

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022



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Welcome to St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

Scripture reveals God's answers, vision, and intervention. What seems perplexing is professed by faith, not by reason, yet couched in mystery and not always palpable. We cannot intellectually understand how Baptism begets faith, yet we believe. We cannot comprehend the incomparable beauty of heaven, yet we see. We yearn to approach the heavenly Father, unencumbered by the weight of sin and confusion! Jesus provides clarity in His mercy, sufficient to instill within us true repentance, sincere faith, and compassionate service.

Holy Communion – Visitors who are not members of a Missouri Synod Lutheran church are asked to speak with the pastor or one of the elders before receiving the Lord's Supper.

Contact Information – To request prayer or to set up an appointment, contact the church office at 853-3217 or stpeterhilbert@gmail.com. In case of emergency, please contact one of the elders or Pastor Peterson.

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Four p. 203

Rite of Confirmation – LSB 272

Hymns: 827, 543, 644, 570, 480

Serving in our worship...

Preacher: Pastor Mark Peterson
Special Music: Mr. & Mrs. Dan Seidl
Audio/Visual: Dan Bergelin
Altar Guild: Dean & Jan Bergelin

This Week at St. Peter

May 22-29, 2022

Tuesday, 5/24 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Sunday, 5/29 **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

(Acts 1:12-26; Rev. 22:1-20; John 17:20-26)

8:30 a.m. Divine Service

Statement on Holy Communion

I believe that I am a sinner. I repent of my sin and ask God's forgiveness. With His help I will amend my sinful life. I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and, under the form of the bread and the wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life. I resolve to dedicate my life to the service of my Lord by regular group worship, sacrificial giving, thankful living and sharing the Gospel with others.

In the Lord's Supper, the risen Christ is at once the Giver and the Gift! By His promise, His very body and blood are really present, and thereby we come into immediate contact with the exalted Christ! As we do so, witness is also given to oneness in doctrine by those who receive the Sacrament together. For this reason, we practice close(d) Communion.

God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood invisibly in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. We take seriously the spiritual care of those who commune at our altar. The Word of God states that no one offend against Christ and His Word by denying His true presence and its promise and seal of forgiveness. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27–29), and because Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26), any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession (beliefs) differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination) and yet desire to receive the Sacrament will want to first speak with the pastor before communing. As a courtesy, guests from sister congregations of the LCMS are asked to introduce themselves to the pastor before communing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In Our Prayers we remember Elliana Rose Mueller on this Confirmation Day; Aaron Joseph Schwalenberg upon his graduation from Hilbert High School.

Birthday Celebration – Delores Schwalenberg is celebrating her 95th birthday at the Hilbert Community Center today. Open house from 1-4. Everyone is invited!

Vacation Bible School – VBS will be held at St. Luke Church July 11th, 12th, and 13th from 11:00-2:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided and transportation can be arranged. Registration forms are available in the narthex and must be completed for each child attending.

Retirement Dinner for Pastor Krueger – June 12th, 2022, at Cobblestone Creek in Brillion. Doors open at noon. A family style dinner will be served at 12:30. Reception is from 1:30-3:30. Adults \$17.50 per person, children (ages 3-9) \$10.00 per child. Tickets are available for purchase at the back of the church. Please contact Debbie Kamps at 920-756-2683 for additional details.

Potter Rummage/Bake Sale – Trinity Lutheran School, Rantoul (N6081 W. River Rd, Hilbert) is having a Rummage Sale Thursday, June 9th 8am - 7pm, Friday 8am - 6pm, and Saturday, 8am - 4pm. A bake sale will also be held Friday and Saturday in the school gym. Proceeds to go to playground improvements.

Acts 16:9 – “**And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’**” God does all the saving of the Macedonians, but He does it through the ministry of St. Paul who was called to go and help them out. How is the Lord calling you to use your gifts for His work?

First Reading

Acts 16:9–15

⁹ A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.”

¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

Epistle

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three

gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

Holy Gospel

John 5:1–9

¹After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

²Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. ³In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” ⁷The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” ⁸Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” ⁹And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath.