

**EASTER 6**

*May 9, 2021*



**SAINT PETER  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH & SCHOOL**

## God's Peace to You.

The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church welcome you! If you have no church of your own, we encourage you to worship with us again and consider making this church your home.

**Hearing devices** can be picked up from the ushers' station. Please ask one of the ushers to assist you if you need help.

**Theme:** Remain Strong in the Lord's Love

As the Christian Church prepares for her Lord to depart and ascend into heaven, she asks, "Now what should we do?" Our risen Lord responds: "Continue to bear fruit." The fruit that he speaks of is the continued love that reflects his love for all. On this Mother's Day we pray that this message will bless their on-going efforts to shower love on their families.

### Saint Peter Lutheran Church

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<b>Serving Today:</b>	Preacher: Pr. Jack Kelly Liturgist: Pr. Justin Heise Organist/Pianist: Jennie Boeder A/V Technician: Steve Willett

# Our Worship


## ORDER OF SERVICE

Service of the Word (p. 38)


### OPENING HYMN "The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me" | CWS #749




1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is  
2 My sins I on - ly see in part, My  
3 O liv - ing Lord of life, for whom The




more than mind can know, His  
self - re - gard - ing ways, The  
heav - ens held their breath, To




mer - cy mea - sure - less and free To  
se - cret pla - ces of my heart Lie  
see, tri - um - phant from the tomb, A




meet the debt I owe. He  
bare be - fore his gaze. For  
love that con - quers death, Pos -




came my sin - ful cause to plead; He  
me the price of sin he paid; My  
sess my heart that it may be Your



laid his glo - ries by, For  
sins be - yond re - call Are  
king - dom with - out end, O



me a home - less life to lead, A  
all a - like on Je - sus laid, He  
Christ who died for love of me And



shame - ful death to die.  
died to bear them all.  
lives to be my friend.

## INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

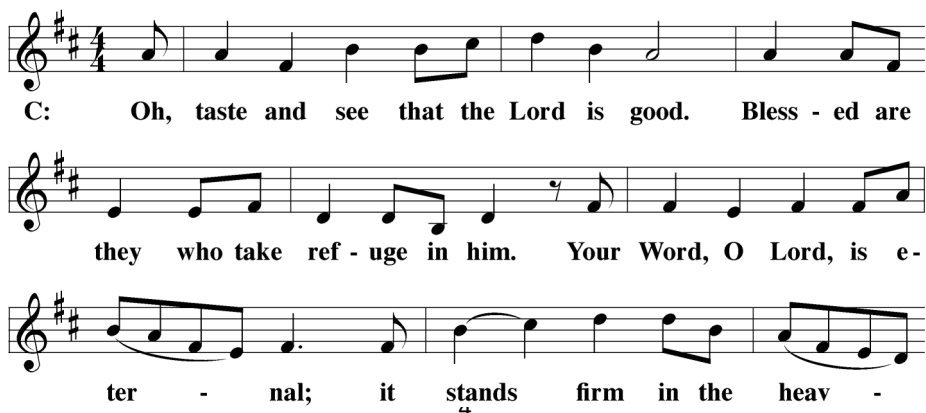
C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -

ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
 ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## The Word

**FIRST LESSON**

Acts 9:36-42

*A Christian woman named Tabitha is raised from the dead.*

<sup>36</sup> In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor.

<sup>37</sup> About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup> Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

<sup>39</sup> Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

<sup>40</sup> Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 98**

*Refrain*

*Psalm tone*

Sing to the LORD a new song,\*  
for he has done marvelous things.

The LORD has made his salvation known\*  
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.  
He has remembered his love and his faithfulness  
to the house of Israel;\*  
all the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

***Refrain***

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,\*  
burst into jubilant song with music;

make music to the LORD with the harp,\*  
with the harp and the sound of singing.  
Shout for joy before the LORD, the King.\*  
He will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.  
**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.**

***Refrain***

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**SECOND LESSON**

1 John 4:1-11

*We love one another because love comes from God.*

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup> but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the anti-christ, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

<sup>4</sup> You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. <sup>5</sup> They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup> We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit<sup>[a]</sup> of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his

one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

P: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

John 14:23

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL**

John 15:9-17

*Our risen Lord calls us friends and leads us to bear enduring fruit.*

<sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup>My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup>I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup>This is my command: Love each other.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**



**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Love in Christ Is Strong and Living” | **CW #490**



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing,  
2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing,  
3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er,



Bind - ing faith - ful hearts in one;  
Clothed in Christ's hu - mil - i - ty,  
Faint - ing not when ills at - tend;



Love in Christ is true and giv - ing—  
Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,  
Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May his will in us be done!  
Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.  
Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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## Sermon

**Text: 1 John 4:1-6**

**“Love Lessons on Mother’s Day”**

**1. Test before you trust**

**2. Know the source of true love**

# We Respond to God's Word

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary  
suffered under Pontius Pilate  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,**

**The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

## OFFERING (taken at the door)

*The members of Saint Peter Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. May God bless us as we do his work! To give an offering with your smartphone, text "givesplc" to 77977 and click on the link that you receive, or scan the QR code. Offerings can be given by credit card, debit card, or your bank account. Offerings can also be given by going to our website (saintpeterlutheran.org) or mailed to 427 W. Mulberry, Saint Peter MN 56082.*



## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

P: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

P: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

**C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

P: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

P: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

P: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **VIDEO ANTHEM BY MLC COLLEGE CHOIR**

*It Is Well*

Arr. Rene Clausen

## **CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING**

**P:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

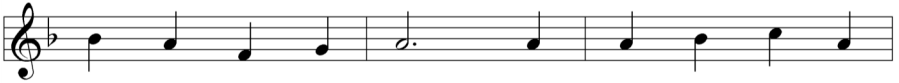
**P:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord in gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN****"O Fount of Good, for All Your Love" | CW #524**

1 O Fount of good, for all your love Our  
 2 But you have need - y broth - ers here, Par -  
 3 In their sad ac - cents of dis - tress Your  
 4 Then help us, Lord, your yoke to wear And  
 5 Your face with rev - 'rence and with love We



true thanks should be paid. What can we ren - der,  
 tak - ers of your grace, Whose names you will your -  
 plead - ing voice is heard; You may in them be  
 glad - ly do your will, Each oth - er's dai - ly  
 in the poor will view, And, while we min - is -



Lord, to you, When you own all that's made?  
 self con - fess Be - fore the Fa - ther's face.  
 clothed and fed And vis - it - ed and cheered.  
 bur - dens share, The law of love ful - fill.  
 ter to them, We do it as to you.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–51; altered by Edward Osler, 1798–1863, alt.  
 Tune: ST. FLAVIAN (CM) *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, London, 1562, alt.

**Service Notes**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **MLC DAY AND SPECIAL OFFERING**

In conjunction with the celebration of MLC Day this past Wednesday, Saint Peter Lutheran is having a special offering collected over the next two months to help support MLC through the **Congregational Partner Grant program**. WELS congregations can assist and encourage their MLC students by giving a grant up to \$1,000 for each student each year. MLC will then match the gift and a student can have up to \$2,000 directed to offset a student's tuition. This Sunday, May 9, we begin collecting the CPG offering and continue until the end of June. Look for a special collection basket in the church narthex.

## **ASCENSION DAY PICNIC & SERVICE**

Ascension Day is the day set aside each year to celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven, 40 days after Easter. It celebrates our Savior's rule over all things with a grand message and music. This year we are adding something different to our celebration--*a picnic!* The men of HALO are hosting a brat/hot dog cookout for all the families of our church and school on Thursday, May 9 in the Gorman Park shelter. Families and kids can get out to enjoy a meal, socialize, play games, and use the playground from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Then we will cross the street and sing to our ascended Lord at our Ascension Service at 6:30 p.m. Please help us plan this event by pre-registering. Weekly emails have a link for registration or you can call the office.

## **QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING ON MAY 16**

Every quarter the congregation holds a voters meeting for reporting on ministry and making decisions on the direction of our ministry. Our next meeting will take place next Sunday, May 16, at noon in the fellowship hall. We encourage all members to attend.

## May 9—16, 2021

<b>Sun</b>	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship
	9:10 a.m.	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Livestream Worship on Facebook
	6 p.m.	<i>No In-person women's study this week</i>
	8 p.m. (Zoom)	Women's Bible Study - Christian Stewardship
<b>Wed</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
<b>Thu</b>	1:30 p.m.	Ladies Aid
	4:00 p.m.	Ascension Day picnic in Gorman Pk.
	6:30 p.m.	Ascension Day Worship
	7:30 p.m.	BIC Class in Commons Area
<b>Fri</b>	6:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
<b>Sun</b>	8:00 & 10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	12 p.m.	Voter's Meeting in Fellowship Hall
	6 p.m. (In person)	Women's Bible Study - Book of Daniel
	8 p.m.	<i>No Zoom women's study this week</i>

# MY WORSHIP NOTES

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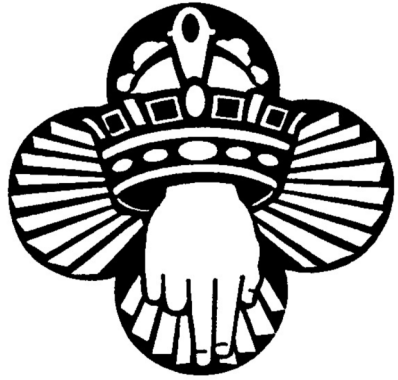
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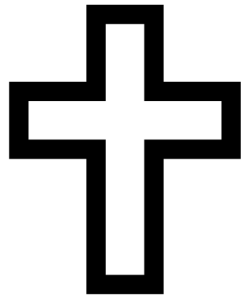
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