

St. Peter Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska

April 26, 2020

Live Stream Service @ 9:45 a.m.

GRAPHIC EXPLANATION



Jesus teaches that the Old Testament points to Him as the Savior.

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN "The Day of Resurrection" **LSB 478**



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,
△ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.
All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,
And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!
And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

SONG "He Is Lord" **TOSB 60**

He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead, and He is Lord!
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead, and He is Lord!
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess
That Jesus Christ is Lord.

Copyright © 1977 by Marvin V. Frey. All Rights reserved. Used by Permission. CCLI License 2512992

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:14a, 36-41

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

EPISTLE: 1 Peter 1:17-25

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

"All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

NICENE CREED

☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY....."Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing" **LSB 584**



1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the
2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing Bring to life the
Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,
hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,
Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not hearts, Your
Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So in Scrip - ture,
Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with
song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our
thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground.
eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

Tune: Public domain
Text: © 1997 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110003690

SERMON..... **“Complete in Christ - The Life of a Disciple of Jesus Christ”**

Colossians 1:5-8

See page 6 for the sermon outline

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN..... "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word" **LSB 488**

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

Text and tune: Public domain

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2018 Concordia Publishing House.

Sermon Outline - April 26, 2020

“Complete in Christ – The Life of a Disciple”
Colossians 1:5-8

1. The _____ of the _____

The hope we have

2. _____

A transformed life

3. _____ others

Epaphras' example

Prayer Page - April 26, 2020

For **Brett & Jessica (Betten) Brown and their family:**

For peace, patience & protection as they wait to get their adopted daughter, Ruby, from China...

Ongoing health concerns:

Larry McLaughlin (brother of Carol Sorge); **Chase Laaker** (battling seizures); **Cammie (Cahill) Freitag**; **Allen Schardt**; **Edna Moll**; **Doug Grupe**; **Kathy Iqou** (Patty Mueller's aunt); **Kylie Noojin** (daughter-in-law of John & Tammy); **Lynn Eitzman** (battling cancer); **Larry Plock**, **Rose Plock** (recovering from surgery); **Whitney Watson** (breast cancer - Rod & Cindy's daughter-in-law); **Aaron Fiet** (Dale Endorf's brother-in-law); **Robin Sedlachek**; **Marlene Weideman**; **Donna Genung**; **Bridget Schnuelle** (daughter of Brenda Betten)...

Birthdays this week: **Lacey Schmidt, Duncan Finke, Larry Wilbeck, Drew Ayres, Cassie Wilbeck, Hannah Cooper, Isabella Scollin...**

Baptismal birthdays this week: **Matthew Bohling, Claire Sasse, Jana Finke, Heather Achterberg, Laura Achterberg, Caroll Genzmer, Nicole Zucker, Sandra Jorgensen, Patricia Schardt, Ben Zucker...**

Wedding anniversaries this week: ...

Prayer request from our missionaries, Rev. Dale and Suzanne Kaster:

Pray that the Holy Spirit would open up hearts to the Gospel in the Czech Republic

- That God use **each of us** at St. Peter to encourage one another and to love those we come into contact with...
- For **Deshler Lutheran School**: That our staff, families, and congregation would focus on "JOY:FULLY SHARING JESUS!"...
- For our **missionaries**: The hundreds of men and women serving overseas bearing witness, showing mercy and living life together in and by our Lord, Jesus Christ, with others around the world...
- For our country; **President Donald Trump**; all leaders; our service men and women; Chaplains; for peace, guidance & safety in our land...
- *Our members in service: Joseph Dunlap...*
- *Relatives/friends in service or active service: Jacob Noojin; Mark & Suzanne Baden* (children of Marvin & Sharon); **Eric Carbo**; **Peter Magnus** (nephew of John & Tammy Noojin); **Brent McCoy**; **Robert Mueller** (nephew of Gene Mueller); **Brandon Lee** (nephew of Galen & Melissa Sasse); **Isaac Ralston** (grandson of Virgil & Lola); **Brian Loontjer**; **TJ & Emily Wiebe** (brother & sister-in-law of Jocelyn Berggren)...
- For **Hope Pregnancy Center**: That God would bless this ministry as it reaches out to families in our local area and defends life...
- For our members in assisted living, nursing home & care centers:
Edna Moll, *Parkview Haven, Deshler*; **Mary Loontjer**, *Meadowlark Heights, Deshler*; **Larry Schardt**, *Blue Valley Lutheran Homes, Hebron*; **Sandra Meyer**, *Region 5 Group Homes, Hebron*; **Roger Finke**, *Lakeview Assisted Living, Firth*; **Nick Bartling**, *Life Care Center of Elkhorn, Omaha...*

