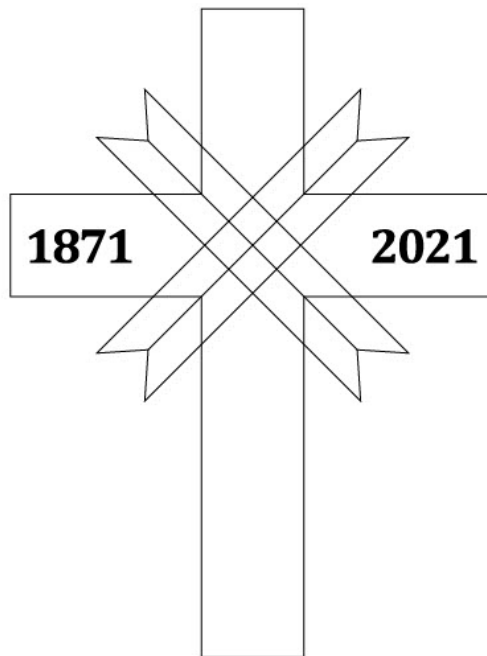


St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Pastor Erik Sorenson

150th Year



July 11, 2021

“For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.”

- Psalm 100:5

Communion Statement - The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are kindly asked first to speak with the pastor. In addition to this being our practice, we do not want our visitors to violate their own conscience or the public confession of faith that is made through their home Church membership. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing from the pastor. We thank you for respecting our practice. For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

Confession and Absolution

* Please stand to face the processional cross, turning as it passes you.

837 Lift High the Cross

Processional Hymn

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till

all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,
 2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,
 3 All new-born sol-diers of the Cru-ci-fied
 4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,

Refrain

Our king vic-tor-ious, Christ, the Son of God.
 The hosts of God in con-quer-ing ranks com-bine.
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
 As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.

**Blessèd are you, O LORD, the God of Israel
our father, forever and ever.**

Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty,
for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

**Yours is the kingdom, O LORD,
and you are exalted as head above all.**

And now we thank you, our God,
and praise your glorious name.

**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.**

O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.

Gloria Patri

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☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie

LSB 186

☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good-will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-mighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

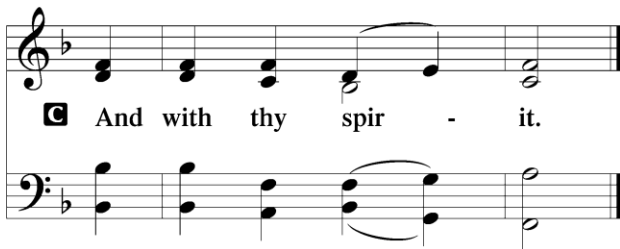


art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

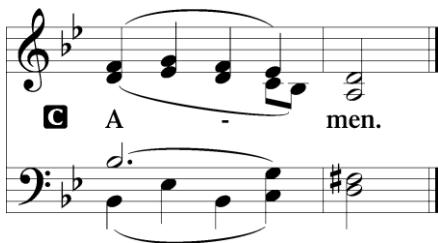


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, You have promised to be with Your Church forever. We praise You for Your presence in this place of worship and ask Your ongoing blessing upon those who gather here. Dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and Sacraments, strengthen our fellowship in the bonds of love and peace, and increase our faithful witness to Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 8:22–30

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 100

- P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
C **Serve the LORD with gladness!**
Come into his presence with singing!
- P** Know that the LORD, he is God!
C **It is he who made us, and we are his;**
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- P** Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
C **and his courts with praise!**
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- P** For the LORD is good;
C **his steadfast love endures forever,**
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Epistle

Revelation 21:1-5

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

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C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.' are written below the treble staff. A 'C' in a square box is placed at the beginning of the first line of lyrics.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The image shows a musical score for the Holy Gospel. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.' are written below the treble staff. A 'C' in a square box is placed at the beginning of the first line of lyrics.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

The image shows a musical score for the phrase "Praise be to Thee, O Christ." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of B-flat major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff, starting with a square 'C' time signature.

