

**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 (September-May)
6:30 P.M. Wednesdays: Devotional Service with Communion**

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 24, 2018

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TODAY: 10:00 Farewell Brunch for Pastor Drews
TUESDAY: 7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry
WEDNESDAY: 6:30-7:00 Devotional Service
with Communion
NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 Traditional Service with Communion
2:00 Installation Service for Pastor
David Domanski
*(Light refreshments following the
Installation)*

ACOLYTE: Lillian Pryce **READER:** Laura Bauer

BIRTHDAYS: TUES: Quinten Peterson SAT: Cole Tobin, Amberly Veith

BAPTISMAL DATES: MON: Gabriella Richert, Hubert Schiell, Derek Veith TUES: Brooklyn Vennemann WED: Edward Simkins THURS: Alvina Schmidt FRI: Carl Bruch, Joshua Vargas SAT: Matthew Walton

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: 116.

Contemporary Service with Communion

June 24, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.

AS WE GATHER – St. John the Baptist is Jesus’ Forerunner. He was called from the womb *to bring Israel back to God* through his baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was marked to be the greatest born of women (Matthew 11:11). The Church rejoices over the Lord’s mercy just as Elizabeth’s neighbors and relatives did at John’s birth. John is *the voice preparing the way of the Lord* (Isaiah 40:3); Jesus, the virgin-born Son of God, is that Lord. John is born to give knowledge of salvation to God’s people by the forgiveness of their sins.

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

OPENING SONG: “As We Gather”

PW 240

THE INVOCATION (*See screen.*)

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*Psalm 124:8; 2 Corinthians 6:2*)

(*See screen.*)

Pastor: “Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.” Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, we take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: “God, be merciful to me, a sinner.”

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: “Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, 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. Almighty God, you called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way.

People: Grant to your people the wisdom to see your purpose and the openness to hear your will, that we too may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Be seated.)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-5 (ESV) (*See screen.*)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Acts 13:13-26 ESV (*See screen.*)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Stand.)

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 1:57-80 ESV (*See screen.*)

(Before the Reading)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(After the Reading)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Be seated.)

SERMON SONG: "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

PW 214

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Text: Luke 1:57-80

NICENE CREED (*Stand.*)

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.)

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.

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

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Blessed are You, O Lord God of Israel. It is good for us to give thanks to You and to join with the angels to sing praises to Your name. Remember the whole company of Your baptized and comfort them always with Your unfailing love, that they may open their mouths with joy to sing of the great things You have done. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord God of Israel. From of old, You spoke to Your people by Your holy prophets, and in great mercy You sent John the Baptist to go before Your Son and prepare His way. Continue to send to Your faithful people messengers of Your Word who will give them knowledge of salvation in the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord God of Israel. You gave Your Son all authority in heaven and on earth. Look kindly on all who have been elected to positions of public trust in our land. Help them to serve with wisdom, honor and integrity. Hinder all in our common life that is not in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

(Continued)

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord God of Israel. The Dayspring from on high has visited us and given light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. May the light of His Good News bring comfort and peace to all who are sick, homebound, taking treatments, grieving or facing death. We especially commend to You those we have been asked to remember on our prayer page.
Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord God of Israel. In Jesus, You came to Your people and set them free. We thank You for saints Zechariah, Elizabeth, John the Baptist, Mary and all Your faithful departed. Bring us with them to the joyous and serene light of the heavenly home that Christ has prepared for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(See screen.)*

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You sent Your Son to redeem us and all of creation. In repentance, we come to Your Supper in anticipation of the day when He will return to reign as King for all eternity. 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)*

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

(Be seated.)

THE DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Amazing Love” *(See screen.)*

BOB 11

“Feed Us Now” *(See screen.)*

BOB 53

“Here Is Bread” *(See screen.)*

BOB 88

(Stand.)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING *(See screen.)*

Assistant: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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. *(Numbers 6:24–26)*

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG: “Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?” **BOB 45**
(See screen.)

PRAYER PAGE – OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

June 24, 2018

*(*Added this week)*

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

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.)

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

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

Jamie Grenier, husband of Cyndi Grenier, health & healing

Loren Richert, health & healing

Jessica Polinske, for health and healing (cancer free at this time)

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

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

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

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.

BULLETINS THIS MORNING are sponsored in memory of Judy Durow by Marv Durow & family. (Judy's birth date was June 27th.)

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL FOR PASTOR DREWS – Join us **TODAY** for a brunch following the worship service.

AN INSTALLATION SERVICE for Pastor David A. Domanski will be held next Sunday, July 1, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., with light refreshments after the service.

VOLUNTEERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S 9:00 A.M. SERVICE:
COFFEE HOST: Betsy Hundertmark; **USHERS:** Doug Stoltzmann, Elder; Grant Fritsche; Laura Fritsche; Gary Anderson; Loiry Anderson; **ACOLYTE:** Gabriella Richert; **READER:** Shelly Love; **GREETER:** (Open).

SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND - We will work a shift on July 13th at 1:30-3:30 P.M. Please sign up on the sheet on the kiosk. If you have any questions, call Cheryl Schmidt at (651) 482-1963.

“SPLASH CANYON” VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held July 16th-20th, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon. Life is full of thrills and spills; we may not know what's around the bend, but God does! At “Splash Canyon VBS” your kids will discover that, on life's wild ride, Jesus is by our side! Come join us at St. Peter for a week of awesome fun where we will learn that God saves us through Jesus and gives us life and hope every day and forever! All Pre-K through 4th grade students are welcome! Register online at VBSmate.com/stpeterafton.

VBS VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! VBS will be held from July 16th-20th, and we need lots of volunteers to make this another great experience for the youth of our church and surrounding community! Sign-up sheet is on the kiosk.

AV TEAM NEEDS REGULAR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST DURING WORSHIP SERVICES. This is not high tech. Basic PC knowledge is all you need. 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.

ATTENTION 5TH-12TH GRADERS!! CATALYST (Monthly Youth Night) will be held on **FRIDAY, JULY 13TH from 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** We will be going to Lake Elmo Beach (weather permitting). Snacks and refreshments will be provided. As always, please bring your friends!

JOIN THE PARADE! We will have a tractor and wagon in the Afton 4th of July Parade representing our church. We need people to ride the wagon and hand out candy!! ALL are WELCOME!! The parade starts at 12:00 noon. Please arrive by 11:30 a.m. or earlier to help decorate!! Please bring a bag of candy to hand out! Questions, ask Tony Engen or Laura Nelson. *(The St. Peter float will line up in the Afton Marina and behind the Afton Market Square.)*

4TH OF JULY FOOD BOOTH @ AFTON CITY PARK! On Wednesday, July 4th, we will have a food booth in the Afton City Park. The booth will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. July 4th profit will be used for new choir robes. See the sign-up sheets on the counter in the narthex for workers and donations needed.

THE YOUTH GROUP IS COLLECTING "ALUMINUM CANS" for a Fundraiser. Please leave them by the garage door. Please just bring aluminum cans. Thank you.

UNION GOSPEL MISSION IS THE MISSION-OF-THE-MONTH FOR 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.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY GROUP WILL CONTINUE TO MEET DURING THE SUMMER. They meet every other Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting is June 26th. 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.

Not familiar with some of our new music? Turn your radio to 98.5 FM and listen. You will be glad you did!