

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21st and 22nd, 2022

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

In-person worship on Saturday, May 21st at 5:15 p.m. and

In-person worship - Broadcast Live on the Radio and Facebook Sunday 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTION: *Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.*

PRELUDE

Gloria Bunders

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBER WELCOME LITANY

St. Peter is growing, and this morning, we are excited to welcome New Members to our congregation. This weekend we welcome: as new members of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church.

We give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these brothers and sisters*, one with us in the body of Christ, who desire to join in the mission of God here at St. Peter.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your *servants* in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

The congregation is invited to stand, and the presiding minister addresses the assembly.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

At St. Peter we join together in continuing the covenant God made with us in holy baptism. We commit

to live among God's faithful people as we worship the Lord and grow in faith together,
to welcome others as we have been welcomed by God
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

If this is your desire, congregation and new members, we invite you all to respond:

*The assembly makes affirmation: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.***

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support these *sisters and brothers in Christ* and pray for *them* in *their* life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, by the love of Jesus Christ you draw people to yourself and welcome them into the household of faith. May we show your joy by embracing new brothers and sisters as we bear your creative and redeeming word to all the world. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others, following the example of Jesus Christ, our servant and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you! Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen* ELW 377; 1, 3, 5

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

Refrain
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Refrain

5 City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

GREETING

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

KYRIE (On Sunday) (Setting Three- ELW pg. 138)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

THIS IS THE FEAST (On Sunday) (ELW pg. 140)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bountiful God, **you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

WORD

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, 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 for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I 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 is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW pg. 142)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 5:1-9

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

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

²Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" 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 making my way, someone

else steps down ahead of me.”⁸ Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.”⁹ At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

KID TALK (On Sunday) – Pastor Hillary

SERMON

Pastor Hillary

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* ELW 815; 1-3

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| 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus. | 2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. <i>Refrain</i> |
| <i>Refrain</i>
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. | 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. <i>Refrain</i> |

HEALING OF THE NATIONS - Prayer Litany

(To begin, cantor will sing the refrain once through. Then, the congregation may join in singing the refrain a second time. After each pair of countries, please respond with the words “**peace be yours**”.)

SHARING THE PEACE

(You are invited to greet one another by motioning a greeting or sign of peace from where you are seated)

May the peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

For worship today, we have an offering plate provided at the entrance to the Sanctuary. We invite you to place your offerings there as you come or as you leave today. We gather our offerings for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world. Thank you, members and friends, for your generous giving that supports our ministries here at St. Peter and our mission partners.

During the Offering, children of the congregation are invited to help collect the Hungry Jar offerings and bring them forward to the Hungry Jar. Hungry Jar offerings for this month are designated for: Come For Supper, which is a free meal that we provide to the community each 3rd Thursday of the month.

OFFERING PRAYER (Assisting Minister)

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

MEAL

We practice open Communion here — *All who seek the forgiveness that Jesus Christ offers in this meal are welcome. All those in worship will be invited to come forward by our ushers during Communion. Holy Communion and blessings will be distributed in a continuous fashion. Those receiving Communion will be given pre-packaged communion elements and hear the words “The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.” Communicants will then take their communion kit back to their seats. When seated, you are welcome to eat and drink from the individual Communion kit. Both wine and grape juice are available; if you would prefer grape juice, please let your server know.*

Those not yet receiving Communion or choosing not to today are invited to come forward to receive a blessing as a part of the continuous distribution line. You can indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of you.

If you would like to receive Communion or a blessing and it is best for you to remain seated, please indicate this to the usher; and we will come to you.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (ELW pg. 144)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right... We praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW pg. 144)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING FOR THOSE WORSHIPPING WITH US ONLINE and ON THE RADIO

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION (*continuous*)

LAMB OF GOD (ELW pg.146)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Assisting Minister)

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen**

CONGREGATIONAL SENDING HYMN *My Life Flows On In Endless Song* ELW 763; 1-4

1 My life flows on in endless song;
above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain

No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing.