Nicene Creed

C 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 the 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

791 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Hymn of the Day



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our
 3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy
 △ 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His
 aid He did us make. We are His folk, He
 joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His
 is for - ev - er - sure. His truth at all times
 heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the



praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
 name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.
 an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

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Sermon

Offertory

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☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir-it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

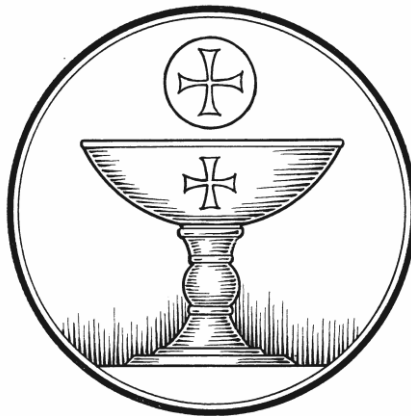


C It is meet and right so to do.



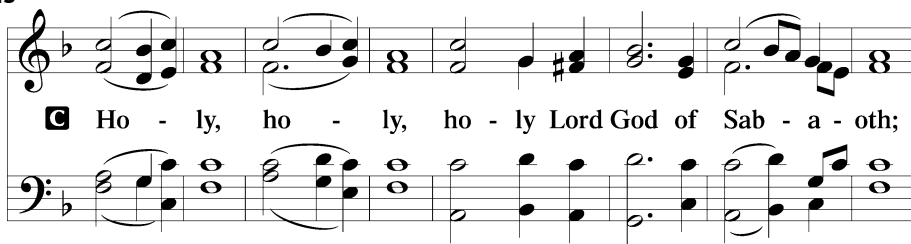
Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, 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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Sanctus

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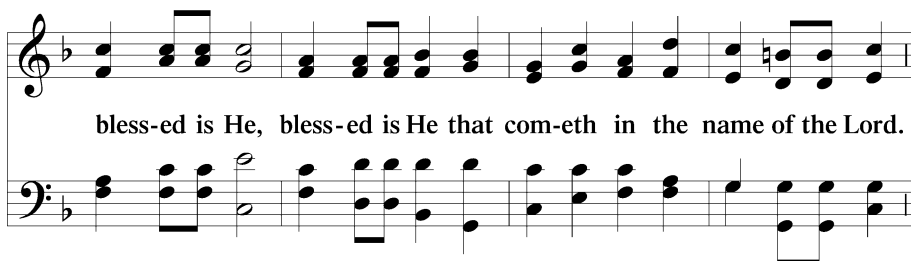
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



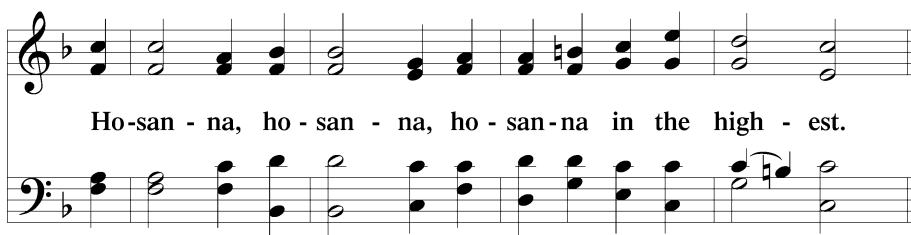
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

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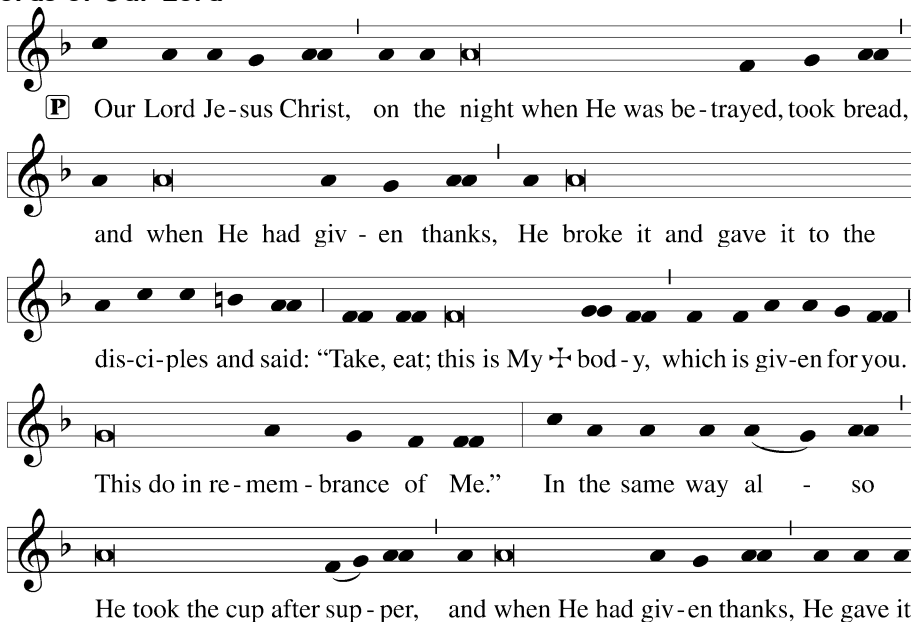
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

