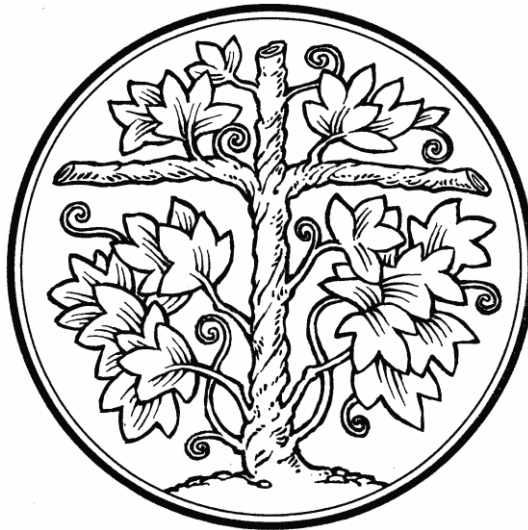


**Easter 5 (April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024)**  
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## Opening Hymn: 700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*Stand*

- L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.
- L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**C** O come, let us worship Him.

Venite

*LSB 220*

- C** O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,  
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.  
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;  
the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it,  
and His hand formed the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God,  
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- L** Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**C** O come, let us worship Him.

*Sit*

## Office Hymn: 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

### First Reading

*Acts 8:26–40*

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup>And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading

*1 John 4:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into

the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading

*John 15:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory (Easter)

*LSB 222*

**L** Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.

**C** Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, alleluia.

**L** Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.

**C** Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, alleluia.

**L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C** Give to the Lord all glory and strength, give Him the honor due His name. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Hymn of the Day: 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

### Sermon

*Stand*

## Creedal Hymn: 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

*Sit*

### Offering

## Kyrie

- C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

## Lord's Prayer

- C** 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.

## Collects

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** And let my cry come to You.

## Collect of the Day

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

## Collect

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, including:

Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews)

Lynn and Lori Matthews

Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)

Eldora Fuelling

Cheryl Caffee

Shelly Gerke (Wife of Troy Gerke)

Jim Thieme

Glen Deatrick for healing from a fall

Alton Thieme (Father of Erin and Amber Franz)

Laurie Blythe (sister of Dan DeLong)

Keith and Suzy Scherer

let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## Collect for Grace

**L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Benedicamus

*LSB 228*

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

LSB 228

- P** The grace of our Lord  $\text{✠}$  Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** Amen.

## Hymn to Depart: 601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized

### In His Service Today:

**Preacher:** The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

**Liturgist:** The Sem. Brandon Sullivan

**Organist:** Mrs. Vickie Hammond

**Deacons:** Nathan Scherer (Head), Louie Fuelling, Dan DeLong, Joe Werling

**Elders:** John Fuelling (Head), Andy Wolf, Fred D. Fuelling, Steve Fuelling

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFERINGS:** 4/14/24 Home Purpose: \$5,700.00, Vanco- \$44.78, SPI- \$200.00, Thrivent \$1,424.00  
4/21/24 Home Purpose - \$3,227.00, Missions- \$360.00, Vanco- \$335.63

**\*NOTE: Needed each week to meet the ministry needs of St. Peter: \$5,700.00.\***



You may also donate your offerings online by scanning the QR code with your phone.

**Total Missions received for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter is \$1,450 of \$12,000 budgeted for the year.**

**SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP THEME for APRIL - "SAUCES":** During the months of March and April we will be collecting "Sauces" for the Seminary Food Co-op. Items will be delivered the first of May just in time for grilling season. Suggestions are but not limited to: ketchup, mustard, mayo, BBQ sauce, soy sauce, marinades, salad dressing, buffalo/wing sauce. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. Other items that are always in demand are breakfast cereal (excluding Chex) and tomato products. The Food Coop is also stocked with freezers and refrigerators. Freezers are stocked with frozen beef, pork, and chicken donated by some of our local farmers, processed and packaged for the Seminary by Manley Meats. All donations are greatly appreciated and are a great benefit to the students and their families. Thank you for all your donations.

**LOST & FOUND:** There are several items that have been left accidentally here at church. Please look through the Lost & Found box in the Narthex to see if anything may be yours. Thank you!

### **SAVE THESE LWML DATES:**

Fall Rally is Saturday, September 14 at St Peter Fuelling

Fall Workshop is Saturday, October 5 at St Paul Preble

**Daily Devotionals:** There are daily devotionals available on the table in the Narthex.

**New Hope Lutheran Church- Ossian, Indiana:** You are invited to the Installation of the Rev. Raymond T. Doubrava II as Pastor of New Hope Lutheran Church 8824 North State Road 1 Ossian, Indiana 46777 on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 2:00pm. Light reception following.

Looking for another way to help support SPI school, try the PaperGator! What is that you ask? Why it is a simple way to not only help the school, but also the environment. There is a green dumpster at SPI school on the east side of the property. The items that can be collected are: school/office paper, newspaper, junk mail, hard & soft cover books, magazines, shredded paper(bagged in clear plastic), paperboard(cereal boxes, butter boxes, etc.), Cardboard(12x12 or smaller, & NOT Corrugated), & wrapping paper(no foil or sparkles). When you have a pile of the approved items, take them to the school and put them into the PaperGator dumpster. It is that easy. The proceeds are going towards the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Washington D.C.

**Martini Lutheran- New Haven:** Mission Rally on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7-8:15pm at Martini Lutheran Church, 333 Moeller Road, New Haven. The guest speaker will be The Rev. Gary Schulz, Assistant Director of Mission Central, a farmstead in Western Iowa that is the heart of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Missions. Come hear stories of our Synod's Missions & Missionaries & their work around the world. The Lord is using our missionaries as His tools to teach & preach the Gospel message for the salvation of souls in multiple languages in many countries & islands. A free will donation will be gathered to benefit Mission Central. Light refreshments will be served following the Rally. Come early & enjoy a mini organ concert presented by Vicar Matt Machemer. Please join us!

**Reminder:** Hopefully everyone has had a chance to read through the April newsletter; I just want to remind you to complete the Update Contact Information form to the best of your ability. I would like to have them turned in by Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Thank you to those who have already turned theirs in! If you haven't received the newsletter, please contact me, so I can get one to you. ~ Amber Shaffer

**SPI school** is now accepting bids for the 2024-2025 school custodian position. Please submit bids to Mr. Becker, the school trustee, or a School Board member. Thank you!

**CHURCH CALENDAR WEEK OF April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

TODAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Voter's Assembly
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Church Choir meets in St. Peter balcony
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Ladies Aid Quilting
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service w/Holy Communion and Confirmation