

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025



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Welcome to St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” Christ alone secures salvation for believing Jews and Gentiles. He temporally and eternally anchors those persecuted for believing, asserting, and preaching divine truths. In the midst of strife, sin, disease, and death, God shepherds His people into eternity. As His sheepish people, we listen to His voice. So also we receive the living waters of Holy Baptism where He asserts His claim on us forever.

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: 709, 821, 791

Serving in our worship...

Preacher: Pastor Mark Peterson

Audio/Visual: Dan Bergelin, Dan Koffarnus

Altar Guild: Bonnie Ott & Cheri Koffarnus

This Week at St. Peter
May 11 – May 18, 2025

Tuesday, 5/13	1:00 p.m.	W.I.M. Meeting & Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Thursday, 5/15	6:15 p.m.	Council Meeting
Sunday, 5/18	Fifth Sunday of Easter (Acts 11:1-18; Revelation 21:1-7; John 13:31-35)	
	8:30 a.m.	Divine Service

Introit *Psalm 78:70–72; 79:13; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

P I am the good shepherd.

C I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down
my life for the sheep.

P He chose David his servant and took him from the
sheepfolds;

C from following the nursing ewes he brought him to
shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance.

P With upright heart he shepherded them

C and guided them with his skillful hand.

P But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give
thanks to you forever;

C from generation to generation we will recount your
praise.

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 I am the good shepherd.

C I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down
my life for the sheep.

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

Mother's Day Roses - We again have the opportunity to purchase roses on Mother's Day, May 11th. The money raised in this sale will help fund the VIDA Medical Center, which provides Mother and unborn baby care in Appleton, and the Pro-Life Exhibit at the Calumet County Fair in Chilton. The roses signify 'Thanks Mom for Giving Me Life.' Please come into the Fellowship Hall after the service on Mother's Day and select your rose/roses for a freewill donation.

Bible Study at Saint Peter will be taking a hiatus until September 2025. SO, no bible study on Tuesday nights until the fall.

Confirmation Classes will resume in September 2025. Date to be determined.

Women in Mission meeting and Bible study Tuesday, May 13th at 1 p.m.

Council Meeting Thursday, May 15th at 6:15 p.m.

Vacation Bible School will be held at St. Luke from 11:30- 2:30 p.m. on June 23rd, 24th and 25th. The theme this year is "Epic Australian Adventure – An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus." Registration forms are available in the narthex. Return registration forms by June 15th.

Free Refrigerator – We will be getting a new refrigerator with a top freezer to replace the one on the east wall in the kitchen. If you are interested in the old fridge, talk to Dan Schroeder or another trustee.

Fox Cities Habitat for Humanity will be building a house in our area. If anyone is willing to donate lunches for the volunteers, contact Lynn at (920) 967-8904.

John 10:27 – “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.” On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd’s voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!

First Reading

Acts 20:17–35

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Epistle

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from

every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Holy Gospel

John 10:22–30

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”