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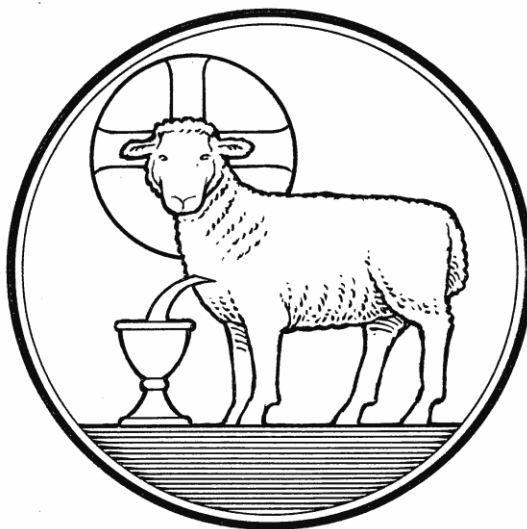
P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † bod - y, which is giv-en for you.
This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv - en thanks, He gave it

to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in
 My † blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.
 This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

Pax Domini

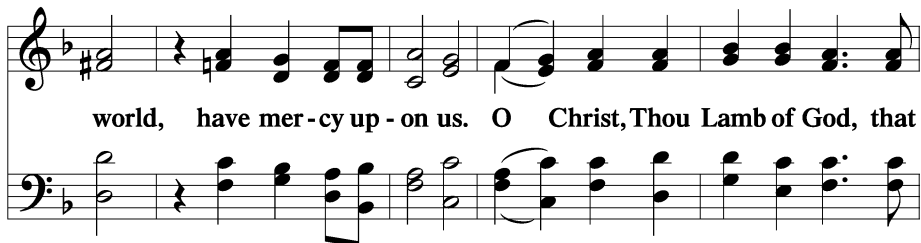
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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.
C A - men.

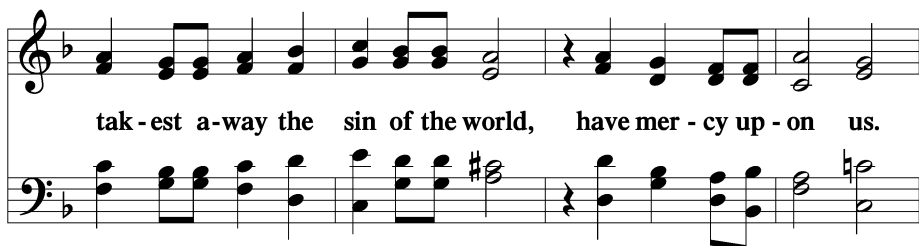




O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



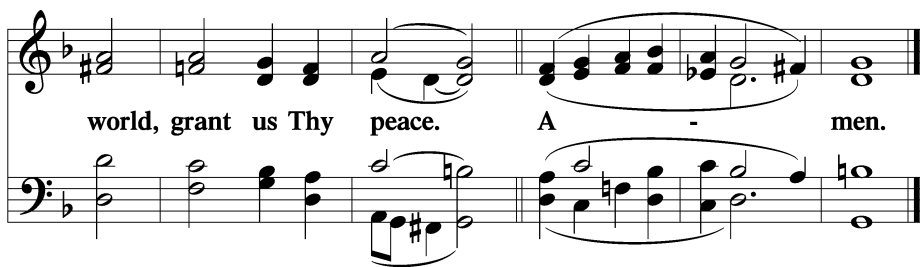
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution & Hymns

* *Guests and visitors: Please see the communion statement at the beginning of the bulletin.*

617 O Lord, We Praise Thee



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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645 Built on the Rock



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when
 2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His
 4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how
 5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the



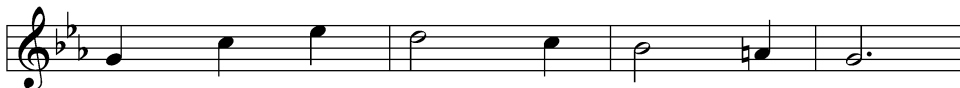
stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in
 High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His
 own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal
 God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's
 church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing



ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
 tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
 grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
 sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
 faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
 ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
 tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
 us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
 ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
 Choos - es to live with us in love,
 Yet He would deign with us to dwell
 Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
 You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
 Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
 With all His grace and His fa - vor.
 And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
 My peace I leave with you. A - men."

