

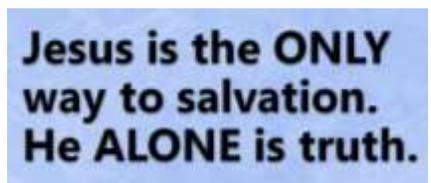
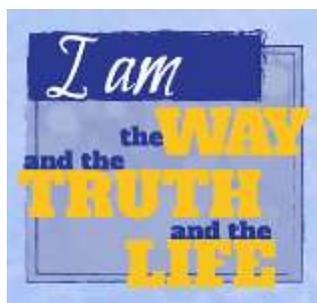
Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

Livestream Worship Service @ 9:45 a.m.

St. Peter Lutheran Church, Deshler, Nebraska (LC-MS)

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GRAPHIC EXPLANATION

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN "For All the Faithful Women" LSB 855 v. 1, 10, 11, 3, 4



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en Who served in days of old,
2 Re - call the out - cast wom - an With whom the Lord con-versed;
2 We sing Your praise for Mar - y, Who came at Eas - ter dawn
3 O God, for saints and ser - vants, Those named and those un-known
△ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



To You shall thanks be giv - en; To all, their sto - ry told.
Christ gave her liv - ing wa - ter To quench her deep - est thirst.
To look for Je - sus' bod - y And found her Lord was gone.
In whom through all the a - ges Your light of glo - ry shone,
All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, Who binds the Church in one!



They served with strength and glad - ness In tasks Your wis - dom gave.
Like hers, our hearts are yearn-ing; Christ of - fers us His Word.
But, as with joy she saw Him In res - ur - rec - tion light,
We of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing And fer - vent prayer we raise
With saints who went be - fore us, With saints who wit - ness still,



To You their lives bore wit - ness, Pro - claimed Your pow'r to save.
Then may our lips be burn - ing To wit - ness to our Lord.
May we by faith be - hold Him, The Day who ends our night!
That, faith - ful in Your ser - vice, Our lives may sing Your praise.
We sing glad Al - le - lu - ias And strive to do Your will.

INVOCATION

☩ In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

SONG..... "Because He Lives" TOSB 11

- 1) God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive,
He lived and died to buy my pardon;
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

REFRAIN

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

- 2) How sweet to hold a new-born baby
And feel the pride and joy He gives;
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

REFRAIN

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

- 3) And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

REFRAIN

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

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FIRST READING: ACTS 6:1-9; 7:2A, 51-60

¹Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. ²And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. ³Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. ⁴But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

⁷And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

²And Stephen said:

"Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

EPISTLE: 1 PETER 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,"

⁸and

"A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-14

¹[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

APOSTLES' 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY "You Are the Way; through You Alone" LSB 526



1 You are the way; through You a - lone Can
 2 You are the truth; Your Word a - lone True
 3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -
 4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant

we the Fa - ther find; In You, O Christ, has
 wis - dom can im - part; You on - ly can in -
 claims Your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their
 us that way to know, That truth to keep, that

God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.
 form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.
 trust in You Not death nor hell shall harm.
 life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

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SERMON "Complete in Christ - Paul's Prayer - Part 2"

Colossians 1:11-14

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 "Thine the Amen Thine the Praise" LSB 680

1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more

lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree

Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly

sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the

vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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Sermon Outline - May 10, 2020

“Complete in Christ – Paul’s Prayer – Part 2”
Colossians 1:11-14

1. _____ by God’s _____

Available by faith

2. _____ and _____

Standing firm

3. You have been _____

From darkness to light

Prayer Page - May 10, 2020

For **Mothers...**

Graduating from DLS 8th Grade: **Stormi Capek, Gracie Hinz, Samuel Hoops, Ella Murray, Cole Ruhge, Allie Vieselmeyer...**

Graduating from High School: **Hannah Cooper, Holden Ruhnke, Mikayla Sasse, Julian Voss...**

Comfort for the family of **Edna Moll**:
Edna passed away Sunday, May 3. A private graveside service was held Wednesday, May 6, at St. Peter Lutheran Cemetery in Deshler. A memorial and celebration service for all will be held when the Lord makes this possible.

