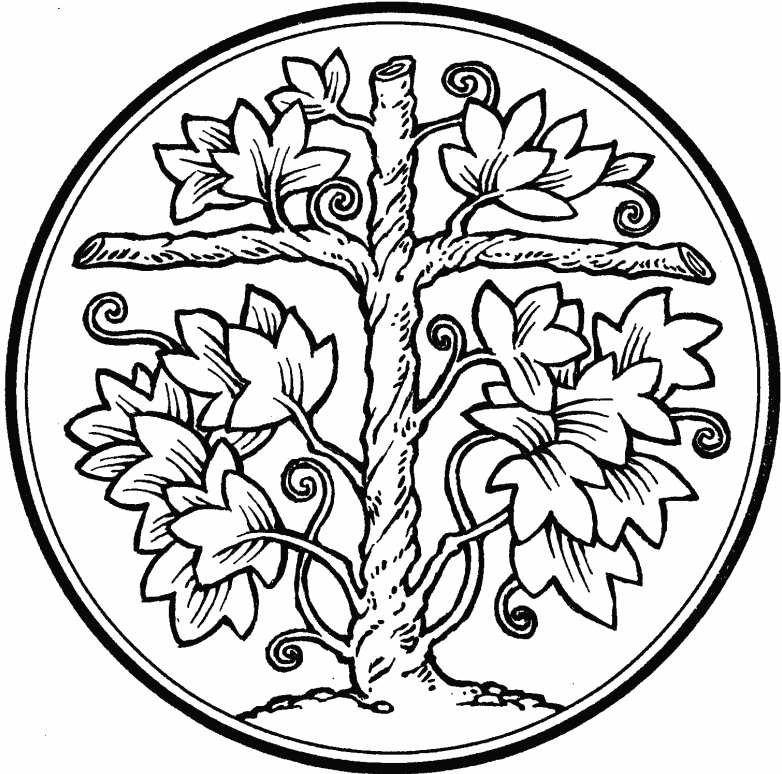


Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024



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Welcome to St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

The waters of Baptism connect us to God forever. Baptism, through water and the Word, creates faith in our hearts by which we are able to confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh and is from God. Through Baptism, we are able to believe, to love, and to bear fruit. In the fulfillment of all deeds, witnessing and believing, we are able to abide in the Word, which is Christ Himself.

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 Three p. 184

Hymns: 809, 611, 922

Serving in our worship...

Preacher: Pastor Mark Peterson

Audio/Visual: Dan Bergelin, Dan Koffarnus

Altar Guild: Cheri Koffarnus, Bonnie Ott, Bonnie Teinert

This Week at St. Peter

April 28- May 5, 2024

Sunday, 4/28

Voters Meeting

Tuesday, 4/30

7:00 p.m.

Bible Study

Sunday, 5/05

Third Sunday in Lent

(Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; John 2:13-25)

8:30 a.m.

Divine Service

Last Day of Sunday School

Introit

Psalm 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16

P A little while, and you will see me no longer;

C and again a little while, and you will see me.

P I will extol you, my God and King,

C and bless your name forever and ever.

P Every day I will bless you

C and praise your name forever and ever.

P The LORD is gracious and merciful,

C slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

C and all your saints shall bless you!

P My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,

C and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

All: 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.

P A little while, and you will see me no longer;

C and again a little while, and you will see me.

Gradual *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C he has put all things under his feet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voters Meeting after the service today.

Vacation Bible School will be held at St. Peter, June 24, 25, 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The theme this year is 'A Summer Camp Adventure with God'. Registration forms can be picked up in the back of church. Talk to Pastor, Maria Schroeder, or Cheri Koffarnus if you have any questions.

Fellowship – We will not have fellowship time next week, but we will have our rose sale in the kitchen after the service. Proceeds to benefit *Lutherans for Life*.

Gifts from the Heart Until Mothers' Day, we are gathering items for A Place of Refuge in Milwaukee. A list of specific needs requested by the organization can be found on the bulletin board. APOR provides safe housing, spiritual care and education for pregnant women who are in unsafe environments.

Potato Pancake Supper at Zion, New Holstein, April 28th, 3 - 6 p.m. \$14 for adults, \$8 for children 6-12 years, free for children 5 & under. All you can eat potato and buttermilk pancakes. Also serving brats, hamburgers, applesauce, desserts, milk and coffee.

Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble in Concert – St. Martin Lutheran Church, Chilton, invites all to attend a show on June 1st at the Engler Center (Chilton High School auditorium). Tickets cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children 6-11. Children 5 and under are free. Tickets are available online at Englercenter.com or through St. Martin's office (920) 849-4421. "Movie Night" will include show tunes from John Williams, Disney films and other films. There will also be a time during intermission when children will be able to try ringing bells.

John 15:2 – “Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord's work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That's growth in fruit bearing — and it always comes with some pruning.

First Reading

Acts 8:26–40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Epistle

1 John 4:1–21

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is

not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Holy Gospel

John 15:1–8

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”