

**Easter 4 (May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022)**  
**St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMS)**  
**1033 E. 1100 N., Decatur, IN 46733**



**Rev. Leonard Tanksley, Pastor: 260-246-7470**  
**Church & Study: 260-724-7533**  
**Email: [leonard.tanksley@gmail.com](mailto:leonard.tanksley@gmail.com)**  
**Seminarian: Brandon Sullivan**  
**Seminarian: Michael Speckhard**  
**Secretary: Jen Fuelling: 815-216-8516**  
**Email: [splchurchsec@gmail.com](mailto:splchurchsec@gmail.com)**

## Opening Hymn: 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

*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: 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

**First Reading**

*Acts 20:17–35*

- <sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him.  
<sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them:  
“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am

going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, <sup>27</sup>for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup>Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

*Revelation 7:9–17*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>"Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading

*John 10:22–30*

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Responsory

*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: 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

### Sermon

*Stand*

### Te Deum

*LSB 223*

### Kyrie

*LSB 227*

**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

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people as they have need.

O Lord, You once promised to raise up a shepherd to deliver Your sheep from all their enemies. We give You thanks for giving to us Your own Son to be our Good Shepherd. Grant us to hear His voice and know Him by faith and follow where He leads, that He may deliver us into Your everlasting arms forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You called St. Paul to testify to the Gospel of Your grace and favor. Continue to raise up pastors to declare to Your flock the whole counsel of Your Word and to be the bishops of their souls, delivering the riches of Your grace in Word and Sacrament. Equip us with Your grace and Spirit, that we may hear and heed their faithful proclamation and be kept upon the way that leads to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You will not allow any power or enemy to triumph over Your saving purpose or snatch Your lambs from Your hand. Give to us wise and faithful leaders who will govern in our land according to Your Law and defend the lives of the unborn, the orphaned, the widowed and the aged. Bless all those who make, administer and judge our laws, that they may not hinder Your purpose. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You have provided us with the gift of family. Bless those who have shown to us a mother's love and nurtured our lives from childhood. Bless and protect all mothers with child, all those who have suffered miscarriage or the death of a child, and all those who have yearned for a child and lived with the pain of this unfulfilled longing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You have not forgotten us in our afflictions or abandoned us in our weakness. Deliver the sick and suffering according to Your will, and give Your comfort to the dying, especially to those who have requested our prayers including:

Charlie Crosby

Kay Brown (Sister of Dave and Lynn Matthews) for strength as she receives therapy

Cathy Runyon (Sister of Brenda Wolf and Becky Fuelling)

Helene Hegerfeld (Mother of Brenda Scherer)

Joyce Kenny (Cousin of Brenda Wolf and Becky Fuelling)

Ron Franz for strength and healing

Marshall Scheumann

Della Hormann (Mother of Karen Franz)

Lynn and Lori Matthews

Troy Stults (Son of Andy and Brenda Wolf)  
Eldora Fuelling  
Andy Buuck (Nephew of Suzann Rekeweg)  
Tammy Dahling (wife of the Rev. D. Dahling) as she undergoes chemotherapy  
Shirley Buuck (sister-in-law- to Suzann Rekeweg) for strength and healing  
Judy Witte as she recovers from a fall

Guard us against despair, and grant us patience in the days of our trouble as we await Your perfect healing in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You have shown to us a generous heart and taught us it is more blessed to give than to receive. Accept our gratitude for all Your mercies new each morning, for Your tender care in time of need and for the gift of life. Receive now the gifts of our hands with our voices raised in thanksgiving and praise. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You have heard the cries of Your people and delivered the martyr from defeat and the saints to everlasting life. Wipe away the tears from Your grieving people, and raise us up to joy in the promise of the resurrection and the life death cannot steal. We acknowledge before You the saints who loved You and served You faithfully, and we pray You to bring us with them into the joy of Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things, dear Father, we ask in the name of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, through whom we have confidence and the boldness to pray. **Amen.**

**C Amen.**

## 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 ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen.**

## Hymn to Depart: 666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

### In His Service Today:

**Preacher:** The Rev. Leonard Tanksley

**Liturgist:** The Sem. Michael Speckhard

**Organist:** Mrs. Jackie Sanderson

**Deacons:** Bruce Scherer (Head), Joe Werling, Matt Braun, Fred M. Fuelling

**Elders:** John Fuelling (Head), Andy Wolf, Rod Busick, Jim Fuelling

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OFFERINGS:** Currently unavailable; will be included next week.

**ORGAN RECITAL:** St. Peter Fuelling Ev. Lutheran Church will be hosting an Organ Recital on May 22, 2022. Mark the date on your calendars- more details will follow.

**SPI SPRING MUSICAL** will occur on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the SPI Gymnasium.

**SEMINARY FOOD CO-OP DONATIONS:** During the month of May we will be collecting items to donate to the Seminary Food Co-Op Our theme this month is “**Breakfast**”. Suggestions but not limited to these items are cereal, oatmeal, pop tarts, breakfast bars, hot chocolate, juice, muffin mix, pancake mix, syrup, coffee/tea, canned fruits, applesauce. Items can be placed in the plastic tote in the back of Church. If you have any questions please contact Bruce or Brenda Scherer.

**THE JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** is Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** Please email, call, text, or leave a note in my box in the Narthex with any updates on name changes, phone number, e mail addresses, or addresses. I am hoping to print the updated directory in June or July. Thank you for your help!

**MAY 19-21 RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE:** New Hope Lutheran Church in Ossian (8824 N. State Road 1, Ossian, IN) is holding a rummage and bake sale Friday-Saturday, May 19-21 at the following times: Thursday - 9 am - 7 pm, Friday - 9 am - 4 pm and Saturday, 9 am - 12 pm (\$2 bag sale and half price sale on Saturday). All are welcome!

### **CHURCH CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MAY 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

SUNDAY	7:00 am	Divine Service (Mother's Day)
	-----	Bible Study/Sunday School
MONDAY	7:00 pm	SPI Board of Education Meeting
TUESDAY	7:00 pm	Church Elders Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	9:00 am	Quilting
	9:30 am	Pastor's Study Group at Bingen
FRIDAY	7:00 pm	SPI Spring Musical in the SPI Gymnasium
SUNDAY	9:00 am	Divine Service with Holy Communion (SPI Kids 5-8 <sup>th</sup> grades sing at Immanuel)
	-----	Bible Study/Sunday School
MONDAY	-----	June Newsletter Deadline



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**ORGAN RECITAL AND HYMN FESTIVAL**

**FEATURING:**

**KANTER MATTHEW MACHEMER**

**OF CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FW**

**WHEN:**

**SUNDAY, MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> AT 1:00 PM**

**BRUNCH PROVIDED PRIOR TO SERVICE**

**ST. PETER EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH – FUELLING**

**1033 E 1100 N, DECATUR, IN 46733 | (260) 724-7533 | [WWW.STPETERDECATUR.ORG](http://WWW.STPETERDECATUR.ORG)**