Prayer Page for Faith Lutheran, Hebron

Protection and Peace

Thomas Vonderfecht - currently working at University of Nebraska Medical Center & wedding delayed because of COVID-19

Health Issues:

Phil Harders (Nicholas Elting's father-in-law) recently discovered cancer, having surgery soon
Marla Braithwait
Cammie Frietag
Pastor Richard Gudgel

Anniversaries: Lyle & Lynda Johnson - April 28

Announcements - April 26, 2020

OFFERINGS	Received	Needed Weekly	Year to Date
General Fund	1,860.00	6,350.52	79,918.61
General Fund - Direct Deposit	475.00		11,850.00
General Fund - Online Giving			405.00
NE District/Missions	150.00		1,210.00
Special Mission (Kasters)			270.00

Congregation Response During COVID-19 *(Updated April 14th)*

On Friday, April 3, 2020, Thayer County was included in public health measures and mandates from the state of Nebraska. One of these mandates includes the continual ceasing of public gatherings until at least Monday, May 11, 2020.

Our church leadership has agreed that we will follow the mandates given by the leaders of our state. Here is our updated action plan:

1. All daily and weekly church activities will continue to be canceled until further notice.
2. Sunday morning worship will continue to be held online only. We will continue to live stream the full service at 9:45 a.m. via St Peter's Facebook page and YouTube channel. As always, the services will be available via DVD. The full bulletin for the service is available on our Facebook and YouTube pages as well as our website. If you need assistance accessing any of these options, please contact Shamlynn Francik. Please continue to let people know about our services.
3. Pastor Brian will continue to do a live stream Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
4. Pastor Brian will host a live stream prayer time on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. If you have any prayer requests you would like included, please contact Pastor Brian.
5. While we aren't gathering physically together, the business side of the church still goes on. Weekly offering may continue to be mailed to, or dropped off at the church. You now have the opportunity to give online using a debit or credit card. You can click on the "Give" tab on our website and then click on "Click to Give" and there will be a giving form to fill out. Contact Pastor Brian if you have questions about this or about where or how to drop off your offering. You are encouraged to consider utilizing the auto-deposit option for giving. Sign up forms are available and can be mailed or emailed to you, if requested.
6. Please make sure Pastor Brian has your current email address so that he can send you the weekly devotional message. If there are people you know who would like to receive the weekly message, forward it on to them or let Pastor Brian know their email address.
7. RightNow media is a free and available source for daily devotional and family Bible study material. Contact Pastor Brian to sign up if you have not already received an email link to enroll.
8. If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact Pastor Brian on his cell phone.
9. DLS is closed for the rest of the school year.

If you have questions, please call Pastor Brian or an Elder.

We will give another update by Monday, May 11.

We continue to pray that the Lord will bring an end to this soon. Jesus is alive and ruling and reigning. He is our hope, our strength and our peace during this time and always. May the Lord strengthen you and encourage you. May we always look to Jesus for everything in our lives.

Memory Verse of the Week

“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,”

(1 Peter 3:15)

WEEKLY ENCOURAGEMENT - Email your request to Pastor Brian to receive the Weekly Encouragement Devotion based on the Memory Verse of the Week. You will receive this by email on Wednesdays. Feel free to pass these on to others. Printed copies are also available in the Narthex.

DESHLER LUTHERAN SCHOOL INFO

- Governor Ricketts has issued a Health Directed Measure extending the COVID-19 school closure in Nebraska until May 31.
- Deshler Lutheran School students will not return to “normal in-school education” during the 19-20 school year.
- Remote Learning continues. DLS “Drive-Through” on Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 p.m. for families A-K, 5:30-6:30 p.m. for families L-Z. Return completed work, folders/envelopes and library books.

Direct Deposit Information

Automatic withdrawal is available as a way to give your offerings here at St. Peter. Signup forms are available in the Narthex, or if requested can be mailed or emailed to you. If you have any questions, please contact our treasurer, Sara Kresser, at 402-984-2453 or fourleafclover9@hotmail.com

Giving Online Information

You may now have the opportunity to give online using a debit or credit card. You can click on the “Give” tab on our website, www.stpeterdeshler.org, then click on “Click to Give” and there will be a form to fill out.

