

**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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May 13, 2018 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Vol. 58, No. 24

TODAY: 10:15-11:00 Sunday School
10:30-11:00 Bible Class

MONDAY: 6:30 Board of Education

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

WEDNESDAY: 6:30-7:00 Devotional Service with Communion

FRIDAY: 6:30-9:00 CATALYST (5th – 12th Graders)

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 Traditional Service with Communion
10:15-11:00 Sunday School
10:30-11:00 Bible Class
11:00 Teacher Appreciation Potluck/Game Day

ACOLYTE: Ashley Walton **READER:** Shelly Love

BIRTHDAYS: TODAY: Art Tobin THURS: Janel Busacker SAT: Ronald LeMay,
Jeffrey Richert

BAPTISMAL DATES: TODAY: Cheryl Schmidt MON: Adam Andreassen TUES:
Clyde Erickson WED: Loren Richert FRI: Lillian Pryce, Daniel Richert SAT:
Kaleb Peterson

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: 145.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION

May 13, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.

AS WE GATHER – On this final Sunday of the Easter season, the apostles are gathered to select as successor to Judas one who had been with them from the beginning to become a witness of Jesus’ resurrection. In the Epistle, John teaches us the Good News that God testifies concerning Jesus, the Son: “Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life” (1 John 5:12). In the Gospel, Jesus, in His High Priestly Prayer, prays that all who have received His Word may be one and that His joy may be fulfilled in us. He sanctifies us together in the truth of His Word as we live as resident aliens in this world.

WELCOME (*Worshippers greet one another.*) (*Stand.*)

OPENING SONG: “Jesus Messiah” (*See screen.*)

THE INVOCATION (*See screen.*)

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES (*Psalm 1:1–3, 6*) (*See screen.*)

Pastor: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

People: nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

Pastor: but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night.

People: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.

Pastor: In all that he does, he prospers. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

People: but the way of the wicked will perish.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*1 John 5:12*) (*See screen.*)

Pastor: God who testifies Good News concerning Your Son:

People: We admit that we have turned from You. We have been led astray by our listening to the many voices spouting fake news in our world. Tune our hearts to Your voice speaking Good News about Jesus in Your Word. Forgive us, and heal us by Your love for Jesus’ sake.

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Pastor: “Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.” Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus 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.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(See screen.)*

Pastor: Let us pray. God who testifies Good News concerning Your Son, Jesus, grant in a world filled with misleading voices and much that is false, that Your people hear and attend to the sound of Your voice; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns in communion and love with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated.)

FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-26 (ESV)

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-15 (ESV)

(Stand.)

HOLY GOSPEL: John 17:11b-19 (ESV)

(Be seated.)

SERMON SONG: “Good, Good Father” *(See screen.)*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

Text: John 17:11b-19

(Stand.)

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(Be seated.)

THE 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.)

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.)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *(See screen.)*

Pastor: Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs. O God, restore us to oneness among our family of believers even as You have restored us to oneness with You through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, who is Your Good News for all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O God, grant to all servants of Your Word attentive hearts to listen to Your voice as they speak Your Word among people who do not yet know how much You love them. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O God, help the leaders of the civil realm both here and around the world to follow paths of justice for all people, protect the weakest and poorest in every society, and practice honesty and integrity in all their affairs. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: O God, be with all people who suffer affliction of body, mind, or spirit. Grant that all people look to You and experience healing and wholeness according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

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Pastor: O God, You have set the feast before us in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Grant that all who come and dine this day both here and throughout the world do so trusting Jesus' words that His body is given and His blood is shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God, in Your beloved presence the saints rest from their labors awaiting the day of the resurrection of all flesh. Bring us together with all Your saints into the fullness of Your reign on the day that Jesus comes again. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All glory, honor, power, and might be unto You, dear Father, who with Your Son, Jesus Christ, are living and reigning in communion and love with the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and ever unto the ages of ages.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*See screen.*)

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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. *(1 Corinthians 11:26)*

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *(Revelation 22:20)*

(Be seated.)

THE DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Feed Us Now” *(See screen.)* **(BOB 53)**

“Open the Eyes of My Heart” *(See screen.)* **(BOB 180)**

“Better Is One Day” *(See screen.)* **(BOB 23)**

(Stand.)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING *(See screen.)*

Assistant: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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: “You Never Let Go” *(See screen.)*

(Be seated.)

(Dismissal of Children for Sunday School)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRAYER PAGE – OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

May 13, 2018 (*Added this week)

The family of Rosemarie Kroening, who passed away on May 4th*

The family of Walter Heimerdinger, especially Eunice Kanning, who passed away on April 28th

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.)

Loren Richert, recovering from a stroke

Jamie Grenier, husband of Cyndi Grenier, health & healing after heart procedure

Deb Zwickay, 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.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR THIS MORNING are placed to the glory of God in memory of Rosemarie Kroening by her family.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE: COFFEE HOSTS: (Open); USHERS: Derek Nelson, Elder; Kim Fritsche; Paul Fritsche; Steve Wellner; Ken Veith; ACOLYTE: Lucas Oberdeck; READER: Shelly Love; GREETER: Lorraine Hansen.

A DEVOTIONAL SERVICE WITH COMMUNION will be held this Wednesday 6:30-7:00 p.m.

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 (11:00 a.m.) 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.

UNION GOSPEL MISSION IS THE MISSION-OF-THE-MONTH FOR MAY & JUNE. See the mission board in the narthex for more information. 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.

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.

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!

AV TEAM NEEDS REGULAR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST DURING WORSHIP SERVICES. This is not high tech. Basic PC knowledge is all you need to help. Please see or call Jay Zahn, (651) 235-1381.

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.

IF YOU ARE A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, WE WILL BE HAVING A GRADUATE RECEPTION for you on Sunday, June 3rd, during Coffee Hour. Call the church office and let us know if you will be graduating this year. (This is also for any college graduates who missed the April 22nd college graduate reception.)

MANY THANKS to all of the helpers who made our Neighborhood Social Luncheon such a success! We served lunch to about 65 people and had wonderful musical entertainment. We connected with old friends and met lots of new people!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETS EVERY OTHER TUESDAY AT 7:00 P.M. They will meet on May 15th. Join us if you like to knit or crochet or would like to learn. If you have questions, call Gayle Schneider at (651) 777-3285 or Linda Craig at (651) 436-5832.

ROCHESTER SERVANT EVENT - It is time to sign up for the **Rochester Servant Event** for this year! RSE will take place this year from **June 10th-13th** and is open to all of our **7th through 12th grade students**. The plan will be like last year where we will leave after church Sunday and return on Wednesday evening. There will be no cost for this event for our youth or their friends, as St. Peter will cover the funds from the youth mission account. Lodging and food will also be provided for the duration of the trip. **There is still time to register online for this event but please do so ASAP.** This will help both the organizers of the event in knowing how many service projects they can fulfill and also me in knowing how many cars I need to fill. Once you are registered, please send me an e-mail letting me know that your child/children is/are coming and if they are bringing friends. Friends should also register individually online. Here is a link for the registration site: **rochesterservantevent.wordpress.com**. - Tony Engen, DCE

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!