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**; **Doug Grupe**; **Kylie Noojin** (daughter-in-law of John & Tammy); **Lynn Eitzman** (battling cancer); **Rose Plock** (physical therapy); **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: **Glenn Sasse, Andrew Schmidt, Larry Plock, Roger Genzmer, Joseph Hansen, Michael Zucker, Aspen Schardt, Marlene Weideman...**

Baptismal birthdays this week: **Jocelyn Berggren, Darlene Bohling, Jamon Harms, Justus Harms, Rose Plock, Kassondra Shuck, Leisa Bohling...**

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**; **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: **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

Announcements - May 10, 2020

OFFERINGS	Received	Needed Weekly	Year to Date
General Fund	2,782.00	6,350.52	86,345.61
General Fund - Direct Deposit	475.00		13,300.00
General Fund - Online Giving	261.87		666.87
NE District/Missions			1,210.00
Special Mission (Kasters)	100.00		370.00

Congregation Response During COVID-19 - Tuesday, May 5th Update

A message from Pastor Brian:

On Thursday, April 30, 2020, the Governor of Nebraska issued statewide "Guidelines for the Conduct of Faith-Based Services" that took effect on May 4, 2020. Thayer County continues to be included in public health measures and mandates from Public Health Solutions (our regional public health department).

After prayer and discussion among the leadership of St. Peter Lutheran and Faith Lutheran regarding the statewide guidelines for faith-based services and also the continual health measures in our local health district, this is the updated action plan:

1. Sunday morning worship will continue to be held online only. While the governor has released guidelines that allow churches statewide to "reopen" - our county continues to be under health mandates. Because of this, and for the safety of people in the high-risk category, the leadership of both congregations have determined it is best to not yet gather together physically.

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.
2. All daily and weekly church activities will continue to be canceled.
3. Pastor Brian will continue to do a live stream Bible Study on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. and a live stream prayer time on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
4. While we still aren't gathering physically together, the business side of the church continues to go on. Weekly offering may continue to be mailed to, or dropped off at the church or given online using a debit or credit card through our website. 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.
5. 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. They do not have to be members of St. Peter or Faith. We can also print a copy of the weekly message and mail it to you if don't have internet access.
6. RightNow media continues to be 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.
7. If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact Pastor Brian on his cell phone.
8. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Brian or one of the elders.

We will continue to monitor the status of COVID-19 in Thayer County and reevaluate as health measures and mandates are updated and then share a new action plan at that time.

We know this continues to be a frustrating time for everyone. We long to be back gathered together physically as the body of Christ. As the body of Christ, we want to also love and care for our neighbor. I ask that you continue to pray for me and the leadership of both congregations as we seek to do what is best for our people. As we continue on in this time, we draw strength from the truth that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever and that He is our rock and refuge and strength always. May we continue to fix our eyes on Jesus always.

Memory Verse of the Week

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.”

Romans 12:1 NIV

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.



FLOWERS

Flowers have been provided for today’s service by Greg & Jan Hornbostel in glory to God and in honor of mothers on this Mother’s Day.

DESHLER LUTHERAN SCHOOL INFO

- DLS will have final All School Drive Wednesday, May 13 from 4:30-6:30.
- May 15 is the last day of the 2019-2020 school year. DLS will be hosting a virtual closing chapel on our Facebook page.

PLEASE USE 2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please do not use past years offering envelopes. Some numbers have been re-assigned and your name and possibly old number won't match up to this year's envelope number. The program I use for the contribution receipts, I enter in envelope numbers and the amount given. If you have questions, please let me know. Thank you-Leisa Bohling

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/ mailing 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.

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.

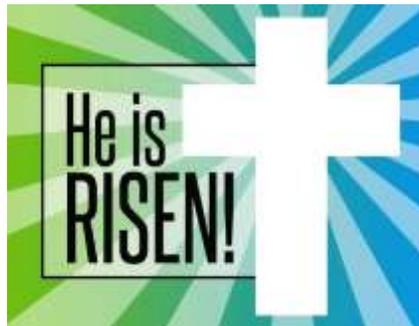
There is also a need for surgical masks that can have a filter inserted. We are asking members that sew if they would be willing to make washable masks out of cotton fabric. By Design/Sew Bee It in Hebron has mask kits that they will hand out for free. The pattern is also available on their website.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

SERVING AT ST. PETER - May 10, 2020

Pastor	Brian Francik
Organist	Anita Harms
Sound	Steve Harms
Screen	Amber Deepe
Livestream	Shamlynn Francik

ST. PETER CALENDAR

Sunday, May 10	9:45 AM	Livestream Worship Service
Tuesday, May 12	7:00 PM	Livestream Bible Study
Wednesday, May 13	7:00 PM	Livestream Prayer Time
Friday, May 15	-----	Pastor's Day Off
Friday, May 15	-----	Last Day of DLS School - Virtual Closing Chapel on DLS Facebook Page
Sunday, May 17	9:45 AM	Livestream Worship Service



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