It finds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

3 What though my joys and comforts die?
The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round?
Songs in the night he giveth. *Refrain*

4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his!
How can I keep from singing? *Refrain*

DISMISSAL (Assisting Minister)

Christ is Risen. **Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship

- We are so glad that you can join us for worship! **We gather for worship on Saturday evenings at 5:15 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.** We will celebrate Holy Communion each week together. If you are visiting with us, we invite you to please fill out a blue visitor card from the table at the back of the church and place it on the offering plate.
- **We also broadcast our Sunday worship services live** via 104.3 FM and 980 AM and on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stpeterpdc/>. For your convenience the Sunday bulletin is posted weekly on our website on Friday: www.stpeterpdc.org. Sunday worship services are recorded and posted to Facebook, so that you can worship later in the week as well: Please reach out to the church office if you would like help with the technology of connecting with us for worship from home.

The flowers on the altar are from the family of and in memory of Jerry Usgaard

Prayer list Update:

Prayers and welcome to the members that joined our St Peter family today.

This Week's Events

- **6th Sunday of Easter and First Communion In-Person Worship with Communion** at 5:15 p.m. Saturday, May 21st.
- **6th Sunday of Easter and First Communion In-Person Worship with Communion** *also broadcast on WPRE 104.3 FM and 980 AM radio and on our Facebook Page* - 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 22nd.
 - 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour with fellowship and treats
 - 10:15 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible Study
- Monday, May 23rd – Pastors' Day Off
- Text Study for Prs. Miranda and Hillary – 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 24th.
- SAS Cohort Meeting – 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 24th
- Staff Meeting – 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 24th
- St. Peter Devotional on WPRE (104.3 FM and 980 AM) – Approx. 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, May 25th.
- Quilters – 9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 26th.
- **7th Sunday of Easter Worship, In-Person with Communion** at 5:15 p.m. Saturday, May 28th.
- **7th Sunday of Easter Worship, In-Person with Communion** *also broadcast on WPRE 104.3 FM and 980 AM radio and on our Facebook Page* - 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 29th.
 - 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour with fellowship and treats
 - 10:15 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible Study



The church council approved returning to having indoor refreshments hosted by various groups, including Coffee Hour following Sunday morning worship. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church if you are interested in serving. The instructions for what you would need to do are there, too. Thank you.

Save the Date for Outdoor Worship on Pentecost Sunday

- **When and Where:** Pentecost Sunday, June 5th at 9:00 a.m. At the Gazebo across from the Depot Bar on St. Feriole Island
- **In Case of Inclement Weather:** If we need to cancel the outdoor service, we will post a message to Facebook by 7:00 a.m. Sunday. We then invite you to worship with us at St Peter or from home via the radio or Facebook..



Vacation Bible School Registration

We will be holding VBS the week of August 8-11, 9-3:30pm. Counselors from Sugar Creek will be leading children, entering grades 1-5, in activities to grow their faith in fun and memorable ways. Registration forms are available at the church, or by e-mail. Please, have registrations submitted to the church office, no later than June 12th.

Theology on Tap

Join Pr. Hillary and friends from St. Peter for Bible Study and a pint, this summer! Once a month, Pr. Hillary will be holding an adult Bible study, rotating through a few cozy, local establishments. The gathering will begin at 7pm; June 8th @ Back Water Bar & Grill, July 13th @ The Blackhawk, August 10th @ Eddie's Irish Pub.

Thank You For Your Support of the High School Mission Trip

Thank you to everyone who helped to support our High School Students as they prepare for the High School Mission Trip to South Carolina (July 22-30). It was such a fun time of Fellowship last Sunday, with the Pie and Bake Sale and "Pie in the Face" event. Thank you for your generosity, laughter, prayers, and support! There is poster on the bulletin board near the Michigan Street entrance with many more opportunities to be a part of this meaningful trip. Thank you from the High School Mission Trip Team!!

