

ST. PETRI EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



April 26, 2026
4th Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St. Petri!

Worship is both in person and online today.

If joining us in person, please observe all health and distancing policies!

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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

FOR THOSE IN THE CONGREGATION: IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS STANDING, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REMAIN SEATED THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them," Jesus told the disciples (John 20:23). Based on this, Martin Luther taught that we can hear the words of forgiveness from the minister as is from Christ himself.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole Heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: “Hith-er by thy help I’ve come”;
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I’m con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d’ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d’ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 Here’s my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O
God. A - men.

Text and Music: Marty Haugen, © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

¶ PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, prayer and song.

READING: Acts 2:42-47

L: A reading from the Book of Acts:

⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and

generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

READING: Psalm 23 (Read the Psalm responsively)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

L: A reading from the 1st Book of Peter:

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

¶ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing." (Joel 2:13)

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

Text and Music: Marty Haugen; © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

¶ GOSPEL John 10:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

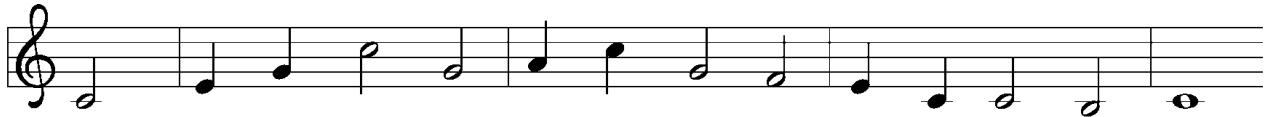
Pastor Adam Bohland

¶ HYMN OF THE DAY

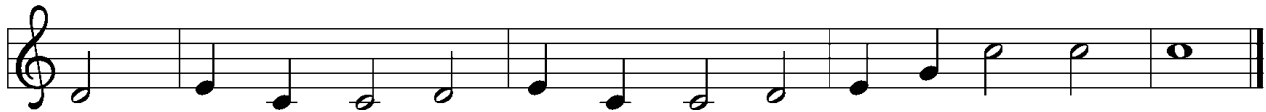
The Lord's My Shepherd" Congregation sings verses 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
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Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650
Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain

¶ APOSTLES' CREED

P: God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us proclaim our faith:

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again, He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

*“Shepherd Me, O God”
St. Petri Choir*

Marty Haugen

(Let us now collect our offering.)

¶ OFFERTORY

**“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”
Congregation sings verse 4**



4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: “Christ has



tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!” Be to the



Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: God of glory, great are your wonders among us and many are the blessings you bestow. Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world, that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving grace, through Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Congregation to remain seated.)

"I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone." (1 Tim. 2:1)

L: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation...*A brief silence.*

L: Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured (*especially those we now name aloud or in the quiet of our hearts*). Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where we care for and honor all. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Good Shepard, we ask for the faith to trust in your plan for us. As sheep within your fold, we cannot always see the way. Help us to remember that You are in control and that your plan is always good. May the hope of Easter remind us that You work all things for our benefit and to Your glory. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Bless our nation and those who guide it: our President, Congress and Courts; our state and local leaders; and for those who serve as police, first responders, and for all who serve in the military, especially those known to St Petri: Kurtis, Matthew and Pastor Adam. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

PLEASE STAND

¶ LORD'S PRAYER

P: According to your steadfast love, O Lord, hear these and all our prayers as we lift them up to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

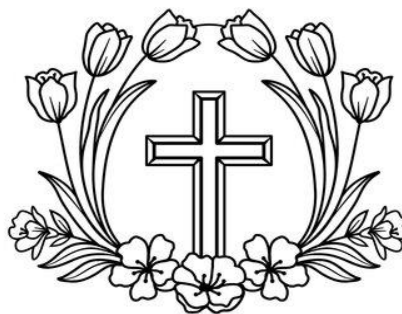
The Holy Spirit sends us to share the Good News in our community this week.

BENEDICTION

"You shall say to them, the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace." (Numbers 6:23-26)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, the +Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



SENDING HYMN

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”
Congregation sings verses 1 and 3

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



1 What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929
Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God!

Leading Worship Today

Presiding Minister	Pastor Adam Bohland
Organist	Martha Amstutz
Lector	Kelly Colley
Cantor	Carrie George
Lead Usher	John Colley
Altar Care	Sue Mead
Camera Operator	Sue Mead
Greeter	Mary & Doug Barris
Sunday School Leader	Vicki Francis

St. Petri Staff and Worship Chairs

Pastor	Rev. Adam Bohland
Director of Music	Martha Amstutz
Office Manager	Shelly Savory
Altar Guild	Sandy Seelman
Head Elder	Terry Francis
Worship Cmte.	Cindy Kuhman
Custodian	Tonya Roberts

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY! If you do not know a hymn or song, feel free to speak the words rather than sing. Please notice that congregational responses are in bold. The congregation may stand as they are able for the parts of the Service marked ¶.

RESTROOMS are located on each side of the outside entrance to the worship space.