TEXT ALERTS - If you would like to be put on a text alert list in regard to church notices, please email Pastor Brian the following information: **Name**, **Cell Phone Number** (include area code), **Cell Phone Carrier** (e.g. Verizon, US Cellular). Pastor’s email is pastorbfrancik@gmail.com

ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK? - Check out the St. Peter and Deshler Lutheran School Facebook pages, like, and follow them to get updates on your feed. We are continuing to find ways to encourage the body of Christ in the technology world.

AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX - 2020 phone/mailling address directories, *My Devotions*, *Portals of Prayer*, Text Alert Signup Sheets, Spring 2020 *LifeDate*, etc.

BEST CHOICE UPC’S - You can help Deshler Lutheran School earn free money by clipping the UPC labels from Best Choice products. Clip now and save the labels for collection in December.

ARE YOU UP-TO-DATE ON CONTACTS? - As there were changes in 2019 to some of our contact information, please check to make sure you are up-to-date: Office email - stpeterdeshler@gmail.com; Pastor cell phone - 402-710-6679; Pastor email - pastorbfrancik@gmail.com

Faith Lutheran, Hebron Announcements

Thanks to those that have been mowing the church lawn thus far! Anyone interested in mowing this spring and summer can sign up on a calendar on the back table at church. Any questions, please contact Brad or Dick.



Parkview Haven Nursing Home and Meadowlark Heights Assisted Living are running short on some supplies needed to keep their residents safe and healthy. It is becoming increasingly difficult for them to order what they need.

They need: Clorox wipes Antiseptic spray cleaner (such as Lysol, etc.)
Hand sanitizer Safety goggles

Any of these items that could be donated would be very much appreciated. Every bottle helps! We know that these items are in short supply for you and your family as well. If you would be willing to donate any of these items, please drop them off in the coat room at St. Peter. As supplies come in, daily deliveries can be made.

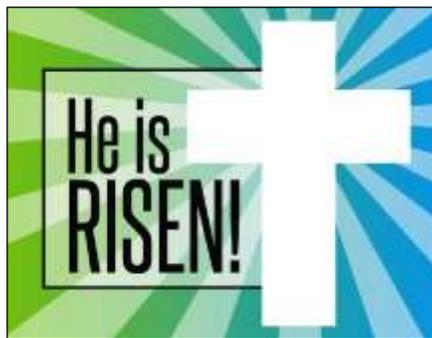
There is also a need for surgical masks that can have a filter inserted. We are asking members that sew if they would be willing to make washable masks out of cotton fabric. By Design/Sew Bee It in Hebron has mask kits that they will hand out for free. The pattern is also available on their website. Call Miranda at 402-365-7237 for more information.

SERVING AT ST. PETER - April 19, 2020

Pastor	Brian Francik
Organist	Joyce Schmidt
Sound	Steve Harms
Screen.....	Amber Deepe
Video	Jon Peters
Live stream.....	Shamlynn Francik

ST. PETER CALENDAR

Sunday, April 26	9:45 AM	Live Stream Worship Service
Tuesday, April 28	7:00 PM	Live Stream Bible Study
Wednesday, April 29	7:00 PM	Prayer Time
Friday, May 1	- - - -	Pastor's Day Off
Sunday, May 3	9:45 AM	Live Stream Worship Service
<i>Monday, May 11</i>	<i>- - - -</i>	<i>Next Update on Congregation Response During COVID-19</i>



St. Peter Lutheran Church

Church Office: 402-365-4341
 Pastor Brian Francik Home: 402-365-4217
 Cell/Email: 402-710-6679 pastorbfrancik@gmail.com
 Secretary E-mail: stpeterdeshler@gmail.com
 Street Address: 400 E. Hebron Ave.
 Mailing Address: PO Box 69 Deshler, NE 68340
 Website: stpeterdeshler.org

Deshler Lutheran School

School: 402-365-7858
 School E-mail: deshlerluth@gpcom.net
 Street Address: 509 E. Hebron Ave.
 Mailing Address: PO Box 340 Deshler, NE 68340
 Mr. Todd Voss, Administrator
 Todd Voss Cell: 402-720-5590
 Website: DeshlerLuth.org

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS)