

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

Livestream Worship Service @ 9:45 a.m.

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

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Jesus holds all things together in His hands

GRAPHIC EXPLANATION

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" LSB 474

Musical notation for the first line of the hymn.

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -

Musical notation for the second line of the hymn.

sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -

Musical notation for the third line of the hymn.

ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain

Musical notation for the refrain.

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:

Musical notation for the final line of the hymn.

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

HYMN..... "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" LSB 570

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,
blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to
Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
6. Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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FIRST READING: ACTS 17:16-31

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind

life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for

“In him we live and move and have our being’;
as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we are indeed his offspring.’

²⁹Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

EPISTLE: 1 PETER 3:13-22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 14:15-21

¹⁵[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY "The Church's One Foundation" LSB 644



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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SERMON..... "Complete in Christ - The Supremacy of Jesus" - Part 3"

Colossians 1:15-20

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's Risen, He's Risen" LSB 480



1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
△ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;
For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

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Sermon Outline - May 17, 2020

“Complete in Christ – Supremacy of Jesus – Part 3
Colossians 1:15-20

1. _____ over all _____

Greater than anything

2. _____ of the _____

Focus on Jesus

3. _____

By His blood

Prayer Page - May 17, 2020

Hospitalized:

Rose Plock
Patti Mueller...

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:

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: **Bryndal Schardt, Marilyn Schardt, Galen Sasse, Cohen Biltoft, Mark Schardt, Phinn Harms...**

Baptismal birthdays this week: **Lauren Schmidt, Autumn Noojin, Holden Ruhnke, Linda Peters...**

Wedding anniversaries this week:

Brody & LeAnna Renz (6 years on May 17)
Kyle & Carlee Dlouhy (3 years on May 20)
Dale & Meghan Endorf (11 years on May 23)...

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 Luth. 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

Thanksgiving:

Thomas & Kira Vonderfecht - Married in a private ceremony on May 13

Hospitalized:

Mary Ehlers

Health Issues:

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

Announcements - May 17, 2020

OFFERINGS	Received	Needed Weekly	Year to Date
General Fund	2,190.00	6,350.52	88,535.61
General Fund - Direct Deposit	1,725.00		15,025.00
General Fund - Online Giving			666.87
NE District/Missions			1,210.00
Special Mission (Kasters)	100.00		470.00
Cemetery Fund	80.00		80.00

Action Plan - 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

“Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

Isaiah 1:18 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.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE IN YOUR EMAIL OR CHURCH MAILBOX

Contribution Receipts have been emailed or put in church boxes for contributions made from January 1 thru April 30. If you would like me to continue to email your statements, please let me know at lbohling23@gmail.com. If you have other questions about your statement, please feel free to contact me either by email or by phone 402.364.3095. Thank you, Leisa Bohling

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 & 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.

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 17, 2020

Pastor **Brian Francik**
Organist..... **Joyce Schmidt**
Sound **Steve Harms**
Screen..... **Sharon Houtwed**
Livestream..... **Shamlynn Francik**

ST. PETER CALENDAR

Sunday, May 17	9:45 AM	Livestream Worship Service
Tuesday, May 19	7:00 PM	Livestream Bible Study
Wednesday, May 20	7:00 PM	Livestream Prayer Time
Thursday, May 21	-----	Ascension Day
Friday, May 22	-----	Pastor's Day Off
Sunday, May 24	9:45 AM	Livestream Worship Service



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