FREE WiFi: Anyone may access "SPLC-Guest". The password is: Troop200

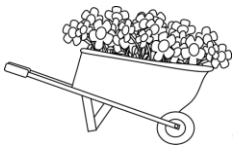


SPECIAL WELCOME VISITORS: A special welcome to all visitors with us today. Please take a moment to sign the red guest book located in the Narthex. If you have any further questions we are happy to try and assist you.



ST. PETRI FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Join us for a Fellowship Breakfast May 3rd after worship. For \$10, enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice, and milk while sharing fellowship with friends. Sign up in the Narthex or in Hallway.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR: Next Sunday is Love Your Neighbor, so remember to bring in your personal needs products. There is a list in the Narthex if you need one.



GARDEN PROJECT: The Girl Scouts have begun planning for our garden project! To help support these efforts, we're looking for donations of half-gallon containers (juice or milk), exterior wood screws, planter boxes, and wood and empty cardboard egg cartons, not styrofoam.. We are also happy to accept any plants or seeds you may have available for transplanting. Pick-up is available for donated items. This is a great opportunity to clean out your garage or basement while helping us upcycle materials for a meaningful cause!

FAMILY & FRIENDS BANQUET FUNDRAISER: May 7th, 2026. Join us for a wonderful evening of food, fellowship, and inspiration! **\$15 per person. Dinner Menu:** Chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, salad, dessert & punch. Dinner prepared by Terry Francis. **Special Guest Speaker:** Jeannine Grimm. **Musical Guests:** Cindy Eberhart & Ken Cooper.

- 5:00–6:00 PM – Social Hour with music
- 6:00 PM – Dinner served
- 6:45 PM – Guest Speaker

This event is a **fundraiser for the Project Fix-Up.**

A big thank you to our Dartball Team for volunteering with setup, kitchen help, and clean-up! Bring your family and friends, we'd love to see you there! See Micki or church office for tickets.



RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES: Do you know anyone graduating from high school, college, a professional program or graduate school? During worship on May 31, we will recognize and bless anyone in our St. Petri family who is graduating this year. Please write their name, relation and degree on the Narthex bulletin board or the hallway bulletin board, and invite them to join us in person or online!

We Offer with Joy and Thanksgiving

~ ourselves, our time, our possessions ~

Attendance last Sunday: 42 in person 14 online

Giving last Sunday	Current Offering Receipts:	\$1,330.00
	Received Month-to-Date:	\$8,330.00
	Budgeted Needs Monthly:	\$12,964.00

Offerings for current expenses:

From Member Envelopes:	\$1,330.00
From Other Sources:	1,470.00
Total Received:	\$2,800.00

Offerings for Benevolence:	\$5.00
Offerings for Project Fix-Up:	\$25.00
General Memorial	\$0.00

~ signs of God's gracious love! ~

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN [APRIL 26]

9am

Worship

SUN [MAY 3]

9am

Love Your Neighbor

Worship

Fellowship Breakfast

MON [APRIL 27]

5:30pm

Girl Scouts

MON [MAY 4]

5:30 pm

Girl Scout Meeting

7pm

Boy Scouts Den/Troop

Meeting

TUES [APRIL 28]

9am

Quilting

TUES [MAY 5]

9am

Quilting

WED [MAY 6]

6:30pm

Choir Rehearsal

THURS [MAY 7]

1pm

Rachel's Circle

5pm

Family & Friends

Fundraiser

6:30pm

Neighborhood Block

Watch

REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

Members in Nursing Homes	Military	Members	Non-Members
Terrence Henricks, <i>Ayden Healthcare</i>	Kurtis Grohowski	Norma Schrickel	Sam Saar
Dolores Jabs <i>The Gardens of St. Francis</i>	Matthew Cass	Gene Daniels	Doris Muszaynski
Marilyn Henricks <i>Otterbein-Monclova</i>	Pastor Adam Bohland	Pam Michalski	Monica Matuszak
Ruth Beach <i>Lakes of Monclova</i>		David Michalski	Mencia
Betty Peth <i>Otterbein Monclova</i>		Terry Henricks	Delores Jabs
		Sherri Leininger	Jeri Campbell
		Marti	Adrienne Perreault
		Huepenbecker	Avery Monroe
		Chuck Dolt	Danielle Scott
		Irene Daniels	Vivian McCarthy
		Marilyn Henricks	Pastor Tim Rothfuss
		Sydney Easton	Pastor Chuck Campbell
		Fred Shook	Melissa Haydock
		Karen Snyder	Judy Carr
		Gene Campbell	Sue Brown
		Daryl Bosh	Pat Shiple
		Betty Peth	Mark Shiple
		Pastor Denny King	
		Don Hughes	

If you would like your name, the name of a friend or loved one added to the prayer list, please call the church office at 419.385.4639. To have your prayer added to St. Petri's Prayer Chain or to become a part of our Prayer Chain, please call Norma Schouten at 419.382.3301, or the church office.