895 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,



Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,



Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;



With countless gifts of love And still is ours to-day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

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822 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! To God the Fa -
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Lamb
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to the Ho -
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to our tri -



ther let us bring Our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.
 of God we sing, In whom we are e - lect - ed.
 ly Ghost we sing For our re - gen - er - a - tion.
 une God we sing; Blest be His name for - ev - er!



To Him through ev - er - last - ing days Be wor - ship, hon -
 He bought His Church with His own blood, He cleansed her in
 The sav - ing faith in us He wrought And us un - to
 With an - gel hosts let us a - dore And sing His prais -



or, pow'r, and praise, Whose hand sus - tains cre - a - tion.
 that bless - ed flood, And as His bride se - lect - ed.
 the Bride-groom brought, Made us His cho - sen na - tion.
 es ev - er - more For all His grace and fa - vor!



Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;
 Ho - ly, ho - ly Is our u - nion And com - mu - nion.
 Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Joy e - ter - nal, Bliss su - per - nal;
 Sing - ing, ring - ing: Ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;



Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.
 His be - friend - ing Gives us joy and peace un - end - ing.
 There is man - na And an end - less, glad ho - san - na.
 Spread the sto - ry Of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

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The Dismissal

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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

The first system of musical notation for 'Nunc Dimittis'. It consists of a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a half note C5. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note chord of G4 and B4, followed by a half note chord of G4 and C#5, and then a half note chord of G4 and B4.

cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

The second system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with a half note C5, followed by quarter notes B4 and A4, then a half note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with a half note chord of G4 and B4, followed by a half note chord of G4 and C#5, and then a half note chord of G4 and B4.

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

The third system of musical notation. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a half note C5. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note chord of G4 and B4, followed by a half note chord of G4 and C#5, and then a half note chord of G4 and B4.

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

The fourth system of musical notation. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and B4, then a half note C5. The piano accompaniment starts with a half note chord of G4 and B4, followed by a half note chord of G4 and C#5, and then a half note chord of G4 and B4.

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

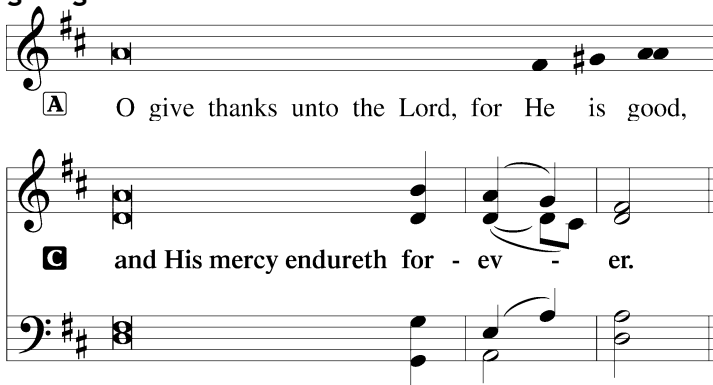
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to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

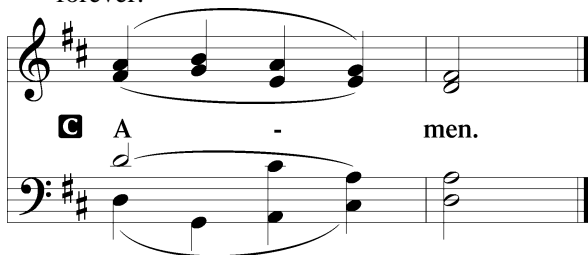
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A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A 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.



C A - men.

Salutation

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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

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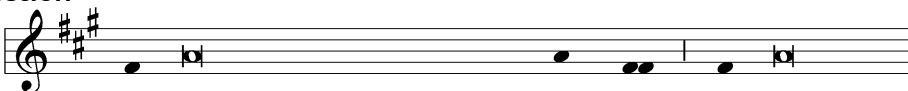
A Bless we the Lord.