REBOUND is a tri-synodical youth gathering, being held at UW-Rivers Falls; July 25-27. **We invite all current 8th grade youth**, at St. Peter to join in the conversation, ministry, worship, and service-learning of these three days. Youth will hear from inspiring speakers, musicians, and leaders from across the ELCA.. A multi-cultural session will also be offered for BIPOC youth, as part of this event. Cost per participant will be \$275. Registration due date is June 17th. For questions or more information, please contact Pr. Hillary at the church office.



Sugar Creek Registration-

register online at www.SugarCreekBibleCamp.org or call (608) 734-3113 to learn more.

St. Peter offers \$200 Camperships for children attending Sugar Creek Bible Camp. If your child is not attending a full week (or the cost of camp is less than \$200), St. Peter will pay the whole amount. We are grateful to help support our children going to camp in such a significant way. Also, if financing any amount for camp is an issue, please let us know. We never say "no" to a kid wanting to go to camp!

Service, Fun, and Learning through W-ELCA! (Women of the ELCA)

- **Bakeless Bake Sale** to replenish the WELCA funds for our many and varied missions. If you did not receive the newsletter via the mail in May, the envelopes are at the back of the church.

St. Peter Endowment Committee-now forming. At the annual congregational meeting in January, it was approved to form a committee to look into the possibility of setting up an endowment fund at St. Peter. We are looking at getting this group together in April. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please let Derek Kruempel or the church office know. Derek can be reached at dckruempel@gmail.com or at 605-759-7410.

Bulletin Announcements

If you have an announcement for the Bulletin, please send your request to the church office by Wednesday at noon. You can email at stpeterpdc@hotmail.com. Or call the office at 608-326-6411.

Volunteer Schedule for this Weekend						
Date	Day	Usher	Assisting Minister	Reader	Easy Worship	Camera
5/21/2022	Saturday	Linda Smrcina	Terri Natwick	Julian Shedivy		
5/22/2022	Sunday	Ryan and Ruby Koeller	Cheryl Mader	Cheryl Mader	Benjamin and John Kite	

Pastoral Care

- **We invite you to call the church office or one of the pastors to set up a time for a conversation, home visit, pastoral care visit, or home communion. We look forward to these times with you.**
- Pastor Miranda can be reached at 815-291-5793 and Pastor Hillary can be reached at 319-290-8641. *If you would prefer to meet at the church or to talk remotely via a phone call or Zoom meeting, we can arrange for that as well.*
- If you or someone you know is ill, hospitalized, or in need of pastoral care; please call the church office at (608-326-6411) or reach out directly to Pastor Miranda (815-291-5793) or Pastor Hillary (319-290-8641). *With rules about confidentiality, we do not know that a family member is sick or in need unless you call.*
- If you would like to add someone's name to the prayer list at St. Peter, please call the church office at (608-326-6411). We kindly ask that you please get permission from the individual or their family to add them. All names added to the list will remain on the list for up to 6 weeks unless someone calls to have the person remain longer.

Sharing Your Offering

Thank you for your generosity that supports our ministries here at St. Peter and our mission partners. There are multiple options for sharing your offering.

- **You can share your offering during in-person worship.**
- **You can mail your check** to the church at **PO Box 37, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821. *If you are a household with giving envelopes, please mail it in that envelope. If you do not have giving envelopes, please contact the church office and Theresa will get envelopes for you.***
- **You can give through Simply Giving**, an automated online giving program we have used successfully for years here at St. Peter. An authorization form can be found online at https://htlcmpls.org/website/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/vanco_auth_form1.pdf or you can call the church office at (608) 326-6411
- **You can also set up an offering at your bank** using free Bill Pay service to have the bank print and mail your check to the church.
- **You can give online at stpeterpdc.org** on the Home page, scroll down to the "Give" button or select the Give tab at the top to be directed to Vanco/Simply Giving.

Also don't forget the Hungry Jar. The Hungry jar for May is:

Come for Supper



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