

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 3, 2020**  
**Live Stream Service @ 9:45 a.m.**  
**St. Peter Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska**

**GRAPHIC EXPLANATION**



**Jesus is the Good  
 Shepherd who  
 loves and cares for  
 His sheep.**

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN ..... "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" LSB 477

  
 1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:  
 Δ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:  
  
 Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
 See the an - cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;  
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;  
  
 He who on the cross a vic - tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—  
 Once He died, and once was bur - ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,  
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!  
  
 Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.  
 Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

HYMN ..... "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" LSB 740

1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the

heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,

Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me

day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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FIRST READING: ACTS 2:42-27

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.  
<sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

EPISTLE: 1 PETER 2:19-25

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

## HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 10:1-10

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

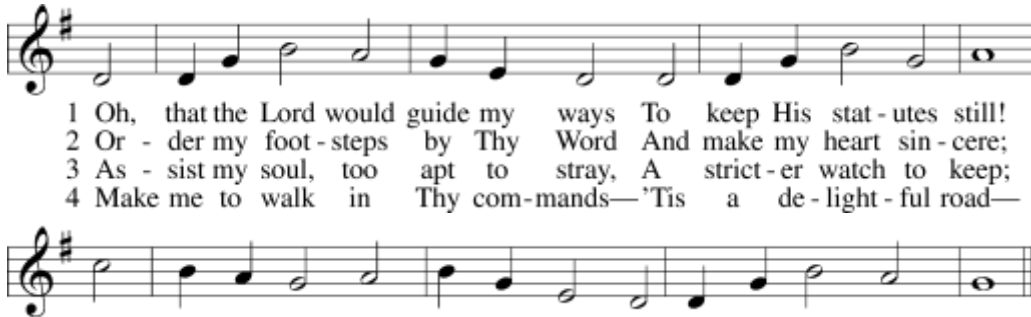
## NICENE CREED

**☩ 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 ..... "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" LSB 707



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still!  
2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;  
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;  
4 Make me to walk in Thy com-mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—

Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
Let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.  
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.  
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

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SERMON..... **"Complete in Christ - Paul's Prayer - Part 1"**

Colossians 1:9-10

*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 ..... "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" LSB 711

1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly

need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -  
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly

feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have

bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,

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## Sermon Outline - May 3, 2020

“Complete in Christ – Paul’s Prayer - Part 1”  
Colossians 1:9-10

1. \_\_\_\_\_ for the Colossians

A continual prayer life

2. \_\_\_\_\_ God’s \_\_\_\_\_

Filled up more and more

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Godly \_\_\_\_\_

God-pleasing in every way

## Prayer Page - May 3, 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**; **Kylie Noojin** (daughter-in-law of John & Tammy); **Lynn Eitzman** (battling cancer); **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: **Ava Biltoft, Amy Voss, Karlee Voss, Linda Peters...**

Baptismal birthdays this week: **Harvey Sorge, Joyce Schmidt...**

Wedding anniversaries this week: **Larry & Catherine Wilbeck** (53 years on May 6); **Dale & Darlene Bohling** (60 years on May 8); **James & Karla Bohling** (39 years on May 9)...

*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; 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 Freitag, Pastor Richard Gudgel

**Birthdays:** Rebecca Burda (birthday was April 29)

## Announcements - May 3, 2020

OFFERINGS	Received	Needed Weekly	Year to Date
General Fund	3,645.00	6,350.52	83,563.61
General Fund - Direct Deposit	975.00		12,825.00
General Fund - Online Giving			405.00
NE District/Missions			1,210.00
Special Mission (Kasters)			270.00

### Congregation Response During COVID-19

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 on Tuesday, May 5.**

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.

***\*Printed copies of Tuesday's Update will be available at church at least by Wednesday, May 6 (possibly ready sometime Tuesday, May 5).***



## Memory Verse of the Week

“The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.”  
Psalm 103:8

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:stpeterdeshler@gmail.com); Pastor cell phone - 402-710-6679; Pastor email - [pastorbfrancik@gmail.com](mailto: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 - May 3, 2020

Pastor .....Brian Francik  
Organist .....Joyce Schmidt  
Sound .....Steve Harms  
Screen.....Sharon Houtwed  
Live stream.....Shamlynn Francik

### ST. PETER CALENDAR

Sunday, May 3	9:45 AM	Live Stream Worship Service
Monday, May 4	8:00 PM	Elders
<b>Tuesday, May 5</b>	- - - - -	<b>Next Update on Congregation Response During COVID-19</b>
Wednesday, May 6	- - - - -	Printed copies of Tuesday's Update available at church
Tuesday, May 5	7:00 PM	Live Stream Bible Study
Thursday, May 7	7:00 PM	Live Stream Prayer Time
Friday, May 8	- - - - -	Pastor's Day Off
Sunday, May 10	9:45 AM	Live Stream Worship Service



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