

**The Ascension (May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024)  
St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMS)  
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## Opening Hymn: 493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Introit

God has gone up | with a shout,\*  
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

**The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my | right hand,\*  
until I make your enemies your | footstool.”**

The LORD has sworn and will not | change his mind,\*  
“You are a priest forever after the order of Mel- | chizedek.”

**The Lord is at your | right hand;\*  
he will shatter kings on the day | of his wrath.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

God has gone up | with a shout,\*  
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

## Kyrie

LSB 186

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Gloria in Excelsis: 947 All Glory Be to God on High

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### First Reading

*Acts 1:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:44–53*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>44</sup>Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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.**

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: 491 Up through Endless Ranks of Angels**

**Sermon**

*Stand*

## Offertory

LSB 192

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.

*Sit*

## Offering

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For lips to sing praises to our King; and for confidence to live in His victory, drawing from His ascension on high, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the proclamation of the Church as she goes into all the world and to the whole creation with the Gospel, that many may believe, be baptized and be saved, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Christ, that the eyes of our hearts may be enlightened with the hope to which He has called us in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For President Biden, Governor Holcomb and all who make, administer and enforce our laws, that the Father who has put all things under the feet of Christ would bless them and let His Gospel have free course to the joy and edification of His people, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For all who suffer or grieve, that they may be sustained in their trials and receive comfort and healing from Christ, who is seated in the heavenly places, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who eat Christ's body and blood this day, that they may be enlivened to live in Him as His Body, the Church, the fullness of Him who fills all in all, let us pray to the Lord:

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

**P** O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Preface

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*LSB 195*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## Lord's Prayer

*LSB 162*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 197*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

### **Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*Sit*

**Distribution**

**821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

**840 Christ High-Ascended, Now in Glory Seated**

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



## Thanksgiving

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** **and His mercy endureth forever.**

- A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And with thy spirit.**

## Benedicamus

LSB 202

- A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.  
**C** **Amen, amen, amen.**

## Hymn to Depart: 492 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

### In His Service Today:

**Preacher and Celebrant:** The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

**Liturgist:** The Sem. Adam Thiel

**Organist:** Mrs. Jackie Sanderson

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

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFERINGS:** 4-28 Home Purpose: \$4,909.00, Building Fund: \$150.00, Missions: \$140.00, Vanco: \$44.78, SPI: \$75.00. 5-5 Home Purpose: \$6,400.00, Missions: \$150.00, Vanco: \$44.78.

**\*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 MAY** - "SNACK-TIME FOOD": During the month of May we will be collecting SNACK-TIME items. These items will be delivered to the Seminary the first of June. Some suggestions are but not limited to: Goldfish cracker, chips/pretzels, Doritos, graham crackers, fruit snacks, Nila wafers, tortilla chips, salsa, and jarred/canned chip dip. All your donations are greatly appreciated and are a great benefit to the students and their families. Items can be placed in the gray and white bag at Church. 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.

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.

**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

**Save the Date:** The SPI Booster Club is planning a Rummage Sale for Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am-4:00pm, and Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am-NOON, to be held in the SPI gymnasium. Spring cleaning is/will be starting; as you bag up items not needed around your house, instead of taking them to Goodwill, please consider donating to the Booster Clubs's Rummage Sale. There is a box located in the basement of church for donations. Items that will be accepted: Gently Used Clothing, Shoes, Books, Toys, Household Goods, Decorator Items, Vintage/Antique items, and Crafts. Items **NOT** accepted: Mattresses, T.V.'s, VHS tapes, VHS/DVD Player, Clothing with stains/ holes in it, and Computers and other similar Electronics. Any questions can be directed to Amber Shaffer. Thank you!

**Open Position:** St. Peter Fuelling Church is looking for a Cemetery Trustee. This is a voluntary position and is open to all members. Duties include but not limited to: measuring and plotting burial spots and keeping a log of whose buried where. Please contact Dave Bischoff or Duane Franz with questions, or if interested. Thank you!

The telephone poles that are currently laying in the picnic grove are available to anyone who would like them. Please contact either Sam Braun or Vern Witte.

Who's ready to enjoy some fresh air, do a little exercise and have some fellowship all at the same time? I am looking for a few volunteers to help with the upkeep of the flower beds around the church.. Upkeep will entail pulling weeds, deadheading flowers, pruning, laying mulch, etc. There are three main areas: the front of church, the rear of church and under the bell. Please talk to Amber Shaffer if interested. Thank you!

### **An Evening With Keith and Kristyn Getty: Live in Concert**

Listen and sing with the uplifting hymns from Getty Music during a special concert at 7 PM October 28 at Concordia Lutheran High School, 1601 St. Joe River Drive, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Hymn-writers, Keith and Kristyn Getty, and special guests, Matt Boswell and Matt Papa, are bringing their Fall Tour to Fort Wayne for one unique night.

It will be a time to join our voices together in powerful hymns – new and old – and conclude with the memorable singing of *In Christ Alone*.

The concert is locally hosted by Concordia Lutheran High School, Foundations of Truth, Holy Cross Lutheran Church & School, and Worship Anew. All proceeds will be used to support the identification and the nurture of current and future leaders of congregational singing.

Tickets are now on sale at [gettymusic.com/tour](http://gettymusic.com/tour). Tickets range from \$20-\$45 with floor and bleacher seating available.

Join us because “Here in the love of Christ we stand.”