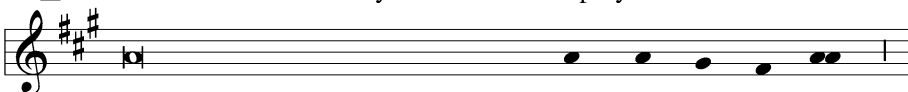
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

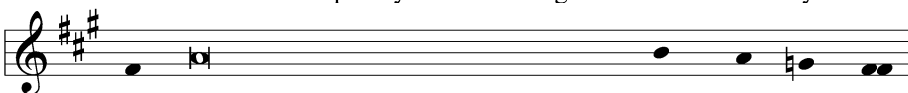
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P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



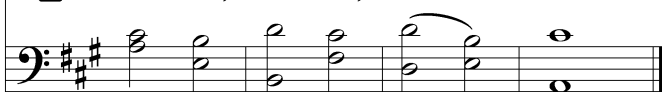
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



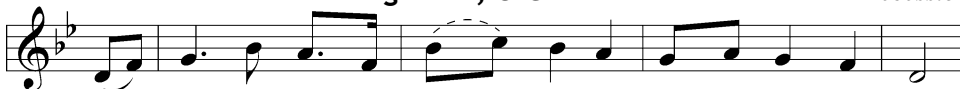
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* Please stand to face the processional cross, turning as it passes you.

941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

Recessional Hymn



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo - ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.
The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:
Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com-mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,
The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,
You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:
Sing with the ho - ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;
So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
“O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,
Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—
May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!”
And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!”
You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

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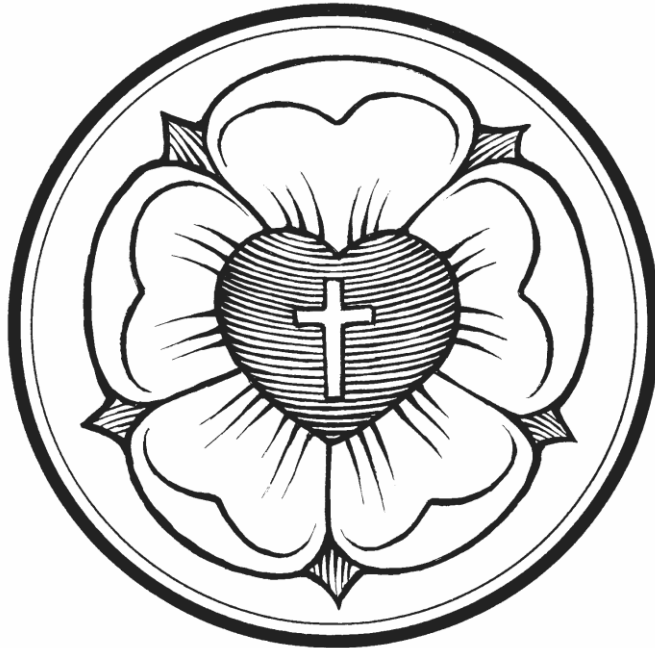
Serving Today

Celebrant: Rev. Erik Sorenson

Lector: Rev. Steven Dressler, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Altenburg, Missouri, former pastor of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, Waymansville

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege, president of the Indiana District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Organist: Leah Schneider



Pastors of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

F. Wendt (1871-1882)

J. C. Schafer (Scheffer) (1822-1893)

Fred Markworth (1893-1903)

George Baumgart (1903-1912)

George Sebald (1912-1913)

Karl Trautman (1912-1921)

Val Hennig (1912-1923)

William Aker (1923-1930)

Werner Klug (1930-1935)

Robert Schulz (1935-1943)

Walter Ellwanger (1944-1945)

Harry Droutz (1945-1948)

W. C. Breda (1948-1951)

Paul Kretzman (1953-1966)

Gary Bernath (1968-1973)

Walter Ullman (1974-1978)

Carl Cloeter (1978-1983)

William Schmidt (1984-1988)

Steven Dressler (1989-1994)

James Gans (1995-1999)

Wayne Frost (2000-2003)

John Beabout (2004-2018)

Erik Sorenson (2018-present)

Anniversary Letters

Some former pastors and the president of the LCMS have sent letters celebrating the anniversary of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church. The letters are available to be read on the bulletin board outside of the pastor's study in the Parish Hall.

Anniversary Items

There are several 150th Anniversary keepsake items available in the Parish Hall. Be sure to stop by and grab some to remember this marvelous occasion. To God alone be the glory!

Reception

Join us after the service in the Parish Hall for a special anniversary reception. Cake and punch will be served. This will be a great chance to celebrate and have fellowship with one another.

Congregational Resolution - October 13, 1957

A motion was made and properly supported that we accept the following resolution. Since God has given us His Son to be our Savior; Since He asks us to tell this wonderful story of salvation to men everywhere; and since He has given us so many blessing in this free and prosperous land; therefore, we resolve as the voters of this congregation, to put forth every effort in these coming months for Jesus and missions, encouraging all our members to do their very best so that also in this work that Jesus has given us to do His name be glorified and His kingdom come.

History of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

The history of German Lutheran immigrants in the Waymansville area goes back to as early as 1844. In 1870, Lutherans in the community purchased an old Methodist church building which stood at the northeast corner of the present cemetery. In 1871, the congregational constitution was signed. On April 2, 1877, the congregation joined the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and Other States - presently known as the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

On April 18, 1880, the Pastors Borchers, Juengel, and Wendt officiated at the laying of the cornerstone for the new church building. Using firewood donated by church members, the brick factory in Waymansville began making the 125,000 bricks required for construction.

The new church building was lighted with kerosene lamps and later replaced with gaslights. The sanctuary was heated by two wood stoves. Electric lights were installed in 1946.

In 1884, a Christian day school was built on the west side of the church. Classes were held in the school house until its closing in 1923. The old school house was moved to the property across the road and still stands today.

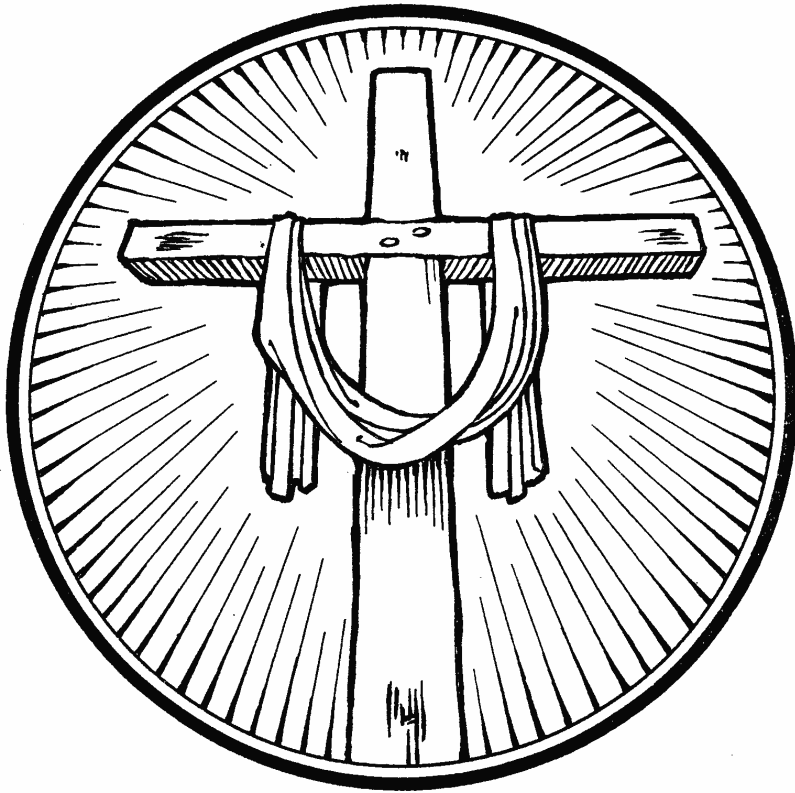
The original parsonage, located on a farm west of the church, was badly damaged by fire. In 1906, the farm was sold and the money used to build a parsonage east of the church. In 2019, the parsonage was torn down to allow for construction of a new parsonage on the same lot.

In 1889, a set of bells was purchased in Columbus. The bells still ring every Sunday morning and still toll upon the death of a member. Members are accompanied to their resting place in the cemetery by the toll of the bell.

In June 1955, a new parish hall was dedicated, and an addition was constructed in 1981. In 1996, a shelter house was constructed behind the church. Other improvements included a lighted basketball court, a paved parking lot, and a playground. In 2020, new landscaping was installed around the church and parish hall.

God has blessed the congregation throughout the past 150 years. Though many things have changed, God has not. He remains our cornerstone and firm foundation. May He continue to bless St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Waymansville, Indiana with many more years as a congregation.

Soli Deo Gloria



To God Alone Be the Glory!