 (ESV)

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:1-11 (ESV)

(Stand.)

ALLELUIA VERSE (Common) LSB, P. 156

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8 (ESV)

(Be seated.)

SERMON HYMN: “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”
LSB 465

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON:

Text: John 15:1-8

(Stand.)

CREED: “Nicene Creed” LSB, P. 158

(Be seated.)

OFFERING

(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.)

“God’s Wondrous World” composed by Maltbie D. Babcock
arr. by Pat Messick

Children’s Choir

FOR ALL WHO DESIRE TO RECEIVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

*We believe that Christ's Body and Blood is present in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. In this sacred meal Jesus gives Himself in love to His Church to build us up in faith, hope and love. Since Christ is truly present, the Sacrament is not to be received in a careless or indifferent manner. St. Paul writes: "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. **Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup.**" (1 Corinthians 11.27-28)*

We believe that such self-examination necessarily includes the following points: 1) Do I believe that the only true God is the Triune God, Three Divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, within One Divine Being? 2) Do I humbly acknowledge before God that I am indeed a sinner in need of His grace? 3) Do I believe that Jesus Christ the Son of God is my personal Lord and Savior? 4) Do I believe that in this Sacrament Christ is truly present for me for the forgiveness of my sins? 5) Do I have a sincere desire, with God's help, to live a life that is pleasing to Him?

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.

(Stand.)

OFFERTORY

LSB, P. 159

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Prayer Page following worship service.)*

SERVICE OF SACRAMENT

PREFACE

LSB, P. 160

SANCTUS

LSB, P. 161

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB, P. 161

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB, P. 162

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

LSB, P. 163

(Be seated.)

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"

LSB 680

(Stand.)

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord" LSB, P. 164

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT LSB, P. 166

THE BENEDICTION LSB, P. 166

CLOSING HYMN: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LSB 805

(Be seated.)

(Dismissal of Children for Sunday School)

PRAYER PAGE – OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

April 29, 2018 (*Added this week)

Patrick Love, grandson of Kathy Bauer, for strength & spiritual guidance
Maron Ackerman, mother of Brenda Richert and grandmother of Alicia, Aaron & Tyler, recovery from back surgery
Janice Goebel, sister of Phyllis Richert, recovery from foot surgery
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
Jamie Grenier, husband of Cyndi Grenier, health & healing after heart procedure
Deb Zwickley, 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
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
Leona Volkert, sister of Viola Miller and sister-in-law of Mary Lou Volkert, cancer
Sandy Bushinger, daughter of Hubert Schiell, cancer
Barbie Erickson, friend of the Swanson family, cancer
Loretta Freitag, sister of Faye Freitag-Schiell, cancer
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, 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

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 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.

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS' MEETING TODAY, following the worship service. At this meeting, we will be discussing and voting on the candidates which the Call Committee has presented to the congregation. (No Bible Class today.)

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE: COFFEE HOST: Confirmation Reception (SPLCW); USHERS: Derek Nelson, Elder; Kim Fritsche; Paul Fritsche; Steve Wellner; Ken Veith; ACOLYTE: Ryan Bernath; READER: Joan Riemer; GREETER: Lorraine Hansen.

CONFIRMATION RECEPTION -There will be a Confirmation Reception following the 9:00 a.m. Traditional Service with Confirmation and Communion next Sunday, May 6th, sponsored by S.P.L.C.W. Confirmands this year are Ryan Bernath, Lucas Oberdeck, Charlie Veith and Ashley Walton.

ST. PETER WILL HOST THE RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE this Monday, April 30th, from 1:00-7:00 p.m. If you would like to make an appointment to donate blood or have any questions, call Peggy Oehlke Walk-ins are welcome!

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS OF KOREA IS THE MISSION-OF-THE-MONTH FOR APRIL. See the mission board in the narthex for more information. Please pray that God will touch your own heart and that you will be open to supporting the work of CFK! 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.

SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND - We will work a shift on Friday, May 11th, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet on the kiosk. If you have any questions, call Cheryl Schmidt

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL SERVICES WITH COMMUNION will be held this Wednesday 6:30-7:00 p.m.; with **WEEKDAY/ CONFIRMATION CLASSES** from 7:00-8:00 p.m. (*This is the final Weekday/Confirmation Class until the fall.*) Wednesday Devotional Services with Communion will continue through the summer.

TEACHER APPRECIATION POTLUCK/GAME DAY! For the last day of Sunday school we will be doing a potluck/family game day. It will be right after Sunday School on May

20th. Everyone is welcome and asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share and their favorite board/card game. The board of education will supply brats, hot dogs, and beverages.

LUTHERAN WITNESS” SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE. If you would like the “Lutheran Witness” sent to your home, cost is \$19.70/year. Use the envelope included in your offering envelopes and put in the offering plate or turn in to the church office by May 15th. Make checks payable to St. Peter Lutheran Church, marked “Lutheran Witness”. There’s a copy of the “Lutheran Witness” in the church library if you would like to read it and do not want to order a subscription.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETS EVERY OTHER TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. They will meet this Tuesday, May 3rd. Join us if you like to knit or crochet or would like to learn. If you have questions, call Gayle Schneider or Linda Craig

ATTENTION 5TH-12TH GRADERS!! CATALYST is held the third Friday of the month! (Monthly Youth Night): On May 18th, from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. come join us for Catalyst. In Matthew 6:33 Jesus tells us to seek God’s kingdom above all else. At Catalyst this is exactly what we will be doing! Come for a night of worship, prayer, games, music, and friendship. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. As always, please bring your friends!

VALLEY ACCESS CABLE CHANNEL #18 will air our worship service on Fridays, 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.; and Saturdays, 1:00 A.M. & 6:00 A.M. **WE CAN ALSO PROVIDE DVD’S** for shut-ins if requested. They can be picked up by a family member or friend, or mailed